

State Trails News

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PROGRAMS & INFORMATION

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Lyle Laverty will be new Director of Colorado State Parks

*By Greg Walcher, Executive Director,
Colorado Department of Natural Resources*

I am pleased to announce that Lyle Laverty will be joining our team as the new Director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. He officially starts on December 1, but will also be at the state parks training conference in Grand Junction in November to meet everyone.

This was an especially difficult decision, because we already have such a very strong team in place at Parks that promoting from within would have been easily justifiable, too. The Parks Board, the Governor and I continue to have total confidence in the leadership group we already have in State Parks, and believe this decision will add significantly to that advantage.

For those who don't know Lyle, he has a breadth of national and international experience in outdoor recreation management that will be a tremendous addition to this outstanding team. He brings to this position the experience of 38 years in the U.S. Forest Service, including tenure as Rocky Mountain Regional Forester, director of the national fire plan, director of the national recreation office, chairman of the revenue team that developed the fee demonstration program, and a host of other related expertise.

Lyle's reputation is truly national. He is a personal friend of many western Governors and members of Congress, strongly connected in the White House and Interior Department, in addition to the Forest Service.

Lyle and his wife Pam have lived in Denver for several years so will not have to relocate. He is a low-key manager with a very modest style. He believes Colorado already has the premier state parks system in the country, and is anxious to help you all take it to even higher levels.

What he is most excited about is the chance to work with a group of employees whose reputation is second to none in the management of natural resources and recreation. I know you will all like Lyle and Pam, and I know you'll enjoy getting to know them.

Colorado to Receive Increase in Recreational Trails Program Funds

By Stuart Macdonald, Colorado State Parks

Colorado is fortunate to see an increase in funding for 2002 from the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Last year we received \$1,011,910; Colorado's share for 2002 will be \$1,303,70. The 29% increase is due to a refiguring of fuel used in different states by a variety of recreation vehicle types. The RTP funds are based on the federal fuel tax paid on fuel that is used not for highway driving, but for recreational pursuits on public lands.

I also wanted to thank all who have worked to build and care for Colorado's trail system. We have been able to access all these millions of dollars only because trails and greenway supporters have cooperated to make a case for the value of outdoor recreation.

The year 2001 marks the 30th anniversary of the State Trails System Act of 1971, which authorized the State Trails Program and its responsibilities. Over those years we have seen the rise of funding from the Colorado Lottery, the passage of the Great Outdoors Colorado, new federal transportation funding for trails, and now, the promise of significant funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The Recreational Trails Program funds will be included in the State Trails grants program for Fiscal Year 2002-03.

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State Trails Program Grants for 2002-03

Four Grant Categories Provide Funds for Trail Projects

There are four different categories of State Trails Program Grants, each with its own separate criteria and application form. Because we are funding such a wide variety of trail-related projects— from trail safety brochures to underpasses— we have separated the project types into more manageable categories. If you are not sure which one you should use, please contact us.

- 1. Recreational Trail Grants:** trail construction, improvements, and trailhead facilities.
 - Grants require a minimum 50% match.
- 2. Small Grants:** trail construction, improvements, and trailhead facilities
 - Maximum grant request is \$15,000.
 - Targeted at smaller communities, rural counties, volunteer projects, and non-profit groups.
 - Grants require a minimum 25% match.
- 3. Trail Planning Grants:** trail-related planning, research, or volunteer capacity building
 - Grants over \$10,000 require a minimum 50% match; grants \$10,000 and under require 25%.
- 4. Off-Highway Vehicle Grants:** trail construction, improvements, maintenance, trailhead facilities, and safety and education projects.
 - No minimum match.

More information about the grants program is available in the Grants area of the State Trails Program website at <http://parks.state.co.us/trails>.

Current News on FY 2002-03 State Trails Program Grants

We mailed trail grant information in September to communities, trail groups, and agencies across Colorado. If you are considering a trail project please review these changes in the application process for FY02-03:

Two parts to the Trail Grant Application

There are two parts to the grant application process. Please be sure you have both of these documents when you start writing your proposal:

1. Application form and contract agreement
2. Selection criteria and supporting information

The application form also contains the text of the contract agreement. All applicants need to read carefully the standard state contract language and return original signed copies as part of their application packet. The form also requests land manager approval and information on potential resource impacts.

The criteria section requires a set of answers to the criteria, which are tailored for each of the application types (see article at left), as well as maps, budget, and supporting information.

Limit for Small Grants raised to \$15,000

The project category for Small Grants is designed to provide smaller amounts of funding with a simpler application. It is intended for smaller communities, volunteer projects and non-profit groups. This year we have raised the maximum request amount to \$15,000 with a minimum 25% match. For example, a \$10,000 request must have at least a \$2,500 match (cash or in-kind).

