

STOR Committee 2025-2027 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.
 - 1. By December 31, 2026 the STOR Committee will work with CPW to support the development of wildlife crossing structures on Highways 50 and 135 through establishment of community support, identification of priority lands for conservation, and data collection to assess feasibility.
 - 2. By December 31, 2026 the STOR Committee will work with land managers and agricultural operators to replace at least five (5) fence openings with new gates to mitigate recreation impacts to agricultural operations.

- B. Foster a culture for residents and visitors that demonstrates an ethic of environmental stewardship and respect for our community.
 - 1. By March 31, 2026 the STOR Committee will develop a Visitor Use Management framework that identifies the most critical management issues on public and conserved lands and identifies methods and opportunities to mitigate negative impacts and improve the user experience.
 - 2. By December 31, 2025 the STOR Committee will develop a “plan B” for campers and pursue additional opportunities outside of federal land to accommodate people who can’t find a campsite.

- 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.
 - 2. The STOR Committee members will continue to engage at the state and federal level to advocate for our community on related funding and policy decisions.
 - 3. By December 31, 2026 the STOR Committee will explore the opportunities for fundraising to support publicly accessible lands and the goals of the STOR Committee.

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

1. By December 31, 2025 the STOR Committee will identify and pursue grant funding to implement high priority infrastructure projects that align with the recreation emphasis zones identified in the GMUG Forest wide plan.
2. By December 31, 2026 the STOR Committee will identify high use non-federal trailheads for improvement and pilot infrastructure opportunities to improve the user experience and public access while also improving environmental outcomes through the inclusion of bathrooms, trash disposal, hardening, and other improvements.