

Trail Grants Total \$3 Million for 2000-01

State Parks/GOCO/OHV Trail Grants Announced for FY 2000-01

State Trails Program grants for trails were approved by the boards of Colorado State Parks and Great Outdoors Colorado. These grants represent funding from a variety of sources:

• GOCO Local Governments Fund	\$550,000
• Land & Water Conservation Fund	315,000
• State Parks- GOCO funds	465,000
• State Parks- Lottery funds	100,000
• Recreational Trails Program (federal)	515,552
• Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Fund	<u>1,049,554</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,995,106

STATEWIDE PROJECTS

◇ 2000 Projects – Volunteers for Outdoor CO \$6,500
Three trail redesign, construction, and rehabilitation projects to create durable trails while minimizing environmental impacts on three trails.

◇ Statewide Trail Signs – Colo. OHV Coalition \$60,000
Phase 2 of Interagency Statewide Travel Management Signing Project to provide consistent travel signs across all public land in Colorado. A collaborative effort among all Federal and State agencies and many recreation groups.

◇ Economic Impact Study – Colo. OHV Coalition \$40,000
Hire a research firm to produce documentation of recent economic history and future projections of economic impact of OHV recreation in Colorado.

◇ Hunting Heritage Brochure – CO Wildlife Federation \$6,650
This brochure will help inform hunters on responsible OHV use that avoids damage to wildlife habitats; to be distributed statewide.

METRO AREA PROJECTS

◇ Sand Creek Greenway – Commerce City \$175,000
Completion of 1.2 miles of Sand Creek Regional Greenway through Commerce City with land acquisition, engineering, construction, a wetland interpretive overlook, and restorative plantings by volunteers and youth workers.

◇ Continental Divide Trail – CO Mountain Club \$2,500
Improvement of the Continental Divide Trail between Jones Pass and Grays Peak with steps, rock work, and switchbacks to establish a defined trail.

◇ Gill Trail Restoration – Trout Unlimited \$58,000
The Gill Trail runs 3.5 miles through Cheesman Canyon along the Platte River, and has seriously degraded since its construction 40 years ago. This project will provide repairs and reroutes for safety and sustainability.

◇ Big Dry Creek Trail – Westminster \$45,000
The final 3000' segment to complete a 9-mile trail from Standley Lake to Westminster City Park. Includes two underpasses, concrete trail, and a pedestrian crossing.

◇ Cherry Creek Spillway Trail – Aurora \$135,000
An 8,000' concrete trail linking Olympic Park and Toll Gate Creek regional trail to Cherry Creek State Park and Greenway in the excavated spillway channel.

◇ Continental Divide Trail Bridge – CDT Alliance \$46,000
Construction of a bridge over Clear Creek and 1 mile of new trail from Herman Gulch Trailhead on north side of I-70. The trail would parallel the existing road.

◇ Ralston Creek Trail Gap – Arvada \$40,000
Complete a gap between two existing sections of Ralston Creek Trail corridor. The existing trail extends 1 mile east to Gold Site Park where it connects with the Clear Creek Trail, and 10 miles to the west through Arvada.

◇ Bear Creek Trail Connection – Morrison \$100,000
Extend Bear Creek Trail west along north bank of Bear Creek from Soda Lakes Rd to downtown Morrison with an underpass, stream bank revegetation, and signs.

◇ Highway 52 Underpass – City of Boulder \$35,377
Will fund a portion of the Highway 52 underpass linking Boulder County's Dry Creek and Niwot Trails to the Cottontail Trail.

◇ Hayden Green Mountain Trail Plan – Lakewood \$13,000
Multi-purpose trails run throughout the 2,400 acre park, serving 20,000 hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. The ultimate goal is to protect the park while offering recreation and education opportunities.

◇ Dutch Creek Trail Plan – Foothills Park Dist. \$20,000
Plan for the completion of the six-mile Dutch Creek Trail to link 4 regional trails and over 800 acres of park land.

◇ Two Ponds Trails – Two Ponds Preservation Fndn. \$10,000
Build two trailhead kiosks, interpretive panels, and a pedestrian foot bridge at Two Ponds National Wildlife Refuge in Arvada.

◇ Motorized Trail Crew – South Platte Ranger Dist. \$24,450
Maintain and improve the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area with trail crew; plus signs, bulletin boards, and educational materials.

◇ South Platte Basin Plan – Rampart Range MMC \$35,000
Develop a comprehensive long-term management plan for the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area; monitoring and evaluating the existing trail system.

◇ Recreational Map – Trailridge Runners 4WD Club \$4,900
Produce 2,500 maps/guides of the Middle St. Vrain Recreation Area for public use showing all roads and trails, including responsible use information and signs to conform with Statewide Uniform Travel Management.

Funding Partnerships Coordinated by State Parks

◇ Recreation Education – Hillbillies 4X4 Club \$5,640
Volunteers will distribute educational to recreationists at Indian Peaks Wilderness Access. Project will also collect user data to aid in area management.

