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APPLICATION FOR OPEN LANDS RIVERS & TRAILS (OLRT) FUND

Funding may only be requested for projects that fit within the scope of the OLRT funding resolution, ballot language, and OLRT funding criteria.

A. General Information

1. Name/Title of Proposed Project: Nine Mile Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance

Please check type of project: Open Land River Trail

2. Applicant: Snow Mountain Ranch - Bill Pierce, Snow Mountain Ranch Trails Director
(Who will receive the grant funds)

In the case of a multi-jurisdictional/agency application, please provide the names of all the participating agencies and/or individuals. Snow Mountain Ranch

3. Name of Principal (Lead jurisdiction/agency): Snow Mountain Ranch

Name: Trueman Hoffmeister Title: Center Director, SMR

Mailing Address: PO Box 169
Winter Park, CO 80482

Telephone Number: 970-887-2152

4. Who will hold the property interest? Snow Mountain Ranch

5. Designated Contact Person for the Application:

Name: Bill Pierce Title: Trails & Nordic Director, SMR

Mailing Address: PO Box 169
Winter Park, CO 80482

Telephone Number: 970-887-2152 or 612-590-1427 (cell)

6. Total Project Cost: \$39,720

a) Amount of OLRT funds requested: \$17,980

b) Percentage of OLRT funds request to total cost: 45%

c) Date request for funds to be available to applicant: March 1, 2018



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7. Brief Description of Proposed Project (Please limit to 100 words.)

The Nine Mile Trail Reconstruction is a rebuild and maintenance project of a long existing trail. The current trail is 1.1 miles long and is built on mostly unsustainable grades. Fall line erosion has created a trail that is not safe or sustainable and because of this, the use from a wide and varying demographic is limited. The major work of this project is a widening and resurfacing of the trail tread, rerouting to achieve a sustainable grade, and constructing two bridges over a 10' deep ravine. The trail will be for hiking, uphill mountain biking, snowshoeing, and an uphill route for AT skiing. This project will greatly increase the compatibility for diverse user groups to access this area.

8. Why is the project needed? What are the specific goals of the project? How will project success be measured? (Please limit to 100 words.)

The primary goal of this project is to build and reconstruct the trail tread to a safe and sustainable surface and grade. That will increase the different user groups and frequency of access for all. This project is necessary to greatly reduce erosion maintenance and make this trail more usable for everyone, including power wheel chairs. Widening this trail will make it accessible for many different user groups at the same time. This project will be the final of three reconstruction projects on Snow Mountain Ranch property in the last 4 years for multiuse trails. The primary user group of these three trails are summer hikers looking for an easy to moderate hike within the Fraser Valley.

9. What is the expected duration of the project? Please attach a project timeline that includes the start and completion dates for the project.

The expected duration of the project is approximately 6-8 weeks.

Start: May 20, 2018. Clear 8' right of way for 6' finished tread.

May 27-June 16, 2018. Remove topsoil and place grade bars, drainage swales where designed and required.

June 17-June 30, 2018. Place and compact base and finish material for the tread surface.

July 1- 14, 2018. Build two bridges at ravine crossings that were removed for safety reasons in 2017. Install trail signage.

July 15-22, 2018. Finish miscellaneous work and punch list for trail completion



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Budget & Other Financial Information.

1. Summary of Project Budget and Funding Sources (Cash amounts only, no in-kind):

Project Activity	Requested Funds-OLRT	Requested Funds-other sources	Committed Funds-other sources (SMR)	Total funds needed for project activity
Trail tread Labor	-	-	\$8,000	\$8,000
Material/Gravel	\$11,500	-	-	\$11,500
Material/Bridges partial	\$6,480	-	-	\$6,480
Material/Untreated Bridge Lumber	-	-	\$3,240	\$3,240
Signage	-	-	\$1,600	\$1,600
Heavy Equip.	-	-	\$4,100	\$4,100
Bridge Construction Labor	-	-	\$4,800	\$4,800
TOTAL	\$17,980		\$21,740	\$39,720

2. How were the financial needs estimated?

Project costs were estimated by Bill Pierce, Snow Mountain Ranch Trails Director. Bill has over 30 years of design/build experience in building and outdoor recreational projects. Expenses for material and labor are based on material being bid by suppliers and current seasonal labor costs at the YMCA.

