



2026 Recreational Trails Program Projects Selected for Funding – Public Comment

The Recreational Trails Program has selected 35 projects to receive funding for the 2026 Grant Cycle, for a total of \$1,501,595.16. This document contains a summary list of all selected projects. This document contains a brief project overview and MEPA review form for each project. Public Comment on the 2026 Grant Cycle is open until **Tuesday, April 28th 5:00 PM MT**. Comments may be emailed to FWPFACB@MT.GOV

Pursuant to § 23-2-657(1)(b), MCA, the process for awarding a grant is subject to environmental review according to the applicable requirements of the Montana Environmental Protection Act (MEPA). Each of the recommended RTP projects included supplemental environmental review documents within its application to aid in the review process. Projects were categorized to have either Routine Resource Impacts (e.g., clearing of an existing trail corridor) or Unique Resource Impacts (e.g., construction of new trailhead facilities). projects that were categorized as Unique Resource Impacts were reviewed using an extensive checklist review form which was then transferred to a standardized environmental analysis form for the purposes of the public comment period.

Organization Name	Project Title	Funding Amount	Environmental Review Type
Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation	Facilitating Employment and Trail Maintenance in Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.	\$47,000.00	Routine
Beaverhead Trails Coalition	Mountain Bike Skills Course	\$50,000.00	Unique
Billings TrailNet	Restore and Revitalize Amend Park Multiuse Path	\$60,000.00	Routine
Bitter Root Land Trust, Inc.	Building the All-Abilities Loop Trail and Trailhead Amenities for community access at Groff Family Park in Victor, MT.	\$100,000.00	Unique
Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists	Lick Creek Trail System Improvement	\$15,000.00	Routine
Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	BRR Snowmobile Trail Grooming	\$40,000.00	Routine
BLM Miles City Field Office	Glendive Short Pines OHV Shade Structure	\$100,000.00	Unique
Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation	Volunteer Trail Stewardship Across the BMWC	\$40,000.00	Routine
Continental Divide Trail Coalition	Montana Continental Divide Trail Volunteer Maintenance and Stewardship Projects	\$15,000.00	Routine

Flathead Area Mountain Bikers, Inc.	Flathead National Forest Focused Recreation Trails Project	\$20,000.00	Unique
Flathead Cycle Riders	Tally Lake Ranger District Motorcycle Trail Maintenance and Improvements	\$25,000.00	Routine
Flathead Snowmobile Association	2026 FSA Winter Recreation Trail Grooming and Maintenance	\$92,400.00	Routine
Foy's to Blacktail Trails Inc.	FTBT Trail Maintenance - Emmons Saddle North to Chase Overlook	\$15,000.00	Routine
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Bikefill Community Bike Park	\$62,000.00	Unique
Glacier Nordic Club	Big Mountain Trail Grooming and Maintenance Project 2026	\$30,000.00	Routine
Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association	GFTBRA Trail Sawyer Motorized Trail Maintenance on the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest - RTP 2026	\$35,000.00	Routine
Great Falls, City of - Parks Department	Trail Maintenance Equipment Acquisition, Rivers Edge Trail	\$36,734.16	N/A
Highlands Cycling Club	Big Butte Open Space Park Trail Initiative	\$50,000.00	Unique
Kings Hill Grooming Association	Snowmobile Trail Grooming Kings Hill area, the West half of Little Belt Mountains.	\$57,970.00	Routine
Malta Trails Inc.	Trafton Trailhead 2027 TT'27	\$54,491.00	Unique
Mile High Nordic Ski Education Foundation	Grooming Equipment for Three XC Ski Areas - Two Rural & One Urban, Southwest Montana	\$15,000.00	Routine
Missoula Snowgoers Snowmobile Association	2026 MSSA Lolo Pass Area Winter Recreation Trail Grooming and Maintenance	\$18,000.00	Routine
Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association	MTVRA Mechanized Trail Maintenance BLM emphasis with USFS supplement - RTP 2026	\$25,000.00	Routine
Piikani Lodge Health Institute	PLHI community trails	\$62,000.00	Unique
Scenic Montana Trails	Seeley Lake Trail System	\$62,000.00	Unique
Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation	2027 Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Volunteer Trail Clearing and Maintenance	\$40,000.00	Routine