\$3 million available for trail grants in FY 2002-03

Total funding for all types of state trail grants this coming year is expected to total at least \$3 million. Projects selected for funding are matched to the most appropriate funding type. Sources of funds include:

- Great Outdoors Colorado Local Governments Fund
- Colorado State Park (Lottery and GOCO funds)
- Colorado Youth Corps Association (GOCO funds)
- Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund
- Recreational Trails Program (Federal funds)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (Federal)

When will grant funds be available?

If you are notified that you have received a grant, you still need to wait for the State to execute the contract and notify you that you may begin work on the project. This will probably be July or August, 2002, if you have submitted your signed Project Agreement with your application and all requested information is correct.

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State Parks, GOCO, and federal funds for trails

How to Get State Trails Grant Application Forms

On the Web: Go to <http://parks.state.co.us/trails> and click on "Trails Grants." You will find documents for the four types of grant categories plus the application form and agreement. You may download these as PDF files and print them out. Or you can copy the text from the web pages to your own word processor.

By E-mail: If you don't have Internet access or are unable to read the on-line documents, send a message to COtrails@state.co.us, leave your mailing address, and specify which application forms you need. Tell us whether you need the forms sent electronically as PDF files or whether you need printed copies.

By Phone: Call (303) 866-3203 Ext. 306 and leave a message with your phone number, mailing address, and specify which application forms you need. We'll send printed forms.

By Fax: Fax to (303) 866-3206 with your phone number, mailing address, and specify which application forms you need. We'll send printed forms.

By Mail: Write to State Trails Grants, 1313 Sherman St., Room 618, Denver CO 80203 with your phone number, mailing address, and specify which application forms you need.

Who to See for Help with State Trails Grant Applications

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Youth Corps funding available for local government trail projects

If you are part of local government and thinking about applying for State Trails funds, think about using one of Colorado's youth conservation corps to help! Great Outdoors Colorado has made a multi-year allocation of \$400,000 from the Local Government Fund to the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) for local government trail projects to be coordinated through the State Trails Program.

Local governments may apply to the State Trails Program in the annual grant cycle, noting the use of a Colorado youth conservation program. Projects are reviewed within the standard State Trails grant review process, with a CYCA representative to assist in the review of applications containing youth corps partnerships. Approved grants will have direct project costs (the non-youth corps related expenses) funded through the State Trails program, with the payment for the services of the youth corps paid through CYCA.

Adult supervised youth corps crews are able to help with a variety of labor intensive work including trail construction, trail maintenance and rehabilitation, landscaping, and tree planting.

In FY 01-02, six local government projects were awarded funding through this exciting new partnership. The towns of Ignacio and Durango will benefit from trail maintenance work completed by the Southwest Youth Corps. The cities of Denver and Westminster will work with the Mile High Youth Corps on the South Platte River Trail and the Big Dry Creek Corridor.

In FY 02-03 it is anticipated that approximately \$250,000 will be available through the CYCA youth corps funds to support youth corps partnerships with local government trails projects.

If you are interested in exploring this exciting opportunity, please call Ann Baker at the Colorado Youth Corps Association at (303) 825-6246, ext 350 or e-mail her at abaker@piton.org.



Colorado Trails Symposium

Winter Park Symposium Brings Trails Community Together

The Colorado Trails Symposium was held in Winter Park this year. Even though the conference was scheduled for the now-infamous week of September 11, nearly 200 participated. A wide range of programs covered statewide issues while field trips gave attendees a first-hand look at Grand County trails.

Symposium Hosts

These organizations and agencies provided help with Symposium planning, field trips, event locations, and volunteers for many tasks:

- Headwaters Trails Alliance
- Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs
- Grand County
- Town of Winter Park
- Town of Fraser
- USDA Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Bonfils-Stanton Foundation

“Trails to Common Ground” was theme

Finding common ground among the diverse outdoor interests is still one of the biggest challenges as our trails become ever more popular. To help introduce the “Trails to Common Ground” theme we invited **Bruce Ward** to be the featured speaker at the opening session of the Symposium. As executive director of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Bruce is a strong advocate for understanding and cooperation among all trail users.

Bruce shared some of his thoughts on the future of trails and outdoor recreation:

“The importance of working together on the development, maintenance and protection of trails has never been more important. We must all recognize the significance of recent events and how so many things have changed as a result. National priorities will be altered and only those opportunities to bring our country together will be deemed to be worth pursuing. By demonstrating a willingness to collaborate we can show the true importance of recreation to our country.”



Since 1986 the State Trails Program has sponsored the Colorado Trails Symposium every two years. This statewide conference covers all aspects of trails from urban greenways to motorized trails to wilderness hiking. If your community or organization is interested in hosting the next Symposium, please contact Jack Placchi at (303) 866-3203 Ext. 338 or by e-mail: jack.placchi@state.co.us.

