

# **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services**

PR&CS Administration, 1401 Recreation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80905



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## **Agenda TOPS Working Committee**

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**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

**7:30 a.m.**

**1401 Recreation Way**

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### **How to call in to the meeting for citizens:**

*Please dial +1 (720) 617-3426 Conference ID: 494 055 957#*

### **How to comment:**

- *For Citizen Discussion concerning items that are not on the agenda please email your comments to [TOPSWorkingCommittee@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:TOPSWorkingCommittee@coloradosprings.gov) in advance of the meeting.*
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### **Agenda Preview**

Committee Chair

### **Announcements**

Staff and Committee

### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee

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### **Citizen Discussion**

Citizens

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### **Action Items**

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### **Presentation Items**

Cheyenne Mountain State Park Update

Jason Hagan

Wild Horse Ranch GOCO Grant

Stephanie Surch/David Deitemeyer

Red Rock Canyon Open Space Project Update

David Deitemeyer

Ethics Training

Young Shin

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### **Citizen Discussion**

Citizens

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### **Adjournment**



**0.1% Trails, Open Space and Parks Tax - TOPS**  
**For Filing Period Ended June 30\***

<u>Month Paid to City</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>% Over(Under) Previous Year</u>
February	681,817	676,078	741,043	828,525	852,776	2.93%
March	616,420	626,138	742,255	824,847	828,661	0.46%
April	814,083	700,611	997,375	1,076,126	1,095,423	1.79%
May	727,369	569,042	898,625	1,017,271	950,536	(6.56%)
June	732,903	708,683	918,895	983,720	1,022,677	3.96%
July	875,596	878,140	1,127,282	1,179,995	1,160,801	(1.63%)
<b>Total (Year-to-Date)</b>	<b>4,448,187</b>	<b>4,158,692</b>	<b>5,425,475</b>	<b>5,910,484</b>	<b>5,910,874</b>	<b>0.01%</b>
<b>Refunds (Year-to-Date)</b>	<b>7,863</b>	<b>35,265</b>	<b>17,974</b>	<b>22,819</b>	<b>41,258</b>	
<b>Net Revenue (Year-to-Date)</b>	<b>4,440,324</b>	<b>4,123,427</b>	<b>5,407,501</b>	<b>5,887,665</b>	<b>5,869,616</b>	

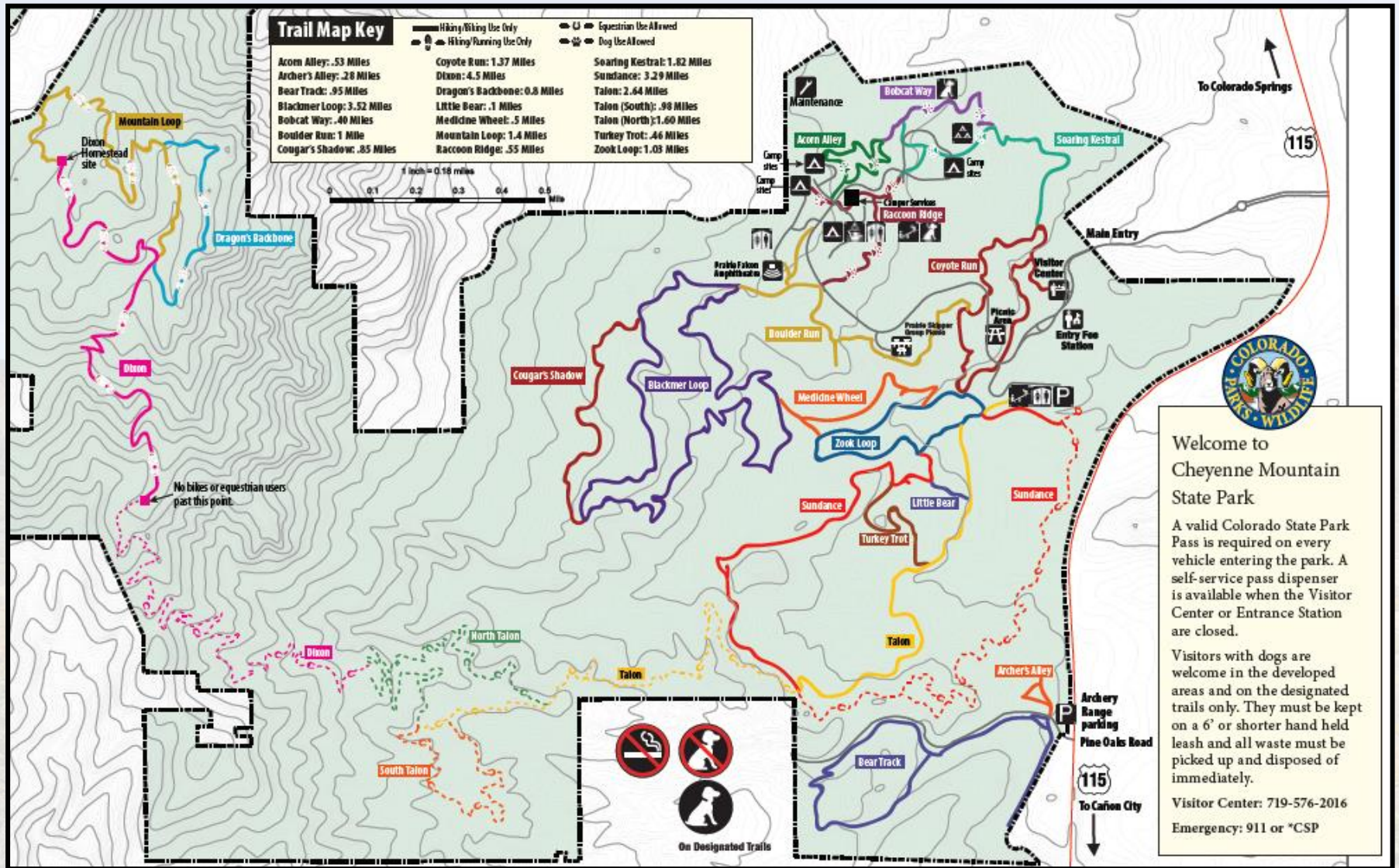
\* Filing period is the month the tax monies are collected by the retailer from their customers