Silver Crest Trails Association	Silver Crest Trail Corridor Restoration Project	\$44,000.00	Routine
The Dirt Concern DBA Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association	Bridger Bowl Crosscut Trails Project-Phase II	\$37,000.00	Unique
Three Forks, City of	Headwaters Trail System Maintenance on the Pond to River Section	\$37,000.00	Routine
USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Bozeman Ranger District	Lee Metcalf Wilderness Access Trails Rehabilitation	\$17,000.00	Routine
USFS-Flathead Avalanche Center	Avalanche Forecasting and Education for Winter Trail users	\$22,500.00	N/A
USFS-Gallatin National Forest-Avalanche Center	Saving Lives through avalanche forecasting 2026	\$22,500.00	N/A
West Central Montana Avalanche Foundation	Avalanche Information and Education	\$35,000.00	N/A
West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce	Snowmobile trail grooming on trails radiating from West Yellowstone, Montana	\$94,000.00	Routine
Whitefish Legacy Partners	The Whitefish Trail - Front-Country Community Trails Connection	\$25,000.00	Routine



2026 Environmental Analysis Review Form

Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs

Review of Routine Impact Projects

Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation
- Proposed Project Name:** Facilitating Employment and Trail Maintenance in Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness
- Project Summary:** To fund the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation for the 2026 Volunteer Trail Stewardship project. This award funds volunteer trail maintenance projects for in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness.
- Project Location:** Carbon | Park | Stillwater | Sweet Grass

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Work will take place on designated Wilderness, group will adhere to all regulations in the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Area including limits on motorized equipment, party size, and use of only primitive hand-power tools

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Billings TrailNet

Proposed Project Name: Restore and Revitalize Amend Park Multiuse Path

Project Summary: To fund Billings TrailNet to Restore and Revitalize the Amend Park Multiuse Path.

Project Location: Yellowstone

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists
Proposed Project Name: Lick Creek Trail System Improvements
Project Summary: To fund the Backcountry Cyclist to construct punchon bridges along Chuck's Trail in the Bitterroot National Forest.
Project Location: Ravalli

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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FWP Notes:

Maintenance activities proposed in this location are consistent with the forest plan and national forest policy

EA Review

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club
Proposed Project Name: BRR Snowmobile Trail Grooming
Project Summary: To fund the Bitterroot Ridge Runner Snowmobile Club to groom 82 miles of snowmobile trails in the Sapphire and Bitterroot Mountains
Project Location: Beaverhead | Ravalli

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation
- Proposed Project Name:** Volunteer Trail Projects in the BMWC
- Project Summary:** To fund the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation for the volunteer stewardship projects in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. This award funds volunteer trail maintenance and user impact mitigation.
- Project Location:** Chouteau | Flathead | Glacier | Lake | Lewis and Clark | Missoula | Powell | Teton

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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FWP Notes:

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EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Continental Divide Trail Coalition
- Proposed Project Name:** Trail Maintenance Projects Along Montana's Continental Divide Trail
- Project Summary:** To fund the Continental Divide Trail Coalition for 3 volunteer CDT trail maintenance projects in the Helena Lewis and Clark National Forest and Beaverhead National Forest.
- Project Location:** Deer Lodge | Lewis and Clark | Teton

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Flathead Cycle Riders

Proposed Project Name: Tally Lake Ranger District Motorcycle Trail Maintenance and Improvements

Project Summary: To fund the Flathead Cycle Riders to make progress on deferred maintenance and needed trail repairs for motorized trails in the Flathead National Forest, Tally Lake Ranger District.

Project Location: Flathead

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Flathead Snowmobile Association

Proposed Project Name: 2026 Flathead Winter Recreation Trail Grooming and Maintenance

Project Summary: To fund the Flathead Snowmobile Association for the Flathead Area Snowmobile Trail Grooming and Equipment Maintenance project. This award funds the grooming of 180 miles of trails for winter recreation activities.

Project Location: Flathead

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Federally listed species exist within the area, however, work aligns with the Flathead NF Management Plan and shows no significant impact as determined in the plan

EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Foy's to Blacktail Trails Inc.
Proposed Project Name: FTBT Trail Maintenance Project
Project Summary: To fund the Foy's to Blacktail Trails Inc. to provide trail maintenance to the FTBT Trail/FTBT USFS #185 Trail.
Project Location: Flathead

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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FWP Notes:

Proper permits and clearances were given for the installation of the original trail in 2017. For forest service land, a "Decision Notice & Finding of No Significant Impact" was issued in July 2012 for the Island Unit of the Swan Ranger District, Flathead

EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Glacier Nordic Club

Proposed Project Name: Big Mountain Trail Grooming and Maintenance Project 2026

Project Summary: To fund the Glacier Nordic Club for the Big Mountain Nordic Trail Grooming project. This award funds the grooming and maintenance on 26 km of the multi-use Big Mountain Nordic Trails near Whitefish, MT.