Symposium Sponsors and Volunteers Make the Difference

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- Stuart Macdonald, Chair, Colorado State Parks
- Jack Placchi, Colorado State Parks
- Amy Bauer, Headwaters Trails Alliance
- Irene Cooke, Headwaters Trails Alliance
- Diana Lynn Rau, Fraser Valley Partnership for Trails
- Beth Mundell, BAMworks
- Paul Cruz, USDA Forest Service
- John Arkins, Bureau of Land Management
- Ben Pedrett, Colorado State Parks
- Scott Rudd, Colorado State Parks
- Gene King, Colorado Assoc. of Four Wheel Drive Clubs
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Symposium Speakers and Sponsors

We would also like to thank the many speakers at the Colorado Trails Symposium, all of whom volunteered their time:

- **Jerry Abboud**, Colorado State Trails Committee
- **Tom Acre**, Special Projects Coordinator, Commerce City
- **Jennifer Althaus**, Colorado Youth Corps Association
- **John Applegate**, Trails Project Coordinator, Pagosa Springs
- **Hildy Armour**, Boulder County Horse Association
- **Dr. Paul Ayers**, Professor, Bioresource Engineering Program, Colorado State University
- **Ann Baker**, Colorado Youth Corps Association
- **Amy Bauer**, Director, Headwaters Trails Alliance
- **Kate Boland**, Director, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
- **Steve Bonowski**, Board of Directors, Colo. Mountain Club
- **Dick Bratton**, Colorado State Coordinator for the American Discovery Trail
- **Ken Brink, Jr.**, Park Manager, Steamboat Lake State Park
- **Randy Burkhardt**, Douglas County Parks and Rec. Dept.
- **Barbara Carpenter**, Back Country Horsemen of Colo.
- **Ellie Caryl**, Trail Program Manager, Eagle County Trails
- **Laurie Chahbandour**, Essenterra Landscape Architecture
- **Connie Dodrill**, Cripple Creek Park and Recreation Dept.
- **BJ Duffy**, Headwaters Trails Alliance
- **Hugh Duffy**, Landscape Architect, Sustainable Trails, Inc.
- **Tom Easley**, Land and Water Conservation Fund and Statewide Programs Manager, Colorado State Parks
- **Bob Finch**, Land and Trails Program Manager, Colorado State Parks
- **Dick Fletcher**, Park Manager, Lory State Park
- **Kim Frederick**, Trail Maintenance and Construction Supervisor, Jefferson County Open Space
- **Alice Freese**, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
- **Karl Gabrielson**, City of Trinidad
- **John Geerdes**, South Region Trails Coordinator, Colorado State Parks
- **Rob Gilkerson**, Rocky Mountain Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center
- **Dave Hause**, Chief of Field Services, Colorado State Parks
- **John Hess**, Town of Crested Butte
- **Scott Hobson**, Planning Dept., City of Pueblo
- **Anne Best Johnson**, Weld County Planning
- **Peter Looram**, Treasurer, Vail Pass Task Force
- **Stuart Macdonald**, Colorado State Parks
- **Bill Manning**, Trails 2000
- **Loretta McElhiney**, USFS, Leadville Ranger District
- **Don Moore**, Planning Dept., Douglas County
- **Ann Moss**, Principal, Shapins Associates
- **Todd Mowrer**, USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station
- **John Nahomenuk**, Recreation Planner, BLM, Royal Gorge Field Office
- **Terry Nelson**, President, Steamboat Lake Snow Club
- **Bill Neumann**, Principal, DHM Design Corporation
- **Ottie Otterstein**, Back Country Horsemen of Colorado
- **Larry Pardee**, Public Works Department, Town of Vail
- **Ben Pedrett**, North Region Trails Coordinator, Colorado State Parks
- **Tom Peterson**, Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association
- **Wally Piccone**, Great Outdoors Colorado
- **Jack Placchi**, OHV Program Manager, Colo. State Parks
- **Diana Lynn Rau**, Fraser Valley Partnership for Trails
- **Nancy Scalise**, Metro Region Trails Coordinator, Colorado State Parks
- **Karen Scopel**, Planning Department, City of Greeley
- **Bob Searns**, Greenway Development Consultant and Principal, Urban Edges, Inc.
- **Gary Sprung**, International Mountain Bicycling Association
- **Mike Sugaski**, Recreation and Lands, Salida Ranger Dist.
- **Nick Teverbaugh**, Mayor of Winter Park
- **Lauren Tomasch**, Adopt-a-Trail Program Coordinator, Headwaters Trails Alliance
- **Bruce Ward**, Director, Continental Divide Trail Alliance
- **Greg Warren**, US Forest Service
- **Mel Wolf**, Colorado Snowmobile Association
- **Bill Woodcock**, Manager of Planning and Development, South Suburban Park and Recreation District

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State Trails Program Awards and Certificates of Appreciation given

For quite a few years we have used the occasion of the Colorado Trails Symposium to recognize some of the many people who have helped create and maintain Colorado's system of trails and greenways. The State Trails Program Awards are one way we can thank a few of these great individuals and organizations. This year we asked people from every trails interest to send us nominations, which are grouped into five categories.