# Cheyenne Mountain State Park



LIVE LIFE  
OUTSIDE

# Park Map



LIVE LIFE OUTSIDE

# Staffing

- 5 Full Time Employees 6-10 Seasonal Employees throughout the year
- Volunteers log 11,000+ hours annually.
  - Trail work/fuel mitigation
  - Educational Programs
  - Visitor Center/Entrance Gate attendants
  - Wildlife Monitoring/Guzzler Refill
  - Archery Range Instructors
  - Friends of CMSP



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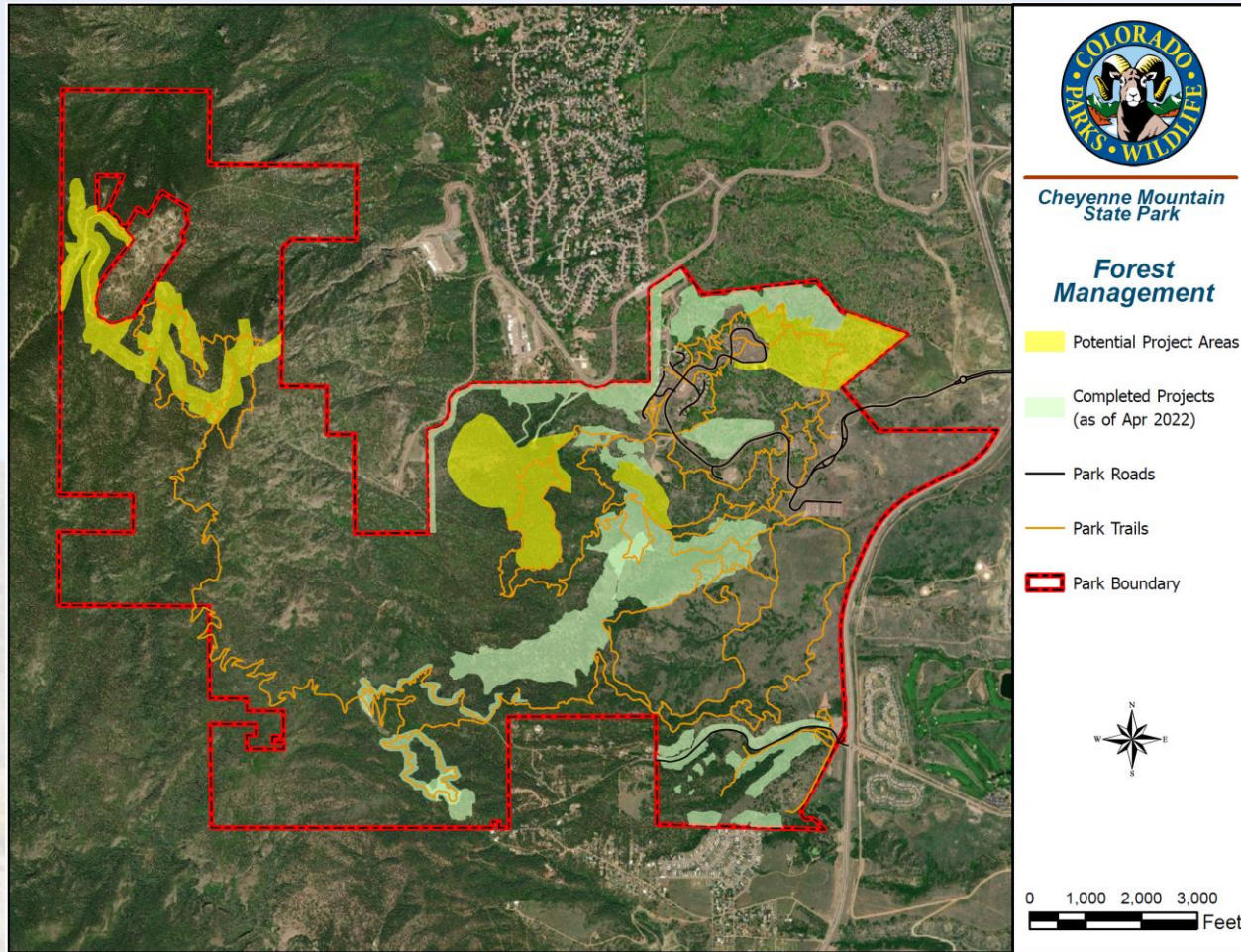
# Visitation and Revenue