Project Location: Flathead

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Glacier Nordic Club operates under leases/agreements with Private, Municipal, and DNRC landowners.

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association
- Proposed Project Name:** Helena Lewis & Clark National Forest trail maintenance
- Project Summary:** To fund the Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association for Trail Stewards clearing & maintaining 400 miles of trails in the Little Belts, Castle, Highwood Mountains.
- Project Location:** Cascade | Chouteau | Fergus | Judith Basin | Lewis and Clark | Meagher | Wheatland

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

The Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association will operate under a Challenge Cost-share agreement with the USFS and ensure that maintenance activities proposed in this location are consistent with the forest plan and national forest policy.

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Great Falls, City of - Parks Department

Proposed Project Name: Trail Maintenance Equipment Acquisition, Rivers Edge Trail

Project Summary: To fund the City of Great Falls for the purchase a new Kubota side by side with snow removal and weed mitigation attachments to provide maintenance to the River's Edge Trail.

Project Location: Cascade

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

No Environmental Assessment is needed for projects solely intended for equipment purchases

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Kings Hill Grooming Association

Proposed Project Name: Kings Hill snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance

Project Summary: To fund the Kings Hill Grooming Association for the Kings Hill Snowmobile Trail Grooming and Trail Maintenance project. This award will fund snowmobile trail grooming of 267 miles and trail maintenance on trails in the Little Belts mountains.

Project Location: Cascade | Judith Basin | Meagher

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Federally listed species exist within the area, however work is aligned with Management Plans and shows no significant impact

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Mile High Nordic Ski Education Foundation
- Proposed Project Name:** Grooming Equipment for Two Rural & One Municipal XC Ski Areas, Southwest Montana
- Project Summary:** To fund the Mile High Nordic Ski Education Foundation for grooming equipment for the Moulton Reservoir, Mount Haggin WMA, and Highland Park Golf Course XC Ski areas.
- Project Location:** Beaverhead | Silver Bow

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Missoula Snowgoers Snowmobile Association

Proposed Project Name: 2026 Lolo Pass Winter Recreation Trail Grooming and Maintenance

Project Summary: To fund the Missoula Snowgoers Snowmobile Association to maintain and groom a 120-mile winter recreation trail network in the Lolo Pass Area.

Project Location: Missoula

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Lolo National Forest has evaluated and approved a travel management plan that included the analysis of potential impacts to T&E and wildlife. - Completed by the Missoula Ranger District

EA Review

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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association
- Proposed Project Name:** MTVRA Mechanized Trail Maintenance BLM emphasis w/ USFS supplement
- Project Summary:** To fund the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association for annual mechanized trail maintenance on 100+ miles of motorized BLM & USFS trails.
- Project Location:** Beaverhead | Cascade | Deer Lodge | Fergus | Gallatin | Granite | Jefferson | Judith Basin | Lewis and Clark | Madison | Meagher | Silver Bow | Sweet Grass | Wheatland | Yellowstone

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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FWP Notes:

Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association will operate under a Challenge Cost-share agreement with the USFS and ensure that maintenance activities proposed in this location are consistent with the forest plan and national forest policy.

EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation

Proposed Project Name: 2027 Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Volunteer Trail Clearing and Maintenance

Project Summary: To fund the Selway Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation to clear and recreational trails on the Bitterroot National Forest.

Project Location: Missoula | Ravalli

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Silver Crest Trails Association

Proposed Project Name: Silver Crest Trail Corridor Restoration Project

Project Summary: To fund the Silver Crest Trails Association for the limbing and thinning of trailside tress along the Silver Crest Nordic Ski Trails for improved grooming and accessibility.

Project Location: Cascade

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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EA Review

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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** Three Forks, City of
- Proposed Project Name:** Pond To River Section Maintenance.
- Project Summary:** To fund the City of Three Forks for crack sealing, trail rehabilitation, and seal coating on the Headwaters Trail System.
- Project Location:** Gallatin

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

All routine maintenance outlined within the proposed project will take place within existing recreational trail corridors. No impacts were identified that would adversely affect the physical environment or human population.

