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## Board of County Commissioners

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 U.S. Hwy 85 N.  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Non-Motorized Trail Grant Subcommittee:

Huerfano County would like to submit our support for the San Carlos Ranger District's Non-Motorized Trail Crew 2023 Grant Application. As trail advocates and public land stewards, we recognize the important non-motorized trail maintenance work this crew would perform, which is especially important given the increase in recreational visitation the local areas are experiencing.

We recognize the great work the San Carlos Ranger District performs to increase access to our public lands, improve safety, facilitate positive recreation opportunities, and provide overall benefit to wildlife and natural resources through managing recreation at a landscape scale. Due to the continued rise in use of all trails across the area, the general maintenance and upkeep of the trail systems is imperative to ensure the longevity of outdoor recreation opportunities. The San Carlos Ranger District is responsible for managing hundreds of miles of trail and having a crew dedicated to non-motorized trail maintenance will improve the sustainability of the trail, as well as increasing accessibility and providing a better recreational experience.

The local forest has been adversely affected by drought, insects, and disease. Many of the trees in the forest have declined rapidly in health and vigor, creating a heavy loading of fuels as well as many standing snags along trail corridors. Much of the system could greatly benefit from drainage and tread repair in addition to overall corridor brushing, which could be accomplished if this grant were awarded.

We hope you accept this letter of support to fund a non-motorized trail crew on the San Carlos Ranger District for the 2024 & 2025 summer seasons.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Galusha".

John Galusha  
Chairman