A plaque was given to the outstanding nominees in each category. A certificate of appreciate was given to others who were also nominated for their achievements. All nominees were recognized at the September 14 awards dinner at the Symposium in Winter Park. We have provided part of the citation for each of the individuals and groups recognized.

☆ **Kathy Tucker** **Outstanding Volunteer Award**

"The Winter Park/Fraser Valley receives a great deal of use. But in recent years, the lack of funding has meant there wasn't enough Forest Service staff to maintain trails. So local volunteers have stepped forward to maintain the trails and keep them. From 1995 until 2000, Kathy Tucker volunteered as the Adopt-A-Trail coordinator, organizing the adopters, assigning them trails, erecting signs, scheduling workdays, supervising projects, making awards for the adopters, and documenting the work performed each year.

"If it weren't for her commitment to the trails, there would have no doubt been closures or the trails would be in ruin. We want to thank Kathy for her time, energy, and enthusiasm for the years she kept this important program running, and that has now given rise to a fully funded position and program."

☆ **Kay and Don Cook** **Outstanding Volunteer Award**

"Kay and Don Cook have organized the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association for years, and now it's one of the best trail groups in the state. At National Trails Day this June, this little group got 108 volunteers out, and built a brand new trail: Tony's Trail, from Crested Butte to the Upper Loop; named after three old-timers. Tony. Kay and Don did a lot of the background organizing on that project. Kay and Don also lead the Mtn Bike Hall of Fame and Museum."

☆ **Rick Ramsey** **Outstanding Volunteer Award**

"Rick provides a clearinghouse for information about trails in Colorado including a "trail status" report describing local trail conditions. This past winter Salida and the surrounding area experienced a late winter record snowfall. Rick was an invaluable source of information that allowed us to make the trip to Colorado at the right time and open the trail for Memorial Day.

Representing the Upper Arkansas Motorized Recreation Coalition, Rick is also working with federal land managers on the Four-Mile travel plan near Buena Vista. Rick is by all measurements the most knowledgeable and involved person I have ever met when it comes to multiple-use trails in Colorado."

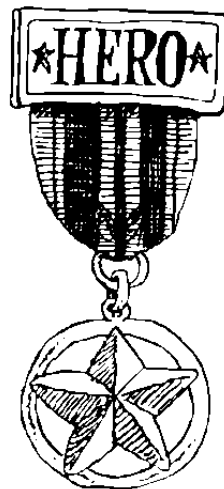
• **Lou Tyler – Volunteer**

High Rockies Hikers have been an integral part of the Fraser Valley trails and public lands for several years. Besides hiking the High Lonesome Trail 7 or 8 times a year, and doing maintenance on the 11 mile stretch, Lou also volunteers with the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, maintaining his section of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. He also helps the Forest Service whenever they need him, works with Headwaters Trails Alliance on a regular basis, and works with the Fraser Valley Partners for Trails for everything they do.

Lou can hike the pants off the best of high altitude hikers and he is still cruising at 76 years of age. If we start now, we might be able to get half of his volunteer hours under our belts. So a big thank-you to Lou Tyler for what he does for all kinds of trails in Grand County.

• **Ed Self – Volunteer**

Ed Self has worked closely with the USFS and Boulder County to put together the trail projects that Colorado Mountain Club has helped fund. He organized the Walker Ranch fire rehab projects last year. One of the things he does best is recruit volunteers. He generates so much enthusiasm that he usually has a waiting list for his projects. One of his main goals is to encourage a sense of appreciation and understanding of the resource in addition to getting the work done.



State Trails Program Award Recipients

• Tom Ledgerwood – Volunteer

Tom Ledgerwood is a stellar Volunteer for Outdoor Colorado volunteer, who commits his heart and soul to this organization. Tom works as a Project Support Coordinator on many VOC projects annually— without food VOC projects would die. Tom volunteers weekly at the VOC office doing many, many, many tasks. Tom is an amazingly dedicated volunteer!

• Jerry Helmke – Volunteer

Jerry Helmke is the Colorado Mountain Club's Denver Group Trails Chair. Every year Jerry organizes by himself over 2000 hours of trail volunteer work on the high peaks and passes. He is completely dedicated to the idea of fixing and maintaining trails for Coloradans.

• David Hamilton – Volunteer

“David Hamilton is now the director of the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, an organization he founded, but this award is for his many years of efforts as a volunteer. He started volunteering with VOC in 1989 and has served in many ways from project selection to teaching technical skills, to the Steering Committee of VOC's Board of Directors.

David has been the kind of volunteer who has not only worked incredibly hard, but has taken on new skills and become a leader in many areas, and made a difference in all of them.”

• James Newberry – Volunteer

“It really makes a statement when Grand County Commissioner James Newberry comes out and gets dirty working with volunteers building trails. When the community expresses its feelings on trails on federal lands, he follows through with the federal agencies. When a local group wants to build an urban trail, he helps negotiate easements for the public.