FWP Notes:

Crack Sealing will take place on existing asphalt trail surfaces. The City of Three Forks Floodplain Department will issue the permit before construction begins.

EA Review

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest-Bozeman Ranger District
Proposed Project Name: Lee Metcalf Wilderness Access Trails Rehabilitation
Project Summary: To fund the USFS-Custer Gallatin National Forest Bozeman Ranger District totillize MCC Crews restore tread and corridor on trails in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness area.
Project Location: Madison

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

- Organization Applying for Funds:** USFS-Flathead Avalanche Center
- Proposed Project Name:** Avalanche Forecasting and Education for Winter Trail Users
- Project Summary:** To fund the USFS Flathead Avalanche Center to provide daily avalanche forecasts and regular avalanche safety classes for winter recreationists.
- Project Location:** Flathead | Lake | Lincoln

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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FWP Notes:

No Environmental Assessment is needed for projects solely intended for education and outreach.

EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: USFS-Gallatin National Forest-Avalanche Center

Proposed Project Name: Saving Lives through Avalanche Forecasting

Project Summary: To fund the USFS-Gallatin National Forest-Avalanche Center to provide daily avalanche forecasts for winter recreationist on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Project Location: Gallatin |Madison |Park

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: West Central Montana Avalanche Foundation

Proposed Project Name: Avalanche Information and Education

Project Summary: To fund the West Central Montana Avalanche to provide daily avalanche forecasts and regular avalanche safety classes for winter recreationists.

Project Location: Statewide

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2026 Environmental Analysis Review Form Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs Review of Routine Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

Proposed Project Name: Snowmobile trail grooming on trails radiating from West Yellowstone, Montana

Project Summary: To fund the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce for the Snowmobile Trail Grooming of West Yellowstone, Montana project. This awards fund the daily grooming of 212 miles of designated snowmobile trails.

Project Location: Gallatin

Environmental Form(s) Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: (fill in)	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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EA Review

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EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



Environmental Analysis Review Form Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs

Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Beaverhead Trails Coalition

Proposed Project Name: Mountain Bike Skills Course- Beyond Bike Park

Project Summary: To fund the Beaverhead Trails Coalition for the design & construction of a gravity flow bike skills course at the West Trailhead of the Beaverhead Trails Coalition High Trails System.

Project Location: Beaverhead County, High Trails System- West Trailhead

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Table 1. Potentially Significant Impacts to the Physical Environment

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
	Short-Term	Long-Term	
Resource			
Terrestrial, avian, and aquatic life and habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

HUMAN POPULATION	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
	Short-Term	Long-Term	
Resource			
Social structures and mores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other appropriate social and economic circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 3: Reference: Determining the Significance of Impacts on the Quality of the Physical and Human Environment

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FWP Notes:

The project is located on property owned and managed by the Beaverhead Trails Coalition, allowing BTC to proactively address historic site degradation and incorporate best practices for sustainable trail development. The West Trailhead site was previously used as a cattle feedlot and had significant legacy impacts, including compacted soils, nutrient loading, invasive weeds, and altered drainage patterns. Prior to trail development, BTC undertook major restoration actions to improve environmental conditions and reduce future impacts.

BTC is actively implementing ongoing revegetation and noxious weed mitigation efforts across the West Trailhead property. Disturbed areas are being reseeded with native and adapted plant species to stabilize soils, improve habitat value, and suppress invasive species. Targeted management addresses species such as spotted knapweed and other noxious weeds common to disturbed sites.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

An impact may be adverse, beneficial, or both. If none of the adverse effects of the impact are significant, an EIS is not required. ARM 12.2.431(2).

NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



Environmental Analysis Review Form

Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs

Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds:	Bitter Root Land Trust, Inc.
Proposed Project Name:	All-Abilities Loop Trail and Trailhead Amenities at Groff Family Park.
Project Summary:	To fund the Bitter Root Land Trust, Inc. for the construction of an All-Abilities Loop Trail and Trailhead Amenities for community access in Victor, MT.
Project Location:	Victor MT, land owned by the Bitter Root Land Trust

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

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Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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FWP Notes:

Trail alignments were developed using LiDAR analysis in GIS to follow natural contours and gentle grades, then ground-truthed with a local trail expert and reviewed with professional trail builders to minimize disturbance and ensure sustainability.

