



City of Gunnison

Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife
Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

October 27, 2015

Dear Grant Committee:

The Gunnison City Council supports the Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association's (GCBTA) application for a Large Construction/Maintenance Grant from the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife. The application would support the GCBTA's Phase 2 of their three-year trails signage project in the Gunnison Valley.

Tourism is one of the City of Gunnison's economic drivers. The City provides a variety of outdoor recreation amenities for our residents and visitors. These recreational opportunities help draw students to and retain them at Western State Colorado University in Gunnison. We have collaborated with other entities in the Valley to enhance healthy, year-around recreational trails activities including hiking, mountain biking, winter fat biking, motorized trail biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing. Providing enhanced trails signage, in a unified format, for these types of diverse recreation activities will enhance all trail users' experience throughout the Gunnison Valley.

The trails signage project will help support three key goals:

1. Provide an outstanding experience for residents, students and visitors;
2. Manage multiple user groups and pre-empt potential conflicts between trail users; and
3. Educate trail users about "leave no trace" and identify private property boundaries.

We fully support the Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association's efforts as they seek funding to expand the Valley-wide trails signage project. Thank you for your favorable consideration of their request.

Sincerely,

Richard Hagan
Mayor

Robert E. Drexel
Mayor Pro Tem

Leia Morrison
Councilor

Matt Schwartz
Councilor

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Councilor