- FY 22-23 -- July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
  - Revenue - \$1.4 Million
  - Visitation 190,000



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# Fire Mitigation



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# Group Tent Camping Area



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# Future Campground loop



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# Terrain Hopper Program



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# WILD HORSE RANCH

## TOPS Working Committee Property Overview & GOCO Grant Request Update

Stephanie Surch – Grants Analyst

David Deitemeyer – Senior Landscape Architect

**09/06/23**

Design and Development



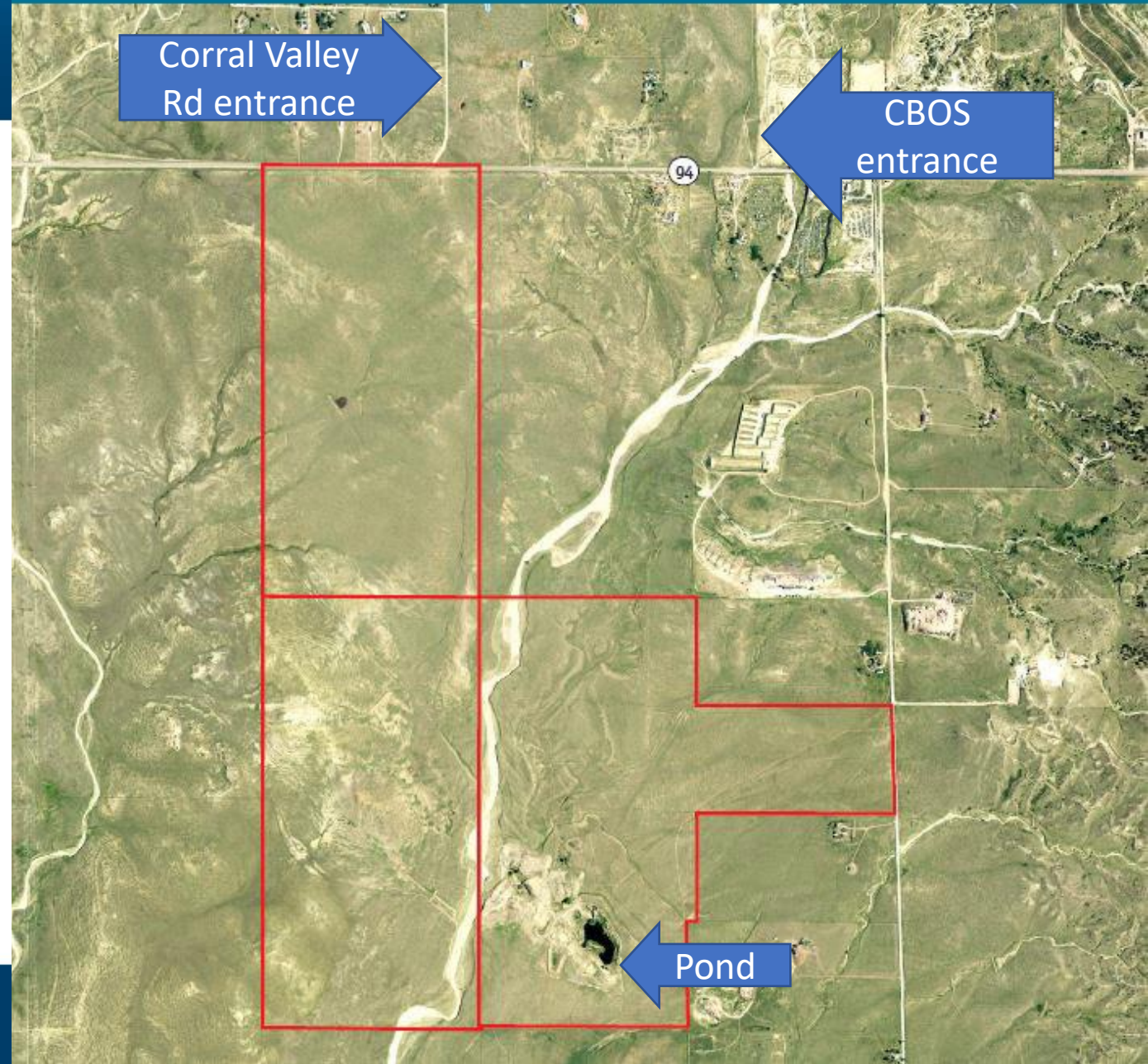
# WILD HORSE RANCH

- South of HWY 94
- 1,018 Acres Open Space
- Partnership with The Conservation Fund
- Purchase Price \$7,657,588
- Closed in May 2023