3. Describe the project's in-kind support including estimated value. N/A

4. What future work will need to be completed for this project and what will the associated cost be? What ongoing operational obligations will be required for this project? How does the applicant plan to address these additional costs?

Seasonal maintenance of trails at Snow Mountain Ranch is calculated at roughly \$500 per KM of hiking, biking, snowshoe, horse, and ski trail. This equates to about \$70K dollars for brushing, clearing, signage maintenance, mowing, erosion, and general repairs of 135KM of trail total. Nine Mile Mountain hiking trail equates to about \$850/year of that seasonal maintenance, which is already a part of our operational costs. This yearly cost will be a part of our regular trail operating budget. Snow Mountain Ranch plans to build a



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downhill mountain bike trail off the summit trailhead that is approximately 2.3 miles long of single track flow.

5. Please describe in detail exactly what OLRT funds will be used for.
OLRT funds will be used to purchase the necessary materials (gravel) for the trail tread and the treated lumber, fasteners, and finishing products for the bridges.
6. What percentage of the funds requested are for direct project management and what is being funded in regards to direct project management? **There are no OLRT funds being requested for labor or management. The Snow Mountain Ranch Trails Director and Trail Crew leader are funded by the YMCA of the Rockies. The costs for design and management is roughly 3 weeks of design and supervision of the Director; \$4,615 of salary.**

B. Other information

1. Describe local support for the project not included with in-kind information above.
YMCA of the Rockies has 3,500 families with memberships; approximately 200 of these families are full-time Grand County residents who are using our trails on a regular bases. We also provide our trail system for cross-country running and skiing practice and races free-of-charge to the local middle and high schools and other Grand County non-profits. Located on Nine Mile Mountain (named by the old homesteaders because the mountain was nine miles from the Tabernash train depot), the Nine Mile Trail offers a wonderful view of the Fraser Valley and Granby.
2. How does this project meet the OLRT fund criteria? **The Nine Mile Trail is a trail that needs maintenance work. Once work has been completed, Nine Mile Trail will be a great beginner trail with huge rewards at the top with an amazing view.**
3. Provide a map showing the project area and surrounding location. **See Attached.**
4. Describe the monitoring plan. **The reconstruction project of the Nine Mile Trail is designed, managed, and supervised at two levels. The Trails Director for Snow Mountain Ranch is directing involved in all of the aforementioned aspects of the project. The Trail Crew Leader is on site daily managing and working with the trail crew and guaranteeing the quality of the product.**

For River/Water Requests, please answer the following:



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to the best of our ability

1. What portion(s) of the project will acquire water rights and/or water storage rights, increase Grand County storage/river flows, conserve and protect water for agriculture, ranching, and outdoor recreation, or provide public access?

For Land/Conservation Easement Requests, please answer the following:

1. Please describe the type of property transfer (Easement, Fee Simple, etc.) Have the terms of the proposed conservation easement/property transfer been finalized? If so, please provide a summary of the terms and conditions.
2. What are the total acres of the parcel and what is the total amount being protected through this transaction?
3. Describe the qualifications of the proposed easement holder/land owner. How will the terms of the conservation easement be enforced?
4. What will be the status of water rights and mineral rights for the property?

