

RESOLUTION 2023-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE NON-MOTORIZED PLANNING GRANT FOR THE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE MACK RIDGE AREA OF THE KOKOPELLI TRAIL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita along with the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association, Mesa County and several local businesses, completed a trail proposal put forth by local trail users in the business community, which was well received but needs further analysis through a more formal planning process ideally supported by CPW.

WHEREAS, the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System will discuss broader improvements to the system around maintenance, reroutes, sustainability, conservation, resource protection, infrastructure improvements, connectivity, adaptive usage; and

WHEREAS, the next steps to construct the new trail and trail re-routes are to conduct environmental work along the trail corridors, including cultural and paleontological studies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita supports the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Non-Motorized Planning Grant Application for the development of a Master Plan at the Mack Ridge Area of the Kokopelli Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System 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 and trail maintenance 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 Mack Ridge area of the Kokopelli Trail System is identified in the City of Fruita's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita has pledged \$10,000 cash match and \$3,000 in kind as project management for the development of a master plan in the Mack Ridge area of Kokopelli Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita and its partners are requesting \$45,000 from Colorado Parks and Wildlife through the State Trails Program for a total project cost of \$60,000 to fund the development of a Master Plan in the Mack Ridge area of Kokopelli Trail System.

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 2024 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 FRUITA CITY COUNCIL
THIS 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.**

ATTEST:

City of Fruita

City Clerk

Joel Kincaid, Mayor