2023 ACQUISITION

Wild Horse Ranch  
El Paso County, CO

THE  
CONSERVATION FUND



# WILD HORSE RANCH



- Adjacent to Corral Bluffs and Jimmy Camp Creek Open Spaces
- Wildlife habitat: antelope, migratory birds, prairie dogs, reptiles
- Features: pond, views of Pikes Peak, grassland/prairie ecosystem
- Cultural/historical significance; geologic features
- Saved from imminent residential development (Surrounding area is zoned for residential/mixed use development by El Paso County and is owned by private development firms.)

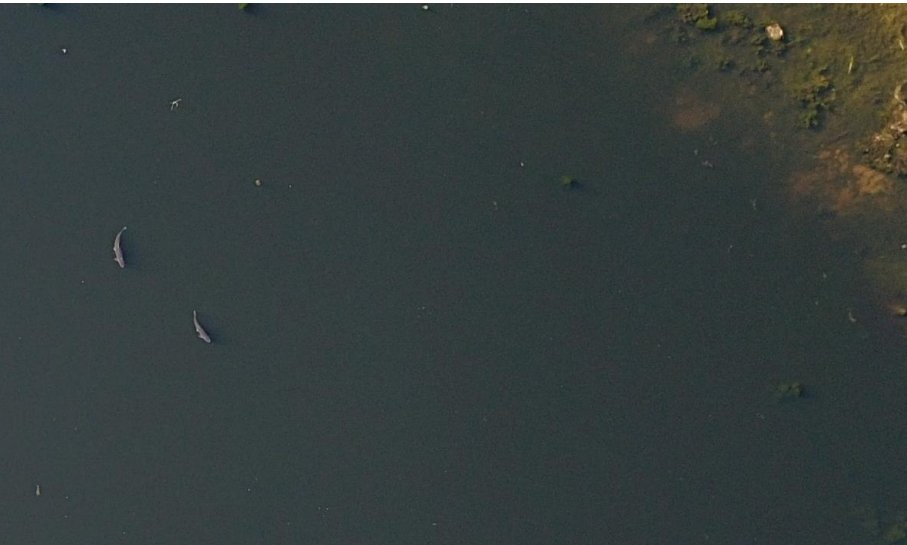


OPEN SPACE VALUES

# WILD HORSE RANCH



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ENTRANCE AT FRANCEVILLE COAL MINE ROAD



LOOKING WEST – CENTRAL OPEN SPACE



LOOKING EAST



LOOKING NORTH



LOOKING WEST



LOOKING SOUTH



LOOKING NORTH FROM SOUTHERN PART OF OPEN SPACE



LOOKING NORTH - TRIBUTARY TO JIMMY CAMP CREEK





LOOKING EAST – EAST EXTENSION OF OPEN SPACE



LOOKING SOUTHWEST - SAND AND GRAVEL PIT REMAINS



SAND AND GRAVEL PIT REMAINS



LOOKING WEST - POND



# WILD HORSE RANCH



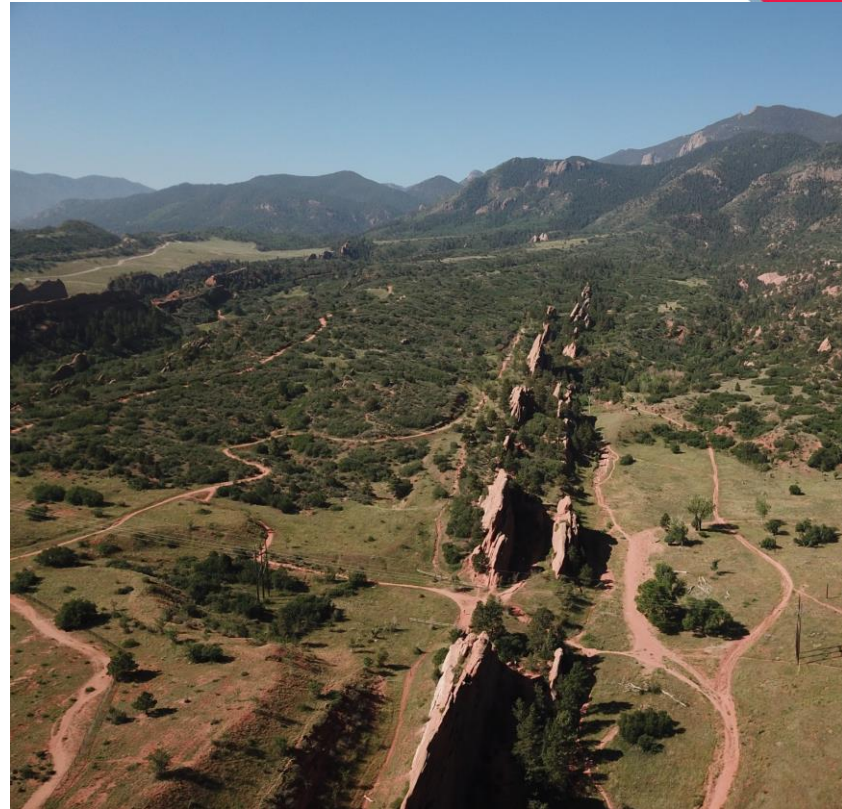
- ***GOCO Land Acquisition Grant Program***
- Initial meeting w/GOCO Program Officer on 2/16/23.
- Follow-up discussions with GOCO Program Officer in April-June 2023.
- Concept paper submitted on 7/20/23.
- Concept paper approved on 8/9/23. Invited to submit full proposal.
- Site tour with GOCO representatives on 8/11/23.
- Full proposal due 9/7/23.
- Request amount \$1.5 Million
- Award decisions will be announced on 12/8/23.
- If selected, the award will be disbursed in Q1 2024 and applied back to the TOPS fund.