◇ Camp Site Improvements – Hillbillies 4X4 Club \$3,416
Eliminate scattered camp sites, and install signs and fire rings at designated dispersed camp sites between Caribou Hill and the Rainbow Lakes Road.

◇ Motorcycle Park Improvements – Lakewood \$175,000
Improvements to Thunder Valley Motorcycle Park in Lakewood: new water system, additional soil added to the track, replace or repair culverts, and directional signs.

NORTH REGION PROJECTS

◇ National Public Lands Day – Headwaters Trails \$15,250
Volunteers will work with federal agencies at several sites on trailhead parking, bank stabilization, bridge construction, trail improvements, and boardwalks.

◇ Yampa River Trail – Steamboat Springs \$130,000
Extend the Core Trail 1,580' from the multi-model transit center to West Steamboat. Includes bank stabilization, riparian restoration, and wetlands enhancement.

◇ Lower Bear Trail – Routt County Riders \$9,200
Construct 1.5 miles of new trail, and reconstruct 1 mile of existing trail to move the trails off private lands, with Rocky Mtn. Youth Corps, Routt County Riders, and USFS.

◇ Devil's Backbone Trail – Larimer County \$54,000
Adds 2.5 miles to the Devil's Backbone Nature Trail, a new multiuse trail from Devil's Backbone west of Loveland to Fort Collins area via Coyote Ridge Natural Area.

◇ Poudre River Trail - Poudre River Trail Corridor \$85,600
Construct 1.3 miles of 10 foot wide concrete trail to provide a missing link between 7 miles of completed trail and access to 40-acre Poudre Learning Center.

◇ Junco Trailhead - Grand Co. Wilderness Group \$4,320
Outhouse vault, informational signs, and weatherproofing of Visitor Information Cabin at Junco Lake Trailhead that services the Columbine Lake.

◇ Grand Lake Trail System - Sulphur Ranger Dist. \$40,500
Provide funding for employees to reconstruct 5 miles of trail, maintain 110 miles, install signs, and fencing.

◇ Williams Fork Trail System - Sulphur Ranger Dist. \$40,000
Sign, maintain, reconstruct, and manage the Williams Fork motorized trail system to bring it from near-total neglect to a sustainable level of service.

◇ Stillwater Creek Camping - Sulphur Ranger Dist. \$10,452
Improve Stillwater Creek camping area and road access with campsite delineation, parking, and fire grates.

◇ North Sand Hills Area - BLM Kremmling Office \$10,000
Improve and repair the restroom facilities, install rock barriers, construct low water crossing, and fence part of Government Creek to protect sensitive wetlands.

SOUTH REGION PROJECTS

◇ Fourteeners Preservation – CO 14ers Initiative \$155,000
Construct sustainable summit trails and reclaim erosion areas on Grays and Torreys Peak, Missouri Mountain, Crestone Peak, and Quandary Peak. Will improve hiking and protect rare and sensitive alpine plants.

◇ Heart of Trinidad River Trail – Trinidad \$175,000
Multi-use greenway trail along the Purgatoire River through Trinidad, 2,800 feet from Commercial St. to Linden St, linking the existing 1.3 miles of trail to the downtown segment of trail now under development.

◇ Youth Trails Project – San Juan/Rio Grande N. F. \$24,300
Youth Corps will work on 30 miles of trail installing signs, stream crossing structures, revetments, french drains, and other structures.

◇ San Juan Nordic Trails – San Luis Valley \$10,000
Upgrade San Juan Nordic Club's ski trail grooming equipment and develop interpretive trail signs.

◇ Trailhead Horse Facilities – Rio Grande N. F. \$9,830
Project would install horse facilities at Middle Fork of San Francisco Creek south of Del Norte and Thirtymile Trailhead west of Creede.

◇ Nordic Trails – Upper Rio Grande Nordic Club \$7,000
Snowmobile purchase for ski trail maintenance.

◇ Soda Springs Trailhead – BLM, Saguache Office \$10,000
Install trailhead and parking area west of Villa Grove and construct 3/4-mile trail to access a National Forest primitive backcountry non-motorized area.

◇ Cuchara Path Planning – Scenic Hwy of Legends \$7,500
Planning a multi-use path along Hwy 12 near Cuchara, including an engineering study, landscape architectural evaluation, surveying of easements, and path design.

◇ Zapata Falls Trail – BLM, Saguache Office \$10,000
Install trailhead/parking area on Zapata Falls access road, and build 3/4-mile trail to access USFS Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Area.

◇ Pike & San Isabel Trails - Rampart Range MMC \$90,000
Reroute and rehabilitate trails in motorized recreation areas in the Pike & San Isabel National Forest.

◇ Shorty Springs Project - Mtn. Trails Youth Ranch \$34,000
Reconstruct existing motorized trails that accesses the large La Garita Stock Driveway OHV trail system.

Trail Funding Announced for 2000-01

◇ **Divide District Trail Crew - Rio Grande NF \$36,000**
Reconstruct trail systems on the Divide Ranger District using a motorized crew with Youth Corps support.

WEST REGION PROJECTS

◇ **Tool Cache – Southwest Outdoor Volunteers \$2,650**
Creates an equipment cache to support the efforts of volunteer and public land agencies and communities on trail-related projects in southwest Colorado.