Sensitive features—including irrigation ditches, seasonally wet areas, steep slopes, and intact vegetation—will be avoided through careful trail sitting and, where necessary, the use of bridges, boardwalks, or culvert crossings. Trails will be formally designated to discourage informal “social” trails, concentrating use within durable corridors and reducing habitat trampling and erosion. Portions of the property will remain trail-free to provide wildlife refuge.

Wildlife expected on site includes elk, deer, badgers, raptors, songbirds, and small mammals. Educational signage will promote wildlife awareness, staying on designated trails, and responsible recreation. Adaptive management strategies may be implemented if wildlife conflicts or seasonal sensitivities arise.

Erosion control and soil stability will follow contractor recommendations and Forest Service Trail Accessibility Guidelines (FSTAG), incorporating rolling grades, out sloping, grade reversals, and selective armoring. Disturbed soils will be stabilized using native seed mixes, mulch, and biodegradable erosion control materials.

Water quality will be protected by maintaining buffers from irrigation ditches and wetlands, dispersing runoff into vegetated areas, and stabilizing trail surfaces to prevent sediment delivery.

Sustainable design practices include crusher-fine trail surfaces installed over geotextile and base rock, raised 6–12 inches above grade to prevent saturation during spring runoff and high groundwater conditions. Materials will be imported from established sources to avoid additional site disturbance.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: BLM Miles City Field Office

Proposed Project Name: Glendive Short Pines OHV Shade Structure

Project Summary: To fund the BLM Miles City Field Office to purchase materials and construct a shade structure at the Short Pines OHV trailhead for motorized recreational users.

Project Location: Glendive Mt, Short Pines OHV Main Parking Lot

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: BLM Decision Record	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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FWP Notes:

The EA and the FONSI analyzed the selected alternative and found no significant impacts. Implementation of this decision will result in contracting a shade structure to be constructed by a qualified contractor selected by BLM. The shade structure would be installed according to BLM engineering specification and would be located within the existing main gravel parking lot of the Short Pines OHV.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Flathead Area Mountain Bikers, Inc.

Proposed Project Name: Flathead National Forest Focused Recreation Trails Project

Project Summary: To fund the Flathead Area Mountain Bikers for the construction of non-motorized singletrack trails within the Flathead National Forest: the Taylor Hellroaring Project (Tally Lake Ranger District) and the Bug Creek Project (Swan Lake Ranger District).

Project Location: Flathead National Forest - Tally Lake Ranger District / Flathead National Forest - Swan Lake Ranger District

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: USFS 2022 Bug Creek EA, 2026 Bug Creek EA Revalidation USF 2018 Taylor Hellroaring Project EA, USFS 2019 Taylor Hellroaring Final Decision Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

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(c)	Growth-inducing or growth-inhibiting aspects of the impact, including the relationship or contribution of the impact to cumulative impacts
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FWP Notes:

All proposed trail construction is covered by completed U.S. Forest Service Environmental Assessments, Findings of No Significant Impact, and Final Decision Notices (DN) for the TH and BC Projects. RTP funded work will tier and comply to these NEPA decisions. Implementation approval has been issued by the Tally Lake Ranger, referencing the DN, and he is committed to issuing a revalidation prior to contract execution if needed.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

An impact may be adverse, beneficial, or both. If none of the adverse effects of the impact are significant, an EIS is not required. ARM 12.2.431(2).

NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Gallatin Valley Land Trust

Proposed Project Name: Bikefill Community Bike Park

Project Summary: To fund the Gallatin Valley Land Trust for the construction of natural surface trails & bike specific features for all abilities & skills within the new Bikefill park.

Project Location: The proposed project will take place on 66 acres of City of Bozeman property

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: Gallatin Valley Land Trust Bikefill Bike Park, Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment & MT Natural Heritage Program Environmental Summary Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If Potentially Significant Impacts were identified, note in Table 1 and Table 2 in which areas they were identified, for what term, and whether they can be mitigated. (Use the reference on determining significance found in Table 3 during your review.)