# RED ROCK CANYON OPEN SPACE

2023 PROJECTS UPDATE

TOPS Working Committee  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

David Deitemeyer  
Senior Landscape Architect



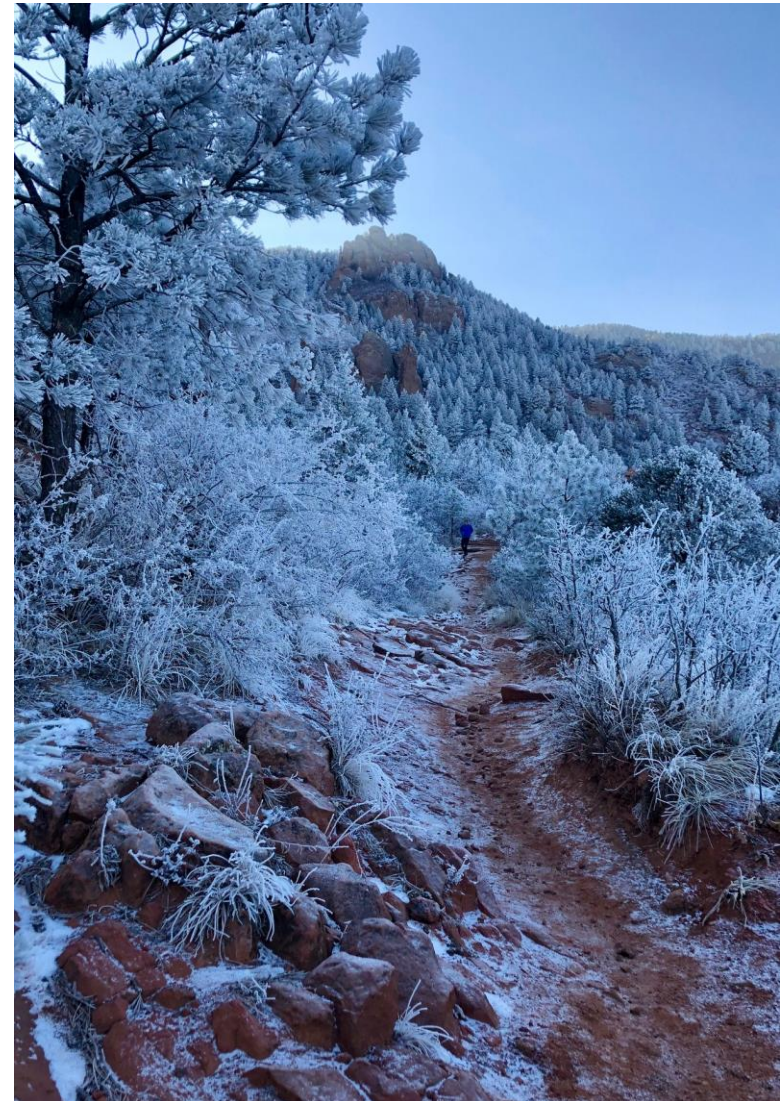
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Design and Development

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System – Project Goals



- Sustainable and Resilient Trails that are purpose built, balancing public access with resources preservation
- Improve the recreational and ecological conservation values of the property
- Implementation of the Red Rock Canyon Master Plan
- Multi use trail system improvements
- Multiple trail loops and variations
- Enhance user safety and experiences