◇ **Pagosa Area Trails – Archuleta County \$65,000**
A multi-year trail development effort that will result in over 60 miles of new trails linking Pagosa Springs, Pagosa Lakes, and San Juan National Forest trails.

◇ **Vallecito Trail – Columbine Ranger District \$37,500**
The trail, which winds thru granite outcrops high above Vallecito Creek, is unsafe for horses and hikers. Will improve trails thru boggy areas and reconstruct 5 miles.

◇ **Trail Projects – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers \$10,000**
Improvements and restoration for three multi-use trails: Red Hill (BLM Land), Hay Park Trail between Mt. Sopris and Capital Creek, and Sunnyside Trail Extension.

◇ **Bear Creek Trail – Mancos/Dolores Ranger Dist. \$69,300**
Move Bear Creek Trailhead onto Forest Service land and build a parking lot, a new bridge over Dolores River, and trail connecting to existing Bear Creek Trail.

◇ **Galloping Goose Trail – San Miguel County \$42,300**
Trail construction along the old railroad grade in the Ophir Loop area includes blasting, grading, and two bridges, with a connection to Matterhorn Campground.

◇ **Lower Loop Trail – Crested Butte Land Trust \$50,700**
Assists in land purchase for the Lower Loop and other trails and linkages; preservation of high quality wetlands; and access to the Raggeds Wilderness.

◇ **Crag Crest Trail – Grand Mesa Byway Assoc. \$20,000**
Objective is to complete rehabilitation of the 10-mile Crag Crest Trail system, which has slowly deteriorated due to high visitor use and the natural effects of erosion.

◇ **Grandview Ridge Trails – BLM San Juan Office \$10,000**
Developing two trailheads and 3 miles of new trail to link with existing trails and Animas River Trail.

◇ **Dinosaur Hill Trail – BLM Grand Junction Office \$9,800**
Provides aggregate surfacing material on difficult clay and silt trail at Dinosaur Hill paleontological area.

◇ **Sutton Mine Trail – Ouray Trail Group, Inc. \$1,200**
Design of a new trail to bypass private land and access newly-acquired property. Starts at the south end of Ouray near Box Canon Falls.

◇ **Navajo Lake Trail – Dolores Ranger District \$24,000**
Five miles of difficult trail reconstruction, trail bridge, and interpretive signs at the Navajo Lake Trailhead.

◇ **Lower Hermosa Trail – Backcountry Horsemen \$72,000**
Trailhead improvements for access, parking, and camp-spurs; culverts, riprap structures, and signs.

◇ **Avon to Edwards Trail – Eagle County \$42,600**
The final 2,600' section of the Avon to Edwards trail, part of the route from Vail Pass to Glenwood Canyon.

◇ **Recreation Travel Mgmt – BLM San Juan Office \$22,500**
Trail planning for BLM's ACEC west of Cortez. Uses GPS to inventory and analyze existing and proposed trail routes, and identify resource protection needed.

◇ **Junction Creek Trail Plan – La Plata County \$10,000**
The proposed trail on an important trail access route would be separated from Junction Creek Road, but within its 60' right of way where possible.

◇ **Observation Platforms – Pitkin County \$8,500**
Enhancing trail along the North Star Nature Preserve with wildlife viewing, interpretive signs and scopes.

◇ **Trail Groomer – Silverton Snowmobile Club \$5,625**
A small groomer, a Ski-Doo Skandic SWT, is needed to maintain an 83-mile multi-use snow trail system emanating from the Kendall Mountain Recreation Area.

◇ **Holy Cross City Trail - Big Horn Jeep Club \$28,000**
Protect and enhance wetland habitat in the Holy Cross City area while still providing recreation access.

◇ **Double Top Trail - Colorado 500/Taylor River RD \$75,000**
Repair and rerouting of historic multi-use trail.

◇ **Taylor Park/Lily Pond - Gunnison Ranger Dist. \$59,000**
Repair and improve trails in Taylor Park area, close social trails, and provide public contact.

◇ **High Trail - USFS/Grand Valley Ranger District \$41,800**
Rehabilitate and construct drainage structures, stream fords, and turnpikes across creeks and boggy areas.

◇ **Trail Dozers - Western Slope ATV Association \$85,400**
USFS, BLM, and the Association will purchase two trail machines for a variety of trail maintenance work.

◇ **Western Slope OHV Trail Crew - USFS and BLM \$47,000**
USFS and BLM will hire and support an OHV trails crew for six months for trails maintenance.

◇ **Trailhead Improvements - Four Corners Trail Club \$37,600**
Re-gravel existing trailheads, add interpretive signs.

◇ **Dry Creek Bridge - M/C Trail Riding Assoc. \$9,246**
Build 30-foot bridge to allow ATVs, motorcycles, bikes, equestrians, and hikers to access existing trails.

Tomboy Road Repair - San Miguel County \$80,500
Drainage and safety improvements for road at Royer Gulch, rock filled cribbing, and a new retaining wall.