“When funds for trail building run out, he volunteers to operate the machine for a week. That is real commitment to trails, and we would like to thank Commissioner Newberry for his help in establishing and maintaining trails in Grand County”



Award winner Bob Ramsay with K-Lynn Cameron, Manager of Larimer County Parks & Open Lands

☆ Bob Ramsay Outstanding Trails Partnership Award

“Bob Ramsay probably deserves a completely unique award. Bob wanted to honor his wife, Kay Ramsay, and selected to preserve a 177-acre parcel adjacent to Pinewood Reservoir. He donated the property to Larimer County— a \$325,000 gift. But he also wanted to see that an outstanding trail was built for visitors to learn more about nature and experience the magnificent scenery.

So Bob also donated \$121,000 to build trails, including a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk along the lake and wetlands. And finally, Bob spent his own time in helping construct the trails, and learned what most of you already know— trail building is no easy task!

• Poudre River Trail Corridor - Trails Partnership

“The Poudre River Trail Corridor, Inc., is a partnership among three jurisdictions: the City of Greeley, the Town of Windsor, and Weld County, working on a common vision of a greenway along the Cache La Poudre River. With no paid staff all funds raised go to trail construction and an endowment fund for future needs. Each board member has a hands-on role in fund-raising, land acquisition, marketing, and management. So far the partnership has raised \$3 million in private and corporate donations to match just half that amount, \$1.5 million in grants. With 9 out of 20 miles of trail completed, they are committed to raising the funds and acquiring the rest of the land needed by the end of 2002.”

☆ Terry Gimbel *and*

☆ Lisa Langer

Outstanding Planning and Design Award

“Terry Gimbel is a Senior Ranger with Colorado State Parks and Lisa Langer is a landscape architect. This award is for their outstanding design of the reroute of American Lakes trails at Colorado State Forest State Park. To address severe erosion on the old trail Terry enlisted the help of Lisa and many volunteers. They designed a reroute of the trail that offers outstanding panoramic views and can be sustainable for many years without the need for significant maintenance. It should be pointed out that both Terry and Lisa did all this work as volunteers, not part of their regular jobs”

People in the News

☆ Trailridge Runners 4X4 Club Outstanding Trail Organization Award

“The Trailridge Runners 4x4 Club is the group that sponsored the important Left Hand Canyon clean-up and recreation management project near Boulder. They also were successful in obtaining a grant for this project. This club has also adopted three trails and is requesting a fourth. They work very closely with the Boulder/ Arapaho Ranger District and the Canyon Lakes Ranger District.”

• Colorado Fourteeners Initiative – Trail Organization

“The Colorado Fourteeners Initiative deserves recognition for the huge challenges they have undertaken. First, their goal is enormous: reducing the impacts of climbers on dozens of high peaks.

And then they have had to do a detailed survey of all 54 peaks, then convince the Forest Service to put resources and people into the project, then raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for materials and staff support, then recruit hundreds of volunteers, and finally get the work done by hand at elevations of twelve and fourteen thousand feet.”

☆ Loretta McEllhiney Outstanding Public Service Award

“Loretta McEllhiney of the Leadville Ranger District has played a primary role in the efforts to protect and restore Colorado's Fourteeners. She has worked on project planning, on trail design, and on developing partnerships among nonprofit groups and agencies. In addition to being an outstanding representative of her agency, the U. S. Forest Service, she has donated thousands of hours of her personal time to ensure that projects are completed during the short alpine summer season.”

• Jeffer Wingate – Trails Public Service

“Jeffer Wingate, US Forest Service Trail Crew Leader extraordinaire. Jeffer does an awesome job leading pro crews and working with volunteers. He's really on the ball with trail design, construction and maintenance. And a great guy, too. Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association has worked with Jeffer for years. He has taught us much, and is always a positive, creative soul.”

New Members Appointed to State Trails Committee

Earlier this year the State Parks Board appointed two new members to the State Trails Committee. The Committee advises Colorado State Parks on trails issues and helps to set policy for the State Trails Program. The new appointees are:

Brooke S. Fox, Windsor

Brooke has been the Director of Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources the past four years. She recently resigned that position to spend more time with her young family. She has extensive experience grappling with public access, private property rights and land preservation issues, these efforts are matched with her deep personal desire for her own family to have quality outdoor experiences.

As Director of Open Space and Natural Resources for Douglas County, Brooke made it a high priority to work with a wide variety of partners. She led county efforts to develop an alternative to the designation of the South Platte River as a Wild and Scenic River. Brooke believes in listening to all interest groups and working to find creative solutions. She Personally enjoys hiking, fishing, horseback riding and wildlife viewing

Britt Weygandt, Boulder

Britt is a Colorado native and recreational trail user. By profession she is a Natural Resource Attorney and has seven and a half years of experience working with multiple levels of Government. She is currently a member of the National and Colorado Chapters of the Nature Conservancy. Prior to earning her law degree she worked at a wildlife rehabilitation facility and a wildlife sanctuary.