# Red Rock Canyon Open Space

## New/Improved Trail Construction

~ 4.34 Miles

Estimated: 22,941 LF New Trail and Improved existing trail construction

Green, Blue and Black rated trails

## Trail Project areas:

Area 1– Sand Canyon Trail



Area 2– Chamberlain Trail Corridor



Area 3– Overlook Trail/Gypsum Trail



Area 4 – Palmer Trail Corridor

Area 5 – Round Up Trail Pond Reclamation



Area 6 – Mesa Trail



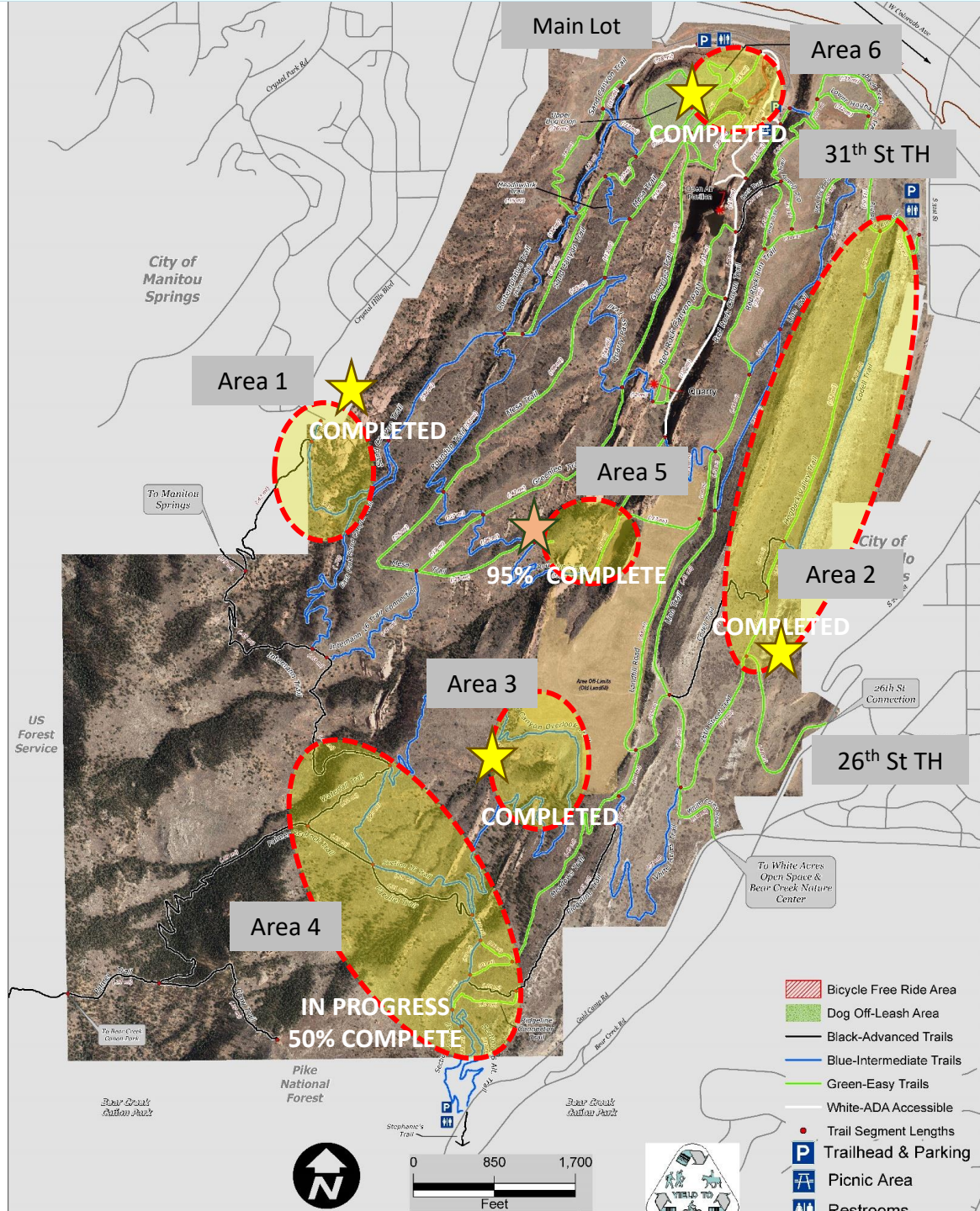
## Trail closure throughout

Estimated: 7,466 LF of trail closure

Estimated: 5,650 “Road” closure/convert to single track

## Wayfinding

Kiosk and trail markers throughout all open space



# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 1-Sand Canyon Trail

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 2- Chamberlain (South)

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 2- Chamberlain

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 2 - Chamberlain (North)