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Table 1. Potentially Significant Impacts to the Physical Environment

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Resource			
Terrestrial, avian, and aquatic life and habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

HUMAN POPULATION	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
	Short-Term	Long-Term	
Resource			
Social structures and mores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Table 3: Reference: Determining the Significance of Impacts on the Quality of the Physical and Human Environment

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<p>Criteria Used to Determine Significance. ARM 12.2.431(1).</p>	
(a)	<p>The severity, duration, geographic extent, and frequency of the occurrence of the impact</p> <p>“Severity” describes the density of the potential impact, while “extent” describes the area where the impact will likely occur, e.g., a project may propagate ten noxious weeds on a surface area of 1 square foot. Here, the impact may be high in severity, but over a low extent. In contrast, if ten noxious weeds were distributed over ten acres, there may be low severity over a larger extent.</p> <p>“Duration” describes the time period during which an impact may occur, while “frequency” describes how often the impact may occur, e.g., an operation that uses lights to mine at night may have frequent lighting impacts during one season (duration).</p>
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FWP Notes:

<p>Habitat Protection and Restoration The site has sparse vegetation due to historic soil removal for landfill capping. The project will restore disturbed areas through, planting native grasses, shrubs, and trees to stabilize soils and improve habitat diversity. Riparian zones along Churn Creek will be preserved and provide opportunities for partnerships with local watershed groups to enhance native riparian vegetation to support wildlife and improve water quality.</p> <p>Sustainable Design and Erosion Control Trails will be constructed using best practices for grade reversals, out slope, and drainage to prevent rutting and sedimentation. High-use features such as pump tracks will incorporate durable surfaces like asphalt or compacted gravel fines to reduce erosion and maintenance needs. Alignments will avoid steep grades and sensitive soils, minimizing disturbance and long-term impacts.</p> <p>Water Quality and Wetland Protection Wetlands identified during environmental assessments will be buffered and protected. Elevated crossings will be utilized to maintain natural hydrology and aquatic connectivity when crossings are necessary. Stormwater’s best management practices will prevent sediment from entering Churn Creek.</p> <p>Wildlife-Friendly Practices and Monitoring Construction will avoid critical habitat and seasonal wildlife activity windows. Vegetative cover will be preserved where possible, and monitoring will continue post-construction to identify and mitigate unforeseen impacts. Existing 8 ft chain link fencing will be removed and replaced with wildlife friendly fencing</p> <p>Collaborative Environmental Planning GVLТ and the City of Bozeman have conducted on-site visits and consultations with key organizations, including the Gallatin Watershed Council, Audubon Society, Gallatin Conservation District, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and other resource experts, to review environmental considerations and integrate best practices into design. These partnerships ensure compliance with environmental standards and strengthen stewardship commitments.</p>

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Highlands Cycling Club

Proposed Project Name: Big Butte Open Space Park Trail Initiative

Project Summary: To fund the Highlands Cycling Club for construction of bike-specific trails, trail boundaries for user-conflict mitigation, and wayfinding amenities.

Project Location: City/County of Butte-Silver Bow - western portion of the Big Butte Open Space Park.

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Resource			
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Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

HUMAN POPULATION	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
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Social structures and mores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other appropriate social and economic circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>Criteria Used to Determine Significance. ARM 12.2.431(1).</p>	
(a)	<p>The severity, duration, geographic extent, and frequency of the occurrence of the impact</p> <p>“Severity” describes the density of the potential impact, while “extent” describes the area where the impact will likely occur, e.g., a project may propagate ten noxious weeds on a surface area of 1 square foot. Here, the impact may be high in severity, but over a low extent. In contrast, if ten noxious weeds were distributed over ten acres, there may be low severity over a larger extent.</p> <p>“Duration” describes the time period during which an impact may occur, while “frequency” describes how often the impact may occur, e.g., an operation that uses lights to mine at night may have frequent lighting impacts during one season (duration).</p>
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FWP Notes:

As with any new trail soil and vegetation will have to be disturbed causing some damage to soil, vegetation, and the aesthetics of the area, however, planting of grass seed, landscape friendly building practices, and time will mostly mitigate these impacts. A change in this area may disturb some wildlife species initially, the presence of similar such trails in the areas frequented by wildlife indicates that most, if not all of the wildlife species present acclimate in due time. Because of this the impacts of the proposed action are considered minimal and can be mitigated.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Malta Trails Inc.

Proposed Project Name: Trafton Trailhead 2027

Project Summary: To fund Malta Trails, Inc. for the Preservation/reuse of a historic dormant bridge into a trailhead amenity for the Malta Trail System.