Britt enjoys mountain biking, hiking and traveling to state and national parks. Currently she is Chief Legal Council for Governor Bill Owens. Her duties include tracking and representation of the Governor's Office in litigation with a special focus on natural resource issues and has extensive experience working on wildlife issues and Superfund site remediation.

Here is the full list of State Trails Committee members with the Congressional District they represent:

- Ron Benson, Chairman (At-Large), Wheat Ridge
- Jerry Abboud (District 1), Denver
- Britt Weygandt (District 2), Boulder
- Dendy Heisel (District 3), Glenwood Springs
- Mel Wolf, Vice Chairman (District 4), Loveland
- Stephen Bonowski (District 5), Lakewood
- Michael Richardson (District 6), Denver
- Brooke Fox (At Large) Windsor

Caring for Colorado's Trails

Conservation Leadership Training Initiative Promotes Cooperation

A new effort to improve training for trails and conservation work in Colorado is called the Conservation Leadership Training Initiative (CLT). It is a cooperative partnership among Federal, State, and local agencies and other groups to develop a training and certification program. The idea is to find ways to integrate and expand volunteer and stewardship efforts to help agencies accomplish their work for resources and recreation.

The challenge is to provide future leaders for volunteer projects who maintain high quality standards, are highly productive, and provide for an excellent volunteer experience that meets all safety requirements.

At the September 14 Awards Dinner at the Colorado Trails Symposium in Winter Park, several of the partnering groups held a ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for the CLT. This agreement states that the goals of the Initiative are:

To develop a conservation leadership training curriculum and certification process for universal use and recognition among cooperators.

To establish a Conservation Leadership Council to coordinate planning, certification, communication and oversight of a statewide program.

To identify sites for conservation leadership training and conservation demonstration projects.

To develop a monitoring and reporting process to evaluate and enhance the effectiveness of a leadership-training program.

To publicize, recruit and participate in the conservation leadership programs identified by the council.

Leaders of the CLT effort hope that every agency and organization that is involved in trails and conservation work in Colorado will eventually join the partnership. So far the following have taken an active role in developing the Initiative:

Trail, Volunteer, and Conservation Organizations:

- Backcountry Horsemen of Colorado
- Backcountry Skiers Alliance
- Colorado Fourteeners Initiative
- Continental Divide Trail Alliance
- Colorado Mountain Club
- Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition
- Colorado Outward Bound School
- The Colorado Trail Foundation
- Colorado Youth Corps Association
- Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
- The Nature Conservancy
- Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

State and Local Agencies

- Colorado State Parks
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Denver Parks and Recreation
- Jefferson County Open Space

Federal Agencies

- Bureau of Land Management
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Defense
- National Park Service
- USDA Forest Service

For information on the Colorado Leadership Training Initiative, contact Jack Placchi at (303) 866-3203 Ext. 338 or jack.placchi@state.co.us.



Roundup Riders Equestrian Group Funds Trail Work and Education

One of Colorado's oldest trails advocacy groups is the Roundup Riders of the Rockies, which has been around for 54 years. This equestrian organization is best known for sponsoring an annual ride each July in Colorado's high country. The group also sponsors local one-day rides during the year for members.

Twelve years ago the Riders started another non-profit group for charitable efforts. It's called the Roundup Riders of the Rockies Heritage and Trails Foundation and its mission is to accept donations and provide funds for trail improvement and education. The aim is to teach youth the traditions and history of the west and the relation of the horse to that history.

The Foundation also provides grants for trails creation and preservation. Over the years the Roundup Riders have supported groups like the Continental Divide Trail Alliance and the Colorado Trail Foundation. Other grants provide funds to counties working on trail extensions, such as Douglas County Open Space efforts this year. Also to Highline Canal Preservation Association. Also support National Western Stock Show and Westernaires facility in Jefferson County.

The Foundation will be looking for another project to be funded this year. The State Trails Program volunteered to help identify some suitable trail projects for consideration by the Roundup Riders. Projects must be sponsored by a registered non-profit organization. Contact Stuart Macdonald at cotrails@state.co.us or (303) 866-3203 Ext. 306 if you have a suggestion.

