



STOR Committee Meeting Minutes December 18, 2025 Hybrid Meeting

For STOR Committee Members & Guests: *This meeting will be held in-person at the Blackstock Building – 200 W Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230.*

For the General Public: *The meeting will also be held virtually on Zoom at the following link:*
<https://gunnisoncounty-org.zoom.us/j/87637105265?pwd=Rkt2d2NoM3NubTJWMIz5bnJzNjVvUT09>

Committee Members Present:

LB Mullin, Hedda Peterson, Brigit Estep, Dave Ochs, Sonja Chavez, Joe Lavorii, Nick Catmur, Tim Kugler, Gabi Prochaska, Dayle Funka, Laura Pucket Daniels, Andrew Sandstrom, Brandon Diamond, Kim Schappert

Tim Kugler (Committee Chair) called meeting to order

Approval of October 2025 Meeting Minutes

Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes and Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Prochaska and Schappert abstained

2025 Gunnison County Stewardship Fund Awardee Reports

Representatives from each participating organization provided updates and highlights from their programs and activities through 2025. Updates were presented by:

- Gunnison Trails – Tim Kugler
- Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association - Dave Ochs
- Crested Butte & Mt. Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce – Heather Leonard
- USFS Toilet Service Contract - Nick Catmur
- WCU Center for Public Lands – Brigit Eastep
- WCU LNT on Public Lands – Camren Hovey
- Hinsdale County – Kristie Borchers or Nick Catmur
- Crested Butte Avalanche Center – Than Acuff
- Gunnison Stockgrowers Association – Steve Guerrieri

Gunnison County Stewardship Fund Notice and Update – Nick Catmur

Catmur provided an overview of the timeline for the letter of intent due dates for the Stewardship Grant. He reported that approximately \$80,000 has been allocated for 2025 grant funding, with the current balance totaling \$186,511.

RPI Grant award update and project *selection* – Nick Catmur

Catmur shared that they were awarded \$226,511 (half of what was requested) to support the Stewardship position for 2 years. The awarded funds include \$70,000 for a wildlife crossing project, \$15,000 for gate placement and replacement, and \$40,000 to supplement the Stewardship Fund and allow for more flexible support-related expenditures. The funds are expected to be awarded in March. The committee discussed additional details regarding the allocation and use of the funds awarded. Catmur also shared information on other recipients of the RPI Fund, including the Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust and the Eagle County Regional Partnership for a rare conservation easement protecting nearly 18,000 acres of ranchland within the watershed, as well as Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation, which will focus on creating new trails and establishing popular routes.

Federal Wildlife Crossing Legislation LOS – Nick Catmur & Laura Pucket Daniels

Catmur and Daniels reviewed a Letter of Support related to federal wildlife crossing legislation and shared information on a bill that could provide funding for wildlife crossing projects. They noted that the committee would need to submit a letter of support to Representative Jeff Hurd in support of the bill. The committee discussed the proposed format of the letter and how it aligns with the strategic plan. Catmur will draft the letter and circulate it to the committee for review once completed.

Schappert made a motion to send a letter to Jeff Hurd in support of the reauthorization act and Sandstrom seconded.

The motion passed unanimously. Diamond and Funka abstained.

Kugler adjourned the meeting.