Project Location: City of Malta

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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FWP Notes:

The bridge restoration and new parking lot will have minor impacts on the riparian habitat (riverbanks) when the project uses Best Management Practices that will stop/minimize erosion and then re-vegetate the area to native plants. Impacts on wildlife will be temporary and overall minimal, as the project is a small area of the Milk River. The floodplain will have no to minimal long-term impact with the addition of the floodplain, because the area of the parking lot is 5% or less of all of Trafton Park, and there is more area where water can penetrate back into the ground if a flood event were to occur. Malta trails consulted USFWS, Great West Engineers, and the City of Malta on this project. Malta trails is coordinating with DNRC on obtaining a Floodplain Development Permit. The Montana State Historic Preservation Office has been consulted and that they have determined or agree that it will have No Effect or No Adverse Effect to the bridge.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds:

Proposed Project Name: Piikani Lodge Health Institute

Project Summary:

To fund the Piikani Lodge Health Institute for the construction of a new multi-loop recreational trail system on a recently acquired 633-acre property near the Town of Browning. The system will be designed for year-round community recreation, cultural interpretation, and educational programming.

Project Location: Browning, MT

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other appropriate social and economic circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<p>Criteria Used to Determine Significance. ARM 12.2.431(1).</p>	
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(b)	<p>The probability that the impact will occur if the proposed project occurs; or conversely, reasonable assurance in keeping with the potential severity of an impact that the impact will not occur</p>
(c)	<p>Growth-inducing or growth-inhibiting aspects of the impact, including the relationship or contribution of the impact to cumulative impacts</p>

(d)	The quantity and quality of each environmental resource or value that would be affected, including the uniqueness and fragility of those resources and values
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FWP Notes:

: Proposal construction of a new nonmotorized multi-loop recreational trail system on a recently acquired 633-acre property near the Town of Browning off Durham Road. Trails will be constructed with native soil and compacted gravel, incorporating sustainable drainage, minimal environmental disturbance, and occasional 4x4 maintenance and safety access. Tread widths will accommodate pedestrians, runners, horseback riders, cross-country skiers, and adaptive users. One bridge will span sensitive riparian areas. The subrecipient will work with the Blackfeet environmental Office to obtain an ordinance 117 permit, required for any work in aquatic and riparian lands and wetlands on the Blackfeet Reservation. According to the Montana Natural Heritage Program. Environmental Summary Report indicates that the Grizzly Bears “may be present” based on modeling that 86% of habitat is moderately suitable. No optimal habitat is present. Disturbances to the habitat are deemed to be short term during trail and bridge construction process. The project is anticipated to have No Effect on grizzly bears. FWP has determined there should be no significant environmental impacts nor unusual circumstances associated with the project.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

An impact may be adverse, beneficial, or both. If none of the adverse effects of the impact are significant, an EIS is not required. ARM 12.2.431(2).

NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds: Scenic Montana Trails

Proposed Project Name: Seeley Lake Trail System

Project Summary: To fund Scenic Montana Trails for the constructing of new, multi-use, multi-directional trail as the backbone for the new Seeley Lake Trail System.

Project Location: U.S. Forest Service, Lolo National Forest, Seeley Lake Ranger District.

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: North Seeley Wildland Urban Interface USFS 2025 Decision Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If Potentially Significant Impacts were identified, note in Table 1 and Table 2 in which areas they were identified, for what term, and whether they can be mitigated. (Use the reference on determining significance found in Table 3 during your review.)

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 - Reducing or eliminating an impact over time by preservation and maintenance operations during the life of a project or the time period thereafter that an impact continues.

Table 1. Potentially Significant Impacts to the Physical Environment

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Terrestrial, avian, and aquatic life and habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

HUMAN POPULATION	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
	Short-Term	Long-Term	
Resource			
Social structures and mores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other appropriate social and economic circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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FWP Notes:

