

DUCHESNE COUNTY TRAILS COMMITTEE

October 10, 2023, at 734 N. Center Street, Duchesne, UT 84021, in the Commission Chambers, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Attending

TRAILS COMMITTEE Mike Hawley, Roosevelt
 Cheryl Fabrizio, Tabiona-Hanna
 Darwin McKee, Duchesne
 Jared Thancker, Upper Country

OTHERS Jason Blankenagel, Sunrise Engineering
 Ryan Lundstrom, Duchesne County Travel and Tourism
 Mike Gottfredson, Duchesne County.

Minutes

WELCOME

MINUTES The approval of the July 11, 2023, meeting minutes was postponed for the next meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT Mike Hawley reported on the following:

- Velociraptors high school mountain bike team.
- There are 7,000 racers in Utah.
- September 23, 2023 mountain bike event attracted 1,000 racers.
- Asked: how can we serve the local mountain bike community?
 - Ryan Lundstrom suggested Wrinkles Road as an opportunity.
 - Darwin McKee inquired about any Indian Canyon trails.
 - Jason Blakenagel recommended looking at the Trails Master Plan.
 - Mike Gottfredson offered to contact the BLM about possible trails.
 - Mr. Blakenagel asked about the requirements for a big event?
 - Jared Thacker commented on the difference between events and trails close to communities to be used by communities.

STAFF REPORT Mr. Gottfredson reported on the following:

TRAILS WEB APP

<https://portal.duchesnecountygis.org/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2ac21a79a39c431c93628ab9f00a52eb>

SMALL URBAN TRAILS

- Duchesne City Sidewalk Trail Connector: Project on hold pending Duchesne City taking the lead to advance this project.
[County's Role: support](#)
- Roosevelt City Nature Park and Trails: Roosevelt City continues to develop the Nature Park on the north bank of Cottonwood Creek, north of Uintah Basin Medical Center. Park will be a regional trail hub, connecting the City's Cottonwood

Creek Trail into the Park. 1.25 acre pond is being filled. Bridges are now installed. Trails to be paved over next few weeks. ROWs out of the park are being worked on now. Planned opening in Spring 2024.

[County's Role: support and trail development](#)

- Tabiona Centennial Park: Project on hold pending further funding opportunities.

[County's Role: support](#)

NON-URBAN TRAILS

- OHV Projects Outstanding

- Sower's Canyon: County working with the Forest Service to place two "gateway" boulders at either access points of the Sower's Canyon OHV Trail, and post applicable signage. County is currently working with USFS to procure boulders.

[County's Role: equipment and labor](#)

- ATV Trail Equipment for Yellowstone Canyon Trail Widening: County to support trail clearing and widening efforts on the first two miles of the Yellowstone OHV Trail system this summer, led by USFS.

[County's Role: support, equipment, and labor](#)

- Harmston Canyon Connector Trail Environmental Assessment: USFS will begin clearing efforts and construction of a 60-inch OHV trail in 2024.

[County's Role: support, equipment, and labor](#)

- Trail First Aid and Communications Equipment: Communications equipment is procured. First-aid equipment is yet to be purchased. Staff anticipates this project to close by the end of July.

[County's Role: procurement](#)

- Badlands Loop Trail: Staff is working with County Surveyor to send a survey to SITLA so a new access right of way can be procured. The Badlands Trail will add an additional 91-miles of OHV trail to Duchesne County.

[County's Role: ROW maintenance](#)

- OHV Trespass Signage: County to submit grant to post signage along off-highway vehicle trails intersection or oriented towards the boundaries of land designated as tribal trust land throughout Duchesne County. The intent of these signs are to responsibly inform OHV trail users of restrictions the Ute Tribe maintains over all OHV's on tribal sovereign land. If awarded, project to begin in Spring 2024.

[County's Role: sign procurement, posting, and maintenance.](#)

- Bluebell-Sand Wash Reservoir State Park Bike Corridor: Project on hold pending a review by the local recreation district.

[County's Role: support](#)

- The Duchesne Flag Trail: Duchesne County desires to develop a network of trails connecting the Event Center Complex to flagpole set atop a County-owned bluff south of the complex and the Duchesne River. Staff explored possible routes with Commissioner Greg Miles in May and discussed strategies with Mike Hawley in June. A proposed route will be developed in 2024.

County's Role: trail development, equipment, and labor

UDOT TRAILS

- Fruitland OHV Lateral Trail: Staff will submit required paperwork to UDOT for a 2.6 mile right OHV right of way running parallel to US-40 in Fruitland. Staff to submit to UDOT.

County's Role: coordination and processing

- Regional Cycling Active Transportation Corridors: A review of regional cycling corridors correlating with UDOT or County road improvement projects is ongoing.

County's Role: coordination and trail development

ACTION ITEMS No action items were entertained.

DISCUSSION John Titre from the USFS reported on the Harmston Canyon Connector trail, and other projects in the Ashley National Forest.

- Mr. McKee asked if it was possible to develop the old road from Paradise Cliff Lake to Chapeta Lake as an OHV trail.
 - Mr. Titre said he would look into it, and would be happy to go to the old road with Mr. McKee.

Mr. Gottfredson discussed the Utah Trail Network and asked the Committee for their recommendations for candidate projects.

- The Committee recommended the proposed trail connecting Starvation Reservoir to Duchesne City as one project, and a canal trail connecting Altamont to Mountain Home.

NEXT STEPS Mr. Gottfredson announced the next meeting to take place on January 9, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.