For Trail Requests, please answer the following:

1. If the project is located on federal land, what are the Travel Management Objectives for the trail or trail system? **N/A**
2. Please estimate the trail/trail system usage by user groups (i.e. motorized vs. non-motorized, hikers, bikers, xc skiers, etc.). Include how you estimated your numbers.
Hikers, mountain bikers, snowshoes, and AT skiers will use this trail. On our entire Nordic system of trails for both Nordic and AT we see approximately 28K users per season. The ski season is from November 1 until April 1. For mountain bikers we see approximately 3K from May 15 through Oct 15. And for hiking and snowshoeing we see approximately 32K over the course of one calendar year. That's 63K trail users at Snow Mountain Ranch per year. The estimates are determined from day pass and membership sales at our Nordic shop, bike shop, and Program desk. The numbers are also based on rental counts of equipment from all shops.
3. Has any planning and public outreach occurred for this project?
Users have repeatedly commented that the trail is difficult to hike especially for beginner hikers. It gains 850ft over the course of a mile. This steep terrain has also caused severe erosion requiring water mitigation design. One of the two bridges that is being built is a replacement of a log bridge that was removed for safety concerns. The old bridge was a primitive two log crossing that many beginner users could not navigate. Currently users must drop down and through a 10' deep ravine to complete the hike.

The Philanthropy Director and Center Director have submitted a funding request to a private donor to determine if the family might be interested in



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giving a lead gift for this project. We have not heard back at this time. Last year we completed a \$5,000 donor-funded project to improve the area at the top of the trailhead. Any money we receive from the OLRT grant will help us generate interest from potential donors as a lead gift which we can leverage into additional funding.

- 4. Is the maintenance of the trail subsidized by OHV/motorized registrations? **No**
- 5. Is this trail part of an adopt-a-trail program? **No**
- 6. **Please include the revegetation and noxious weed management plan for the project.** This project will include the revegetation of all disturbed back slopes with top soils and vegetation removed from the widening of the trails. The widening will provide more than enough revegetation materials and over seeding with local seeds will happen where required. The management of invasive broadleaf species and weeds is controlled by biannual spot spraying of the trail surface and a 2'-3' buffer on each side of our trails.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information hereby submitted is true and accurate.

Principal Signature: *Trueman E. Hoffmeyer*
Date: 9/12/18

This signature should be the owner of the land (in the case of conservation easements), the owner of the water (in the case of water projects), or the agency that manages the land for a trail project.

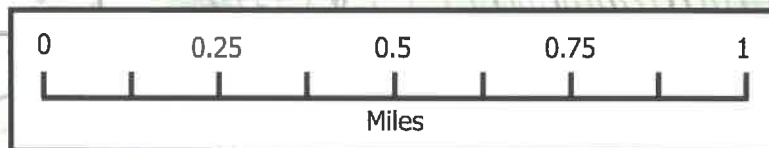
Applicant Signature *Bill Finn*
Applicant Organization Affiliation/Title: TRAILS/NORDIC DIRECTOR
Date: 9/12/18

Please email completed application to: Open Lands, Rivers and Trails Advisory Committee, Grand County, at: olrtac@co.grand.co.us

Further information may be requested. If funds are awarded, you will be required to sign a MOU with Grand County and a final grant report will be required to be submitted within 12-months of the grant application due date.