The Forest Service completed Biological Assessments for all listed wildlife and aquatic species in the project area and formally consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The project received several “may affect” determinations: it may affect, likely to adversely affect grizzly bear, Canada lynx, and Canada lynx critical habitat, and may affect, not likely to adversely affect bull trout (and its critical habitat) and wolverine; no-effect determinations were made for yellow-billed cuckoo and white bark pine. USFWS ultimately issued a Biological Opinion finding the project not likely to jeopardize grizzly bears or Canada lynx and not likely to destroy or adversely modify Canada lynx critical habitat. The design of the project, particularly road closures, limits on temporary roads, and wildlife-specific protection measures—was found to minimize incidental take. The project is also consistent with the 2023 programmatic biological opinion for grizzly bears, and all required reasonable and prudent measures (RPMs) and terms and conditions were incorporated into the decision. For proposed species (monarch butterfly, Suckley’s cuckoo bumble bee), the project was found not likely to jeopardize, with USFWS concurrence

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds:

Proposed Project Name: The Dirt Concern DBA Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association

Project Summary:

To fund The Dirt Concern DBA Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association for the construction of beginner/intermediate flow mountain bike trails within the existing trail system of Crosscut Mountain.

Project Location:

Crosscut Mountain Sports Center / Gallatin Valley

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER:	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If Potentially Significant Impacts were identified, note in Table 1 and Table 2 in which areas they were identified, for what term, and whether they can be mitigated. (Use the reference on determining significance found in Table 3 during your review.)

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Water quality, quantity, and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Geology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, and energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Table 2: Potentially Significant Impacts to the Human Population

HUMAN POPULATION	Duration of Potentially Significant Impact		Summary of Potential Direct, Secondary, and Cumulative Impacts that are Potentially Significant and Mitigation Measures Identified
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Resource			
Social structures and mores	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cultural uniqueness and diversity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local and state tax base and tax revenues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Human health and safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Demands for government services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other appropriate social and economic circumstances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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FWP Notes:

Within the proposed project area, according to the MTNHP Environmental Summaries Report, the federally listed species identified include Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*), grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*), and white bark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*), all of which are documented or predicted to occur. The landscape offers moderate suitable habitat both Canada lynx and grizzly bear, reflecting the area’s high-elevation forest, subalpine, and montane conditions. White bark pine, appears supported by multiple observations and habitat modeling indicating moderate suitability. The mountain bike trail proposed in this project will be one of many already in-use trails within the private property boundaries of the Crosscut Mountain Sports Center and is anticipated to have No Effect to ESA listed species.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
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EA Review

	Name	Title
EA reviewed by:	Stephanie Clemen	Recreational Trails Program Manager



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Review of Unique Impact Projects

Project Overview

Organization Applying for Funds:	Whitefish Legacy Partners
Proposed Project Name:	The Whitefish Trail - Front-Country Community Trails Connection
Project Summary:	To fund the Whitefish Legacy Partners for the construction of non-motorized, single-track, natural surface as part of a connection from Whitefish Trail in Haskill to Hellroaring Basin on USFS lands.
Project Location:	Winter Sports Incorporated (WSI)(DBA Whitefish Mountain Resort), United States Forest Service: Flathead National Forest (FNF), The Whitefish Trail

Environmental Form Submitted with Application

Environmental Analysis Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
USFS Categorical Exclusion Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: USFS 2019 Taylor Hellroaring Project EA, Tiering Letter, & CatEx for Winter Sports Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
None	<input type="checkbox"/>

Types of Impacts Identified

Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potentially Significant (Proceed to completing Table 1 and Table 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Soil quality, stability, and moisture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vegetation cover, quantity, and quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Air quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Historical and archaeological sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Agricultural or Industrial production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Quantity and distribution of employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Distribution and density of population and housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Industrial, agricultural, and commercial activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Locally adopted environmental plans and goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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FWP Notes:

It was determined that the anticipated effects from the proposed action are limited, both spatially and temporally, when considered in context. The decision found that it “is not likely to significantly affect the human environment or resources within either the more local context (e.g. Forest) or broader context (e.g. National Forest System)”. (Page 12)

The Taylor Hellroaring project design features minimize and avoid adverse impacts to the extent that such impacts are almost undetectable and unmeasurable, even at the local level. During the Whitefish Trail – Front-Country Community Trails Connection project, WLP is committed to avoiding short-term adverse effects as much as possible through implementation of the standards and guidelines in the Forest Plan, best management practices (BMPs), and the project design features.

Recommendation for Further Environmental Analysis

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NO further analysis is needed for the proposed action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Further analysis is needed to complete the EA	<input type="checkbox"/>
FWP must conduct EIS level review for the proposed action	<input type="checkbox"/>

EA Review

	Name	Title
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