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System

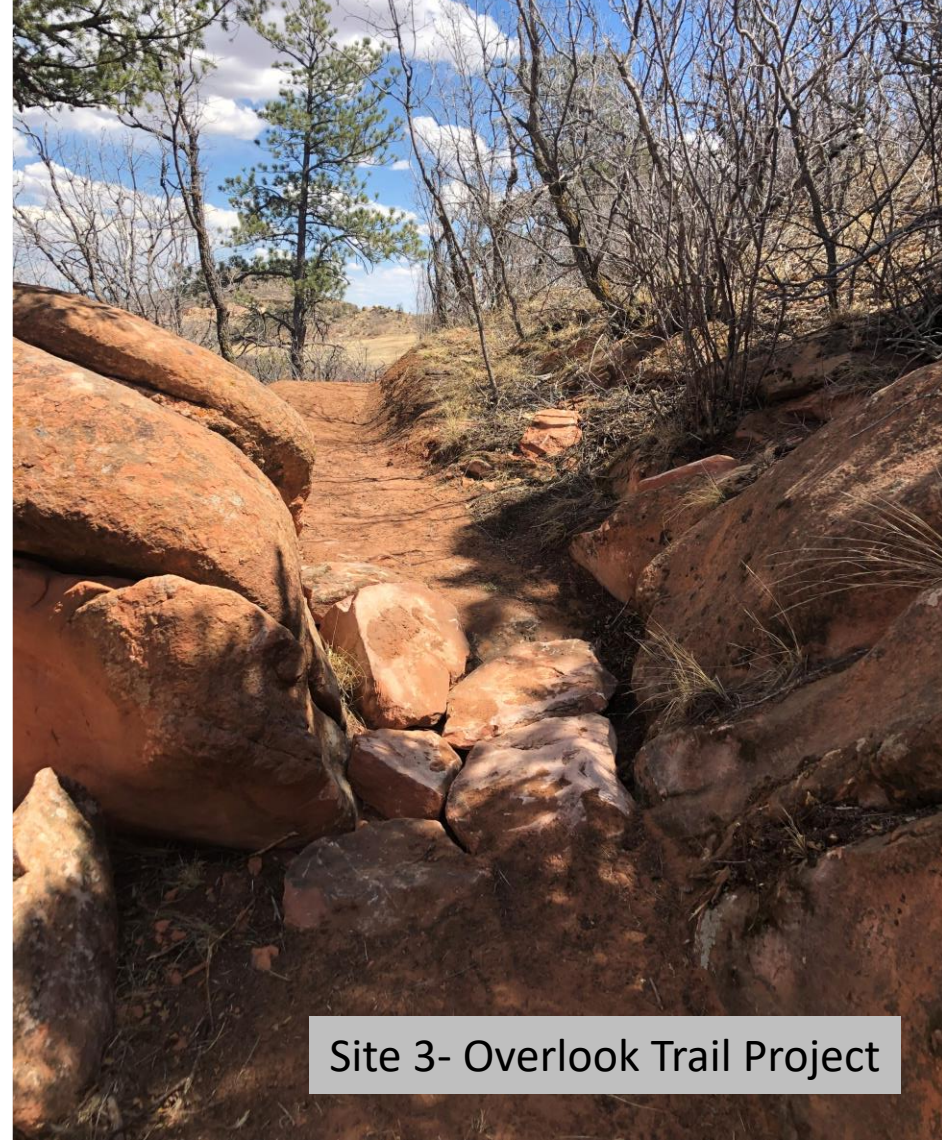


# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 3- Overlook Trail Project

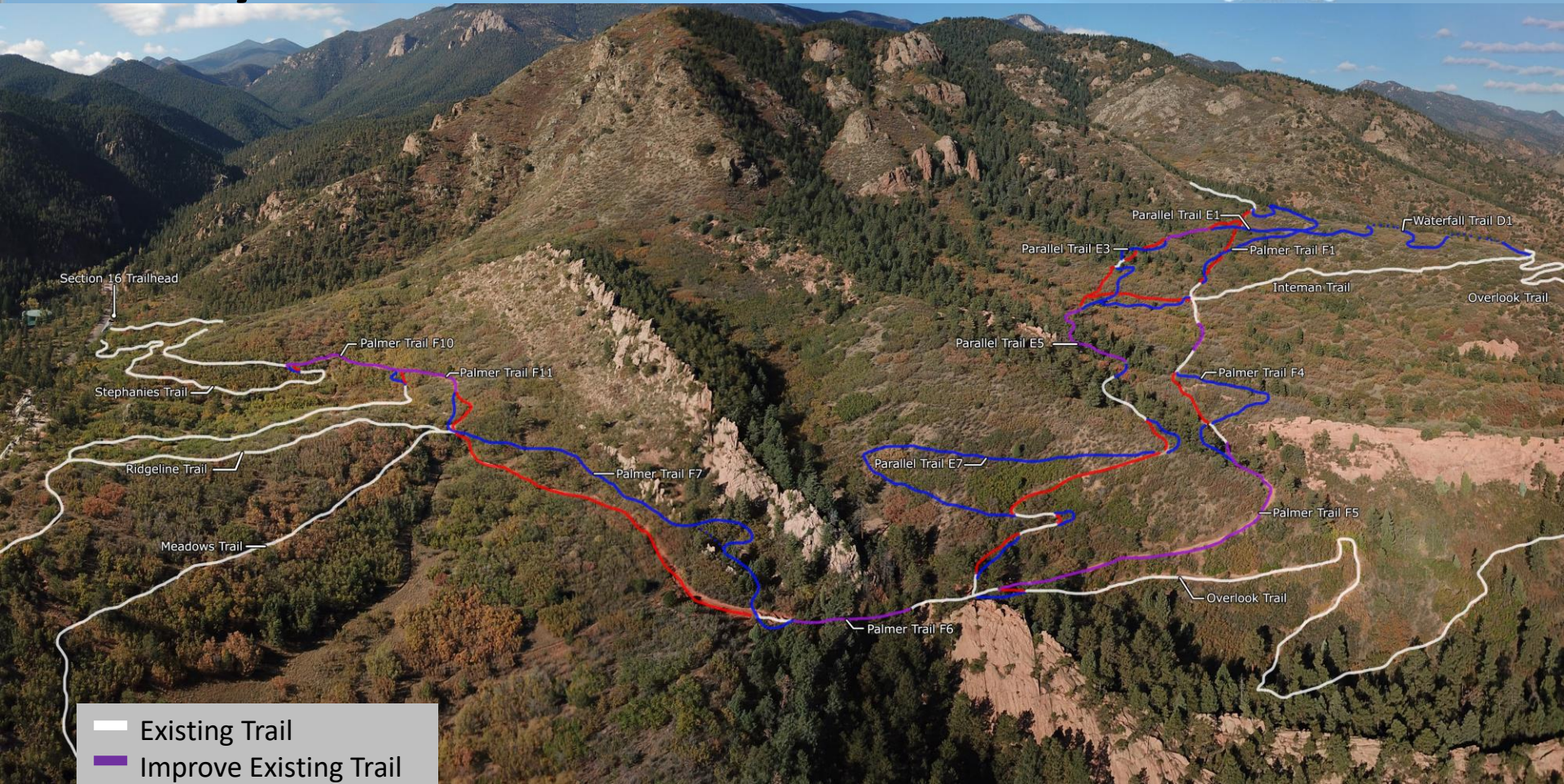
# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 3- Overlook Trail Project



# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System – Palmer Trail Area



- Existing Trail
- Improve Existing Trail
- New Trail Work
- Existing Trail Closure



Site 4 Palmer Trail/Parallel Trail/ Waterfall Trail Project

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System – Palmer Trail Area



Site 4 Palmer Trail/Parallel Trail/ Waterfall Trail Project

# Palmer Trail Soil Loss Estimates



## Palmer Trail Closure Section

650 LF of Unsustainable Trail Closed