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Summer Trails



Legend/Trail Rating

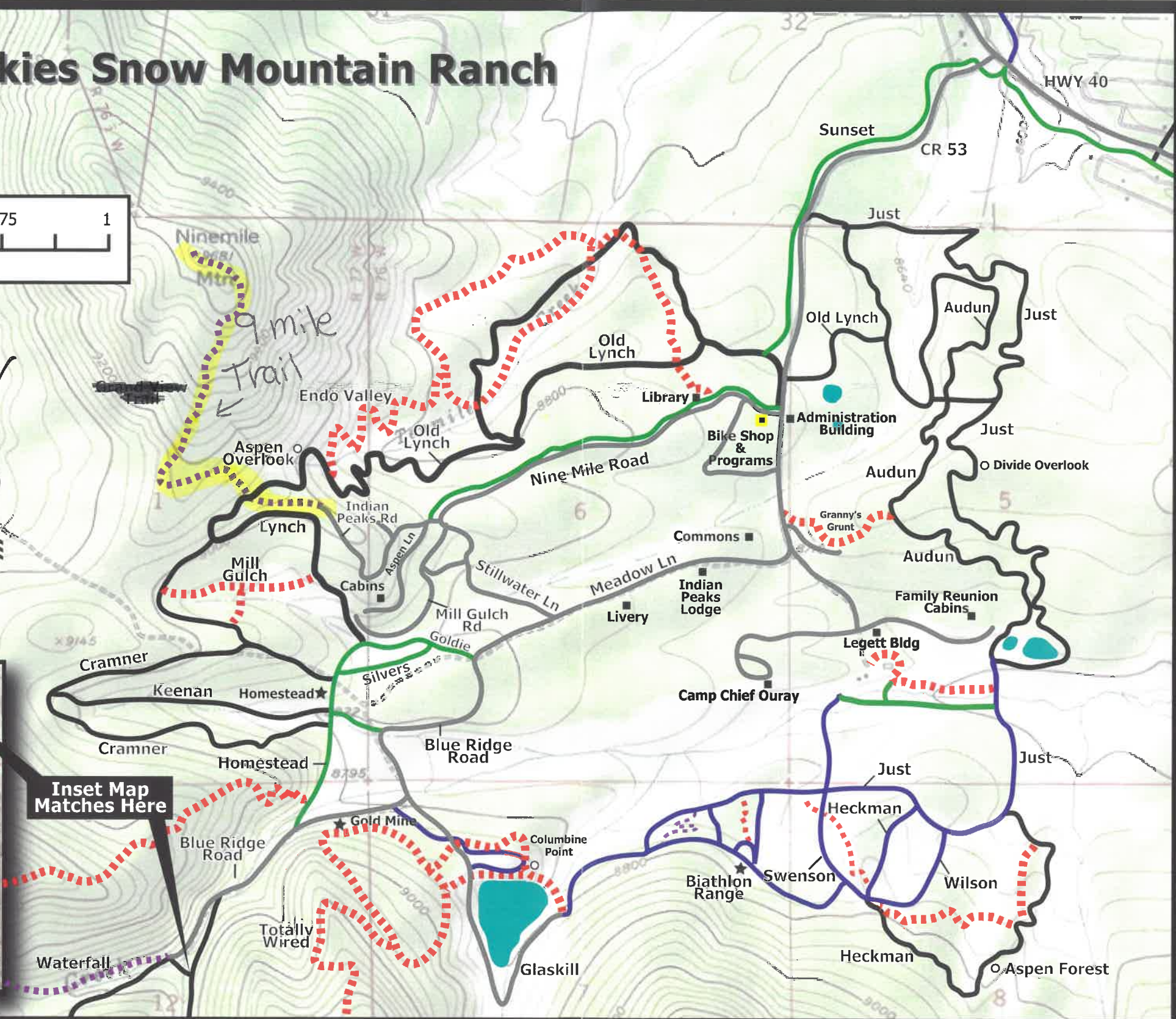
- Most Difficult
- More Difficult
- Easier
- - - Singletrack
- - - Hiking Trail Only
- Roads
- ★ Point of Interest
- Photo Opportunity
- Bike Shop

* Most trails are open to Mountain Biking, except trails that say "hiking only"

Inset Map Matches Here

Upper Loop Overlook ○
Ridge View
Summit Overlook ○ (10,670 ft)

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Cabin Adoption and Donation at Snow Mountain Ranch

Every cabin at Snow Mountain Ranch is donated by amazing families like you who want to provide the Snow Mountain Ranch experience for generations of families. Benefits to cabin adoption include reservation priority and having full maintenance for your cabin provided by Snow Mountain Ranch. The greatest benefit, however, is that you enable other families to experience Snow Mountain Ranch when you're not using your cabin. As shown on the map, sites are available for new cabin construction and existing cabins available for renovation. Please contact Gretchen Bergen who is our Member and Donor Relations Director at 970-887-2152 Ext. 4268 or Gbergen@ymcarockies.org and SMR Center Director Trueman Hoffmeister at ext. 4101 or thoffmeister@ymcarockies.org for more information of cabin adoption and donation.

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