

**Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**September 29, 2022 at 3:00pm**

BOCC Boardroom, Grand County Courthouse  
308 Byers Ave., Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2022 (Attachment #1)
- IV. Financial report – July 31, 2022 (Attachment #2)
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Fall 2022 – Trail grant applications
    - i. Town of Winter Park – Vasquez Creek Improvements (Attachment #3)
    - ii. Headwaters Trails Alliance – Fraser to Granby II (Attachment #4)
    - iii. HTA – Idlewild (Attachment #5)
    - iv. HTA – Phases 2023 (Attachment #6)
    - v. HTA – Rollins Kiosk (Attachment #7)
    - vi. HTA – Trail Smart Sizing 2023 (Attachment #8)
    - vii. HTA – Winter Trail Grooming (Attachment #9)
    - viii. Grand Lake Trailgroomers – Grand Lake Winter Trails (Attachment #10)
  - B. Fall 2022 – Open Lands & Rivers grant applications
    - i. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust – Legacy Park Ranch Conservation Easement (Attachment #11)
  - C. Term limits – change start of term from March to January? (Attachment #12)
  - D. Current project updates
    - i. CHLT – Granby Highlands Trails update letter (Attachment #13)
    - ii. Grand County – Colorado River Connectivity Channel
- VI. Other topics
- VII. Next meetings and important dates
  - A. October 5, 2022: Grant ranking scores due
  - B. October 6, 3-5pm: OLRTAC meeting @ Hot Sulphur Springs TOWN HALL
  - C. October 18, 2022 @ 11:30am: Present Fall 2021 recommendations to BOCC
- VIII. Adjournment

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Committee Members Present:

Paul Bruchez	District 2 Rep
Mike Crosby	Hot Sulphur Springs Rep
Joanna Goodman	Winter Park Rep
Maura McKnight	Fraser Rep
Jeff Miller	Kremmling Rep
Bob Saint	Granby Rep
Cindy Southway	Grand Lake Rep
Stacy Starr	District 1 Rep
Wendy Thompson	District 3 Rep

Others Present:

Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC, Administrator  
Lauren Huber, new Granby rep  
Jeremy Krones, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust  
Meara McQuain, Headwaters Trails Alliance  
Laurie Pope, new Kremmling rep  
Caoilfhionn Schwab, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust  
George Sharpe, new Winter Park rep  
Gerry Vernon, Town of Winter Park

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - A. None reported.
- III. *Ms. Starr made a motion to approve the April 7, 2022 meeting minutes (Attachment #1) seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- IV. Financial report – July 31, 2022 (Attachment #2)
  - A. Funding available for open lands/rivers projects - \$4,941,414.87
  - B. Funding available for trails - \$271,172.69
  - C. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to approve the financials as presented, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Fall 2022 – trail grant applications
    - i. Town of Winter Park – Vasquez Creek Improvements (Attachment #3)

1. \$98,996.68 requested for trail maintenance costs in all six project areas for demolition, tree removal and protection, vegetation removal, erosion control, grading, installation of crusher fines to define the trail, and weed control. OLRT funding is also requested for design and administration costs (10%) in all six areas.
  2. New trail construction is being funded by other entities (Town of Winter Park and Windy Gap Environmental Fund).
  3. If funded, OLRTAC wants signage that recognizes OLRT funding and educates about social trails. Town of Winter Park should also look into in-kind rock donations from developers.
  4. Anna will get a more detailed budget from Town of Winter Park prior to the October 6 meeting.
- ii. Headwaters Trails Alliance – Fraser to Granby II (Attachment #4)
    1. Continuation from previous work on Fraser to Granby Trail.
    2. Reroute of the sections that are too trenched to fix and maintenance on the other trail sections.
    3. The maintenance work would make the entire Fraser to Granby Trail family friendly and the same difficulty.
  - iii. HTA – Idlewild (Attachment #5)
    1. Not included in Trail Smart Sizing.
    2. Maintenance work will mitigate trail widening due to trenching.
  - iv. HTA – Phases 2023 (Attachment #6) & Trail Smart Sizing 2023 (Attachment #8)
    1. Both projects are almost complete!
    2. Requested funds from CPW State Trails are for new trail construction.
    3. Maintenance work on: Phase 0.5, Upper Ridge Runner, Chickadee, and Pinball Ridge (TSS).
    4. HTA has seen a drastic decrease in user created trails. HTA quantified decommissioning work since 2017 and 29.6 miles of social trails have been actively or passively (i.e., derecho) removed.
  - v. HTA – Rollins Kiosk (Attachment #7)
    1. An update to the existing kiosk at Rollins Pass.
    2. Maps will be updated, and new information added (i.e., Leave No Trace).
  - vi. HTA – Winter Trail Grooming (Attachment #9)

1. New grooming to occur in Pioneer Park in Hot Sulphur Springs and potentially Granby Trails. HTA is currently working with Town of Granby to see if they can improve their grooming program.
  - vii. Grand Lake Trailgroomers – Grand Lake Winter Trails (Attachment #10)
    1. \$85,000 in requested funds from other sources includes \$5,000 from Grand County BOCC.
- B. Fall 2022 – Open Lands & Rivers grant applications
- i. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust – Legacy Park Ranch Conservation Easement (Attachment #11)
    1. Building envelopes will be placed around the stables and historic buildings to maintain the buildings if needed.
    2. HOA is donating the value of the conservation easement.
    3. There are 128+/- lots and most are already developed. For sale and undeveloped lots can still be sold and developed.
    4. It is up to the HOA to allow or deny public access.
    5. The property is close to Ouray Ranch conservation easement and borders Morales Farms and Zook Farm conservation easements.
    6. 20 shares of Vail Ditch water rights will be encumbered in the deed of conservation easement.
    7. **Jeremy** will provide a map of just the conserved area.
- C. Term limits
- i. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to have term limits for all committee members start in January instead of March, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- D. Current project updates
- i. CHLT – Granby Highlands Trails update letter (Attachment #13)
    1. CHLT received \$400,000 from CPW Habitat Partnership Program and is currently preparing an updated appraisal. CHLT submitted a grant to Gates Family Foundation for \$75,000. CHLT will start a public campaign to raise funds from corporations and individuals as they are \$300,000 short in funding.
  - ii. Grand County – Colorado River Connectivity Channel
    1. \$1,000,000 was awarded and Grand County just requested the first \$250,000 to be dispersed for the project. The remaining funds will be dispersed in \$250,000 intervals.
    2. Construction has started and is ongoing.
    3. Total project cost of \$28M.

E. Other topics

- i. Anna will schedule a meeting with Grand County legal counsel regarding what the Advisory Committee can and cannot do regarding public education of the OLRT fund.
- ii. Discussed the specifics of the Windy Gap Environmental Fund.

VI. Next meetings and important dates

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VII. Adjournment at 4:41pm. *Mr. Saint makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*