

Mid Valley Trails Committee Agenda

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07-18-2024

7:30am- 9:30am

RFTA Office – 1340 Main Street, Carbondale, CO 81623 or WebEx

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INVITED ATTENDEES

In Attendance

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| • George Trantow – MVTC Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Phillip Ring – MVTC Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Alan Lu – MVTC Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Perry Kleespies – MVTC Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Katie Stookesberry Ralston –MVTC Member | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Temple Glassier – MVTC Project Manger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Rebecca Schild – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Jack Douglas – Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Mike Pritchard – Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Karin Offield – Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Michelle Thibeault – Town of Basalt Planning Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Angela Henderson – RFTA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Brett Meredith – RFTA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Abbey Pascoe – RFTA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

AGENDA

1. Review and approval of **May** Meeting Minutes
 - a. **Phillip made motion to approve, Perry seconded. Minutes approved.**
2. Committee Updates
 - a. E-bike support letter signed and sent
 - i. **Temple confirmed letter was mailed out.**
3. RFTA Updates
 - a. Meeting with Eagle County to discuss MVTC oversight
 - i. **Angela provided information on changes in Leadership at RFTA. Current COO, Kurt Ravenschlag will be taking over as CEO in September. She has gotten him up to speed on MVTC and is working on scheduling a meeting**

with Eagle County to discuss oversight. Once that meeting is held, Kurt will attend one of the Committee meetings to meet everyone and answer questions as needed.

- ii. Angela added, we have not seen any invoices for any of the ongoing projects for this year. We need a status update on where those projects are and when we can expect to see the invoices for them. RFTA needs to notify Finance on if there will be any savings this year, or of the Committee will expend all of our funds.

- 1. Phillip asked Temple if she had any invoices yet, Temple advised she did not and the Partnerships will need to send in their requests for the annual contributions as well as specific project invoices.
- 2. Mike from RFMBA advised he submitted an invoice to Temple, George and Phillip. Angela advised Mike to include maps and timesheets with the invoice, RFTA needs all of the back up documentation to process for payment. Mike advised he used same process as last year and he will resend the invoice accordingly.

- b. Asphalt Project Underway, Phase 3 Wildlife Closure July 8 to August 8
- c. Roaring Fork Bridge Project- Team is mobilizing and trail closure to begin July 15th, 2024 through January 2025. [Attachment A](#)

4. Updates from Temple Glassier

- a. Status Update Monthly Work Plan Projects [Attachment B](#)
- b. Temple provided follow up on an item from last month. The Stage Trail was not reflected on the MVTC Plan on the RFTA website. RFTA has the Summary document posted on the website, not the full Mid Valley Trails Plan. Abbey will get this corrected on our website.
- c. Phillip will work with George on the Valley to Basalt Mountain Trail Scope.
- d. Facebook Page-
 - i. Temple does not have access to this anymore, Abbey will reach out to Facebook on getting the page removed and starting a new one, or updating the information.

5. Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association, Mike Pritchard

- a. Project Updates
 - i. Crown Royale Update and Map-[Attachment C](#)
 - 1. Trail should be opened in August, middle segment construction is still ongoing, two out of the three subsegments are complete. Contractor advised Mike they have 14-15 work days left and they are working weekends.

2. Had cow damage during construction, grazing period was done at the start of July and repairs are being made. Wayfinding signage is now in place, looking forward to opening trail to the public in early August.
 3. Quickly becoming a local's favorite, they have received very nice comments and reviews about the trail. Mike added a lot of people are riding to the top to access the trail and it is hitting one of their aims to get people out and riding trails.
 4. Phillip asked if there any concerns with people shuttling to the top of the Crown. Mike advised the BLM road network is open and there may not be a lot of control with that. There are already people shuttling and using those roads for other activities. Due to the length of the drive, he does not think it will become overly popular to shuttle with your bike.
 5. Angela asked if they are seeing any issues with e-bikes as RFTA is receiving a variety of complaints about them on the RGT. Perry advised on the Crown he hasn't seen any increase in e-bikes. Phillip added the concerns are more with the novice users rather than the experienced ones who purchase the e-mountain bikes and it is going to become a long-term challenge to manage. Angela added the difficulty with not allowing e-bikes is that they are allowing an older group of people to get back on their bikes and broadening the user group.
 6. Concerns were raised about people shortcutting the lower section of Crown Royale Trail, potentially causing erosion issues. Mike responded that he doesn't think it will be a full erosion problem, it doesn't hold water and they can fix it with rock armor if it starts to become one.
- ii. Buck Down Trail Build Update and Map-[Attachment D](#)
 1. Two more volunteer dates and they will likely have to announce one or two more towards the end of August. This 1 mile of new trail will reduce traffic and create a safer situation on the busy parallel two-way Buck Horn Trail.
- b. Programs Update
- i. Seasonal Trail Crew
 1. Working on BLM and White River National Forest Trails, cutting back quarter growth, improving tread and drainage as well as clearing out fallen trees. They've done a lot of work on Basalt Mountain.
 2. Working on Mill Creek and Ditch Trail Lower Down in partnership with the Forest Service Trail Crew.
 3. Mike will have a more detailed report on the hours they've been spending on these trails next month.

6. Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council, Karin Offield
 - a. Follow-up and wrap-up of RFVHC Horse Health Educational Event #2 First Aid Trail Riding - What to do on the trail, or at the farm after an accident before the vet can arrive.
 - i. Last event was in June, it was successful and the next one is coming up in August.
 - b. TSPP Update - Please Stop - Why we built the Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP) Stop! Speak and Stand Back- Attachment E
 - c. Confirmation for 2025 MVTC projects with funding from RMYC & CYC
 - i. Light Hill
 - ii. Crown Mountain
 - d. DNR Michigan - UPDATE -Attachment F
 - e. Update on the Crown and work on the Crown Jewel Trail
 - i. Improved Equestrian trail
 - ii. Hoping to get a map out of this work, Crown Jewel Trail is not identified on RFMBA maps
 - f. Update on the Light Hill Trail
 - i. Put off for NEPA and erosion problem
 - g. Nancy's Path Update
 - i. Work session in September
 - h. Provided comment on rock armoring: causes issues to the right and left of the armoring and the dangers it can cause to the neighbors on the right and left.
7. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, Rebecca Schild
 - a. Nancy's Path Update
 - i. 26 volunteers and staff out in May to clear corridor on the trail so the machine could go in this summer.
 - ii. Sept 14th project will be wrap up from machine activities.
 - iii. Told by Pitkin County that trail is a priority to maintain and keep as sustainable as possible, there is no alternative in the current management plan.
 - b. Recap work completed in Mid-Valley
 - i. Completed 100 hours on Light Hill
 - ii. Light Hill to Emma Connection RFOV is happy to work on this if approval is given.
 1. Karin asked if this is an important enough area that this could be considered as a community project with BLM? Is this something that would stand out as a community asset with the connection to the school yard? How strong is caucus in this area to protect this from more use because of the wildlife?
 2. Rebecca advised she cannot be the sole person to weigh in on the importance of the project. They have a selection community to

review proposal and weigh in on the community value and prioritize the projects.

- iii. Working on Arbaney Kittle Trail
- iv. Working with Town to complete various projects.
 - 1. November will be a wildfire mitigation demonstration with the Town and Eagle County.

c. 2025 Project RFP-Attachment G

- i. Discuss Priorities for committee next year- Attachment
 - 1. Alan advised he spoke with Kristin the Director of Roaring Fork Cycling to work on improvements at Crown Mountain Park. May be a good option to partner on this project for the community.
- ii. Phillip circled back to Nancy's Path and asked if there is a reason there isn't any signage or parking for the Nancy's Path Trailhead. Karin advised the parking lot is so small they've been concerned about the signage and it is being worked on. Rebecca advised she doesn't know about the signage. It was explained to her PCOST is able to focus more on Nancy's Path now that higher priority projects have been completed. Karin will send the exact directions to Abbey and she will forward on to committee. He broached the question on if this is something the committee should be addressing. Abbey will add it the agenda for next month.
- d. Rebecca asked about funding for 2025, is August the timeline for submitting items? Angela advised our timeline has moved back to May, however, with the new CEO coming in this Committee has until August.
- e. Rebecca asked to revisit the Adopt-A-Trail program with RFTA for the RGT. Angela advised we would check with Brett and have him reach out to her.

8. Town of Basalt POST, Michelle Thibeault

- a. Town of Basalt 1st Bike-to-Work Day a success!
 - i. Will continue each year
- b. Willits Lane Connectivity Plan & Wayfinding Signage project Update
 - i. Still in design process
 - ii. Scheduling next step open house meetings for August
- c. Parcel 2E Request for Proposals (Willits Lane & Lewis Lane 2.5 ac parcel)
 - i. 10 Proposal came in for Affordable Housing and community space project
 - ii. Anticipate opportunity to connect to trails in the community
- d. The CDOT parcel at Willits Lane and Highway 82
 - i. Would provide access to the river to build a boat ramp to move commercial boat activity away from Durox Park
- e. Confluence Park Temporary Improvements for connection pedestrians to the school intersection. Final plan in 2025 will include permanent bike lanes, still in conceptual design but will provide plans as they move forward.
- f. In August, should have the 2025 Town Work Plan to provide. Their focus is on pedestrian and bike connections.

9. Items to Discuss Next Meeting

- a. Crown Mountain Park Discussion
- b. Signage and Trailhead discussion for Hooks/Glassier on Nancy's Path

10. Open Discussion

11. Meeting Adjourns **8:34am.**