

## **RESOLUTION 2020-39**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE NORTH FRUITA DESERT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita along with the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and several local businesses, funded and completed in 2018 a Master Plan for the North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area on BLM lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Fruita Desert Master Plan identifies over 25 miles of new trail and trail re-routes: and

**WHEREAS**, the next steps to constructing the new trail and trail re-routes are to conduct environmental work along the trail corridors, including cultural and paleo studies: and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant funded Cultural and Paleontological studies in 2019 and the City of Fruita currently has an Request for Proposal out to secure a surveyor to conduct those studies: and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant Application for the development of a biological studies at the North Fruita Desert Special Recreation Management Area on BLM lands; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Fruita Desert attracts thousands of visitors a year to the Fruita and greater Grand Valley communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita recognizes that trail and trail development are important to the continued sustainability of the local economy by attracting visitors to the area; and

**WHEREAS**, developing trail is an effort to become the trails capital of the world, identified as a goal in 2014 by City Council: and

**WHEREAS**, providing connectivity of trails inside and outside the city is critical; and

**WHEREAS**, trail connectivity to the North Fruita Desert is identified in the 2009 City of Fruita's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Land Management has pledged \$9,000 in in-kind match to be used as grant match in conjunction with funds allocated by the City of Fruita, and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA) has pledged \$3,000 (cash) to be used as grant match in conjunction with funds allocated by the City of Fruita, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita has pledged \$3,000 to be used a grant match and is requesting \$45,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife through the State Trails Program, to fund the development of the NFD Trails Master Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA COUNCIL THAT:**

**Section 1:** The City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the application and is budgeting in 2021 matching funds for a grant with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, State Trail Program.

**Section 2:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the completion of the project.

**Section 3:** The City Council of the City of Fruita authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.

**Section 4:** If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

**Section 5:** This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA,  
COLORADO THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

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Margaret Sell, City Clerk

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Joel Kincaid, Mayor