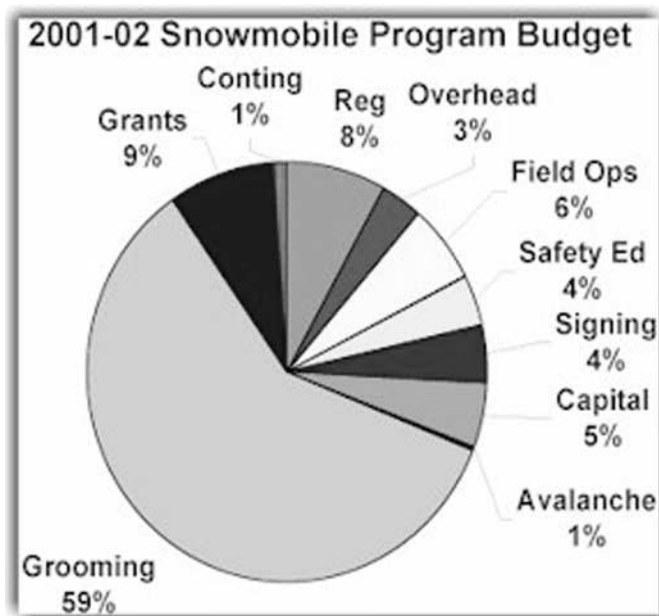
State Snowmobile Program News

Your Snowmobile Registration Dollar— Where Does it Go?

By Dave Hause, Colorado State Snowmobile Program

When the Colorado Snowmobile Association requested that the Colorado General Assembly establish a snowmobile program under the administration of Colorado State Parks in 1976, a very important element was included in the bill. This provision stated “all fees from registration shall be credited to the snowmobile recreation fund.” In addition, the law states that “any moneys collected in excess of five dollars shall be used for direct services and not administrative costs.”

Over the years State Parks has worked closely with CSA in deciding on how registration fees are spent. The pie chart associated with this article indicates where your registration dollar is going. By far, the largest piece of the pie (60%) is associated with the winter trails grooming program.



Other “direct services,” as defined by state law, include:

- Safety education 4%
- Trail signing 4%
- Capital equipment 5%
- Avalanche program support 1%
- Capital grants 9%
- Contingency 1%

In addition, 6% of the budget is used to support our registration and safety enforcement program and is also defined as a direct service. This leaves 11% of the budget to cover “administrative costs” that include operations and overhead costs for managing the program. State law mandates that “any moneys collected in excess of five dollars per registration shall be used exclusively for direct services and not administrative

costs.” This year 32,741 snowmobiles were registered at an administrative cost of \$1.68 per registered machine, far below the limit allowed by law.

Snowmobiling in Colorado would not exist as you know it today without your registration dollar. However, in addition to this revenue source, thousands of dollars in “soft” funding also benefits the sport. This soft money includes the volunteer hours from snowmobile clubs that provide grooming services.

These clubs also raise and spend thousands of dollars supporting the maintenance, repair and operation of their grooming equipment. In some cases Chambers of Commerce and local businesses that benefit from snowmobiling also contribute to local trail grooming programs.

Many snowmobilers seem to think that snowmobiling is a God given right, that public lands will always be there to enjoy and that somehow groomed and marked winter trails just magically appear every winter. Wrong... Snowmobiling is a privilege that is under constant attack from those that would like to see the sport banned from public lands. Your registration dollars, volunteer efforts and dedication to a safe, family oriented and environmentally friendly sport is the only way to guarantee the future of the sport in Colorado.

For more information on the program see the State Parks Website at www.parks.state.co.us/snowmobile

Snowmobile Grants Awarded Funds for Equipment and Projects

A total of \$173,744 was granted to 11 snowmobile-related projects through a cooperative program of Colorado State Parks and the Colorado Snowmobile Association. This funding comes from two main sources: the federal Recreational Trails Program (\$123,744) and state snowmobile registration fee (\$50,000). Thirty percent of Colorado’s RTP funds are earmarked for motorized trail projects. The State Trails Program has for several years split these funds between off-highway vehicle projects and the state snowmobile grants.

Projects to receive snowmobile grants are selected by a panel of Colorado State Parks staff along with the nine district representatives of the Colorado Snowmobile Association. All of the applications were from local clubs that requested help with equipment for their annual programs of snow trail maintenance.

Typical of the projects funded this year are a Snow Cat for trail grooming for the Silverton Snowmobile Club (\$30,000), a Snow Cat storage building for the Mt. Sopris Snow Riders (\$15,624), and a one-ton 4X4 truck to haul snow grooming equipment for the South Fork Powder Busters (\$1,500).

Resources

Tread Lightly! Announces New Outdoor Ethics Curriculum

Tread Lightly! is pleased to announce **ETHIC: Educational Tools for Hunters: Improving Choices**. The curriculum package, which focuses on outdoor ethics for hunting, was developed in conjunction with the **International Hunter Education Association (IHEA)** and funded by the **Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA)**.

The curriculum was developed to compliment existing hunter education pieces and will be available for distribution to all hunter education instructors throughout North America, as well as, the public.

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The curriculum includes a series of dilemma video segments, which identify various behaviors of hunters. Each segment presents an opportunity for individuals to contrast what they should do, with what they would do. Three longer segments address awareness of appropriate and inappropriate behaviors in various outdoor situations. The video used in conjunction with the curriculum manual will provide instructors with the necessary tools to effectively educate individuals on ethical behaviors with regard to the land and to fellow outdoor enthusiasts.