Estimated Erosion to date – 938 CY material

One Storm Erosion (July 2023) 16 CY

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Round Up Trail Pond Reclamation



Site 5 – Round Up Trail Reclamation

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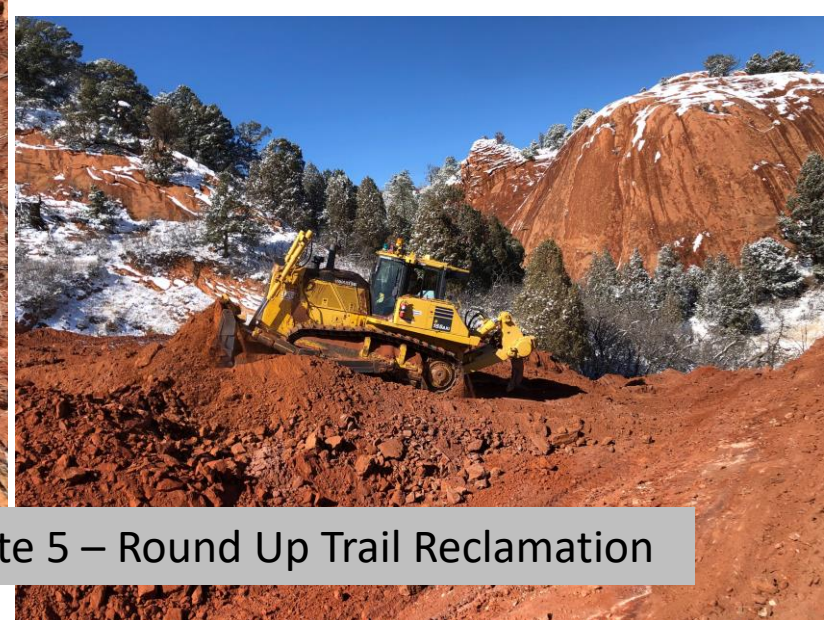
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Site 5 – Round Up Trail Reclamation





# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Round Up Trail Pond Reclamation



Site 5 – Round Up Trail Reclamation

# Red Rock Canyon Open Space Trail System



Site 6 – Mesa Trail

# Palmer Trail

## Reopened June 6, 2023



- Closed May 2022
- Geotech Assessment completed in December 2022
- Report and findings due February 2023
- USFS Signage Installed & Reopened June 6, 2023 by Parks
- Possible Bridge crossing

# Thank you!

