

**Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**March 24, 2022 at 3:00pm**

**BOCC Boardroom, 308 Byers Ave., Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451**

**Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492776825>**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2022 (Attachment #1)
- IV. Financial report – January 31, 2022 (Attachment #2)
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Vice-Chair position
  - B. Spring 2022 Grant Cycle – trail grants
    - i. Continental Divide Trail Coalition: Grand County CDT Restoration and Erosion Control (Attachment #3)
    - ii. Grand Lake Metro Rec District: Trails and Weed Control (Attachment #4)
    - iii. Town of Hot Sulphur Springs: Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement (Attachment #5)
    - iv. HTA: BLM Projects 2022 (Attachment #6)
    - v. HTA: AAT Program and Youth Corps (Attachment #7)
    - vi. HTA: Challenger/Discovery Loop Trail Maintenance (Attachment #8)
    - vii. HTA: Jim Creek Phase II 2022 (Attachment #9)
    - viii. HTA: National Public Lands Day 2022 (Attachment #10)
    - ix. HTA: Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing 2022 (Attachment #11)
  - C. Spring 2020: Granby Highlands Trails Conservation Easement request for extension (Attachment #12)
  - D. Other topics
- VI. Next meetings and important dates
  - A. April 1, 2022: grant ranking due
  - B. April 7, 2022 @ 3pm: OLRTAC meeting
  - C. April 19, 2022 @ 9am: Spring 2022 recommendations to BOCC
- VII. Adjournment

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Committee Members Present:

Paul Bruchez	District 2 Rep
Joanna Goodman	Winter Park Rep
Maura McKnight	Fraser Rep
Bob Saint	Granby Rep
Cindy Southway	Grand Lake Rep
Stacy Starr	District 1 Rep
Wendy Thompson	District 3 Rep

Others Present:

Morgan Anderson, Continental Divide Land Trust  
Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC, Administrator  
Ryan Lokteff, Grand Lake Metro Rec District  
Meara McQuain, Headwaters Trails Alliance  
Dan Nolan, Hot Sulphur Springs  
Maire Sullivan, Headwaters Trails Alliance

- I. Mr. Bruchez called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - A. None reported.
- III. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to approve the January 6, 2022 meeting minutes (Attachment #1) seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- IV. Financial report – January 31, 2022 (Attachment #2). *Ms. Starr makes a motion to accept the January 31, 2022 financial report, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
  - A. Funding available for open lands/rivers projects - \$3,847,066.27
  - B. Funding available for trails - \$275,302.35
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Vice-Chair position
    - i. Mr. Bruchez has been an Officer since 2016 and with his extra commitments welcomes a new Vice-Chairperson.
    - ii. To be discussed at the next OLRTAC meeting.

- B. Spring 2022 grant cycle – trail grants
  - i. Continental Divide Trail Coalition: Grand County CDT Restoration and Erosion Control (Attachment #3)
    - 1. Total project cost is incorrect because included in-kind amounts. Total project cost is \$5,228 and percentage of OLRT funds requested to total cost is 58%.
    - 2. Committed funds from other sources: other granting entities, challenge cost share agreement with USFS, and membership donations to CDTC.
    - 3. Last year, the awarded funds went to clear blowdown along the CDT. The requested funds are to complete restoration in the same area (clear downed trees and tread stabilization).
  - ii. Grand Lake Metro Rec District: Trails and Weed Control (Attachment #4)
    - 1. In the future, more detail is requested in the budget.
    - 2. Grand Lake Rotary may have funds available for weed control. Mr. Saint to follow up.
    - 3. OLRTAC recommended that GLMRD receive professional consulting before moving forward with weed control.
  - iii. Town of Hot Sulphur Springs: Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement (Attachment #5)
    - 1. Committed funds from other sources: OLRT for property acquisition, HTA (trail assessment/flagging), Grand County and Hot Sulphur Springs (parking lot and IGA development), Hot Sulphur Springs (trail reroute and noxious weed spray).
    - 2. Will apply in for CPW State Trails in the fall. CPW State Trail funds will be used for new construction while OLRT funds will be used for trail maintenance.
  - iv. HTA: BLM Projects 2022 (Attachment #6)
    - 1. Spring 2021 grant was awarded for work on trails at Wolford. Per the MOU, the final grant report is due within 30 days of project completion or 4/13/2022. This final report is mandatory to ensure eligibility to receive future funding. OLRTAC requests a final grant report or request for extension on the Spring 2021 Wolford grant by the April 7 meeting before a recommendation is made to BOCC.

2. Education and outreach are needed in regard to motorized use including e-bikes. New trailhead with kiosk and signage can help address this.
  3. Wolford may be a recurring ask until BLM conducts an Environmental Assessment in the area.
- v. HTA: AAT Program and Youth Corps (Attachment #7)
    1. BLM will add Phases area into AAT program and Town of Fraser will add trails into AAT program.
    2. Youth Corps element added to AAT grant this year. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will have a Grand County specific Youth Corps from Middle Park and West Grand high schools.
  - vi. HTA: Challenger/Discovery Loop Trail Maintenance (Attachment #8)
    1. One of three adaptive trails in Grand County.
  - vii. HTA: Jim Creek Phase II 2022 (Attachment #9)
    1. OLRTAC requests a final grant report or request for extension on the Spring 2021 Jim Creek grant by the April 7 meeting before a recommendation is made to BOCC.
  - viii. HTA: National Public Lands Day 2022 (Attachment #10)
    1. OLRTAC requests a final grant report or request for extension on the Spring 2021 NPLD grant by the April 7 meeting before a recommendation is made to BOCC.
    2. Municipalities will be invited to participate in NPLD.
    3. USFS has funds available for recreation that can be given to partners. There is a promise of support with the amount unknown.
  - ix. HTA: Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing 2022 (Attachment #11)
    1. OLRTAC requests a final grant report or request for extension on the Spring 2021 Pinball grant by the April 7 meeting a recommendation is made to BOCC.
    2. CPW State Trails for \$100k will be submitted in September. This will be the third and last State Trails ask for Trail Smart Sizing.
    3. TSS started with 38 separate trail treatments and there are 5 trails left. One trail left is the possibility of reopening of Rogers Pass Loop, with required public comment period.
- C. Spring 2020: Granby Highland Trails Conservation Easement request for extension (Attachment #12)
- i. This letter asks for an extension to complete the final report by 3/14/2023 and CHLT will update OLRTAC by 9/16/2022.

- ii. *Ms. Goodman makes a motion to grant the request for extension to Colorado Headwaters Land Trust for Granby Highlands Trails Conservation Easement, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimous.*

D. Other topics

- i. OLRT did a ¼ page ad in the Grand County Trail Guide last year for a total cost of \$299. Is this something we want to do this year?
  - 1. *Ms. Thompson makes a motion to design and purchase a quarter page ad in the Grand County Trail Guide, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

VI. Next meetings and important dates

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- B. April 7, 2022 @ 3pm: OLRTAC meeting
  - i. Colorado Water Trust presentation with BOCC and CHLT invited.
- C. April 19, 2022 @ 9am: Spring 2022 recommendations to BOCC

VII. Adjournment at 5:00pm. *Mr. Saint makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*