Dr. David Knotts, Executive Director of IHEA recognized Tread Lightly!'s efforts at a recent hunter education conference by saying, "We look forward to this new resource which will assist our instructors in addressing outdoor ethics. As hunters, we have a long heritage of conservation of resources and protection for the land. In moving to the future, this heritage must be continued with future generations of hunters. This curriculum will enable us to have an additional tool in providing for that heritage of conservation"

Tread Lightly! Executive Director **Lori Davis**, continues, "As technology continues to increase, the impacts associated with our ability to go further for longer also continue to increase. We are at a time where more and more people are heading outdoors, with newer technology and less experience."

The International Hunter Education Association (IHEA) is the professional association for 63 state and provincial wildlife conservation agencies, and the 55,000 volunteer instructors who teach hunter education in North

America. Hunter Education classes reach more than 750,000 students annually. Since 1949, more than 25 million students have been trained.

SVIA member companies are putting safety first by supporting communications efforts targeted to users and prospective buyers about the safe and responsible use of ATVs. As part of these efforts, these distributors offer free training to all individuals who purchase new ATVs, including the purchaser's eligible family members. Training also is available for a modest fee to any other interested parties who are not eligible for free training.

SVIA was formed in 1983 as a national not-for-profit trade association and is based in Irvine, California. Its members include AlphaSports, Arctic Cat, Bombardier, Cannondale, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Suzuki and Yamaha.

The curriculum package is for sale through Tread Lightly's website at: www.treadlightly.org and through the IHEA's website at: www.ihea.org. To learn more about Tread Lightly and its publications, call (800) 966-9900, or visit the Website.

New Snowshoeing Guide available for Colorado's Front Range

A new book for winter trail enthusiasts is titled **Snowshoe Routes: Colorado's Front Range**. This guidebook includes a very interesting introductory section called "The Snowshoe Revolution." In Colorado we have certainly seen a huge rise in numbers of people venturing out on snowshoes. Author **Alan Apt** is a resident of Fort Collins and a member of the Nordic Rangers USFS volunteer program. "Snowshoeing does take some getting used to," he writes, "but it requires far less technical skill than do most other winter sports."

Maps, detailed route descriptions, and photos are included in the book's 235-pages. The 75 snowshoeing areas covered also have data on avalanche hazard, contacts, elevation gain, and difficulty level.

Snowshoe Routes: Colorado's Front Range is available from The Mountaineers Books. For more information see www.mountaineersbooks.com or call (206) 223-6303.



A 1930's hunter on snowshoes

Calendar

Trailbuilders Conference 2002

February 12-14, 2002, in Reno, Nevada

Everyone is invited to learn about advanced trail design and more at the Trailbuilders Conference, the annual conference of the Western Trailbuilders Association.

Learn about all aspects of advanced, in-depth trail planning, design, layout, construction, maintenance, and restoration at very low cost in an off-season conference setting in Reno, Nevada. "Secrets of a Master Trail Designer" is an unprecedented, one-time-only opportunity featuring noted trail designer Jim Angell of Corplan, Inc. In a highly interactive series of sessions spanning 7-10 hours, Angell will use real-world examples from trail projects nationwide: accessible trails; access routes for rock climbers; mountain bike, equestrian, and hiking trails; trail structures; reroutes and restoration projects; to illustrate, discuss, and field questions on all aspects of trail planning, design, construction, maintenance, and restoration.

The conference also features:

- Trailbuilders Trade Show with outdoor demos and many trail contractor vendors—see the latest in power tools, tracked equipment, and much more
- GPS/GIS from practicing users
- successful ADA and mountain bike trail design

- all aspects of professional trail contracting
- frequent and extensive networking opportunities
- parties
- two-day Universal Trail Assessment Process Workshop (UTAP) by Beneficial Designs staff.

The conference location is the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno, Nevada. The UTAP Workshop will be Friday-Saturday, February 15-16. Low registration fees and newly remodeled \$29 rooms keep costs down. You won't find this amount or quality of information anywhere else at this low price, plus Jim Angell's trail design presentation is an exclusive, one-time event.

Please see <http://www.trailbuilders.org/conference/> for details.

State Trails Committee: Dec. 5

The State Trails Committee, which advises Colorado State Parks on trails and greenways issues, will meet from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2001. The meeting location is the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. The major topics will be the state trails grants review process for FY02-03 and the Front Range Trail Plan.

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New Trail Grant Applications Out

The State Trails Program has applications for trails funding available for FY02-03. If you are considering a trail project please be sure you have the correct application forms and contract agreement. We'll be happy to help you with questions or provide feedback on your proposed project (see page 3).

More information about the grants program is available in the Grants area at <http://parks.state.co.us/trails>. Or contact the State Trails Program at (303) 866-3203 Ext. 306 or COtrails@state.co.us.