



# New Castle Trails

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NCT worked to continue the R&R Festival during 2025, recognizing its past successes.

- The event has been well loved and well attended by locals and regional visitors.
- The races are an opportunity to highlight the quality of our local trail system, and they encourage increased use by those in our community, to the benefit of their health and wellness.
- NCT organized a renewed volunteer effort to ensure success for this community event. A scaled down event was coordinated for 2025, including a Free Friday event at a new Downtown venue, and more affordable bands for Saturday's event at VIX.

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## 2025 R&R Festival was a success.

- Attendance was strong at Friday's new Down Valley Brewing venue and again at VIX Ranch Park on Saturday.
- Event Sponsors once again made the large scope of the event possible.
- Race registrations were similar to recent years. A new free Kids Race event brought in new participants.
- RFMBA staff and NCT volunteers worked to reduce the administrative burden on Town of New Castle staff in the months before after the August 1 & 2 event.

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- NCT volunteers included many individual leaders focused on Race Events Coordination, Band Contracts, Permit Applications, Vendor Contracts, Food Vendor coordination & Drinks Tent coordination.
- Many more NCT volunteers focused on Race course marking & trail maintenance ahead of the event, Setup / teardown for two venues, and Entry Tent / ticketing.
- With the 2025 cost of Colorado based volunteer hour valued at \$38+, and with at least 260+ volunteer hours contributed over many months, the in-kind value of these efforts can be easily estimated at \$10,000 or more.

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## 2025 R&R Festival was a challenge.

- Event income was reduced, especially without the Town's annual \$20,000 contribution. Providing a Free Friday component reduced ticket and drink sales.
- While event expenses were well controlled, especially for the cost of bands/talent, vendor costs for VIX Park venue were the same or increased compared to last year (even though we only had one night vs. past years' two nights of music at the Park).
- Many months of coordination were required by staff and volunteers to secure band and vendor contracts, event sponsors, ticket sales, race course prep, and on site volunteer needs. This incurred opportunity costs for trail focused mission efforts.

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<b>NCT Rides &amp; Reggae Event Financial Summary:</b>			
	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	
ToNC Event Support	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	(2024: \$20k in-kind ToNC event support, was spent directly on event expenses.)
Event Sponsor Income	\$62,690.00	\$43,957.50	Actual numbers are per above details.
Event Income	\$48,439.00	\$34,796.76	Actual numbers are per above details.
<b>Event Income Total</b>	<b>\$131,129.00</b>	<b>\$78,754.26</b>	
Direct Event Expenses	\$14,319.77	\$38,956.93	Actual numbers are per above details.
Reimbursed Expenses	\$78,454.22	\$26,157.83	Actual numbers are per above details.
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$92,773.99</b>	<b>\$65,114.76</b>	
<b>Event PROCEEDS</b>	<b>\$38,355.01</b>	<b>\$13,639.50</b>	Proceeds are intended to cover New Castle area trail project & trail maintenance expenses. This number is calculated per above.

## 2024 Actual

Income: \$ 131,129

Expense: \$ 92,774

Proceeds: \$ 38,355

## 2025 Budget

Income: \$ 82,300

Expense: \$ 57,570

Proceeds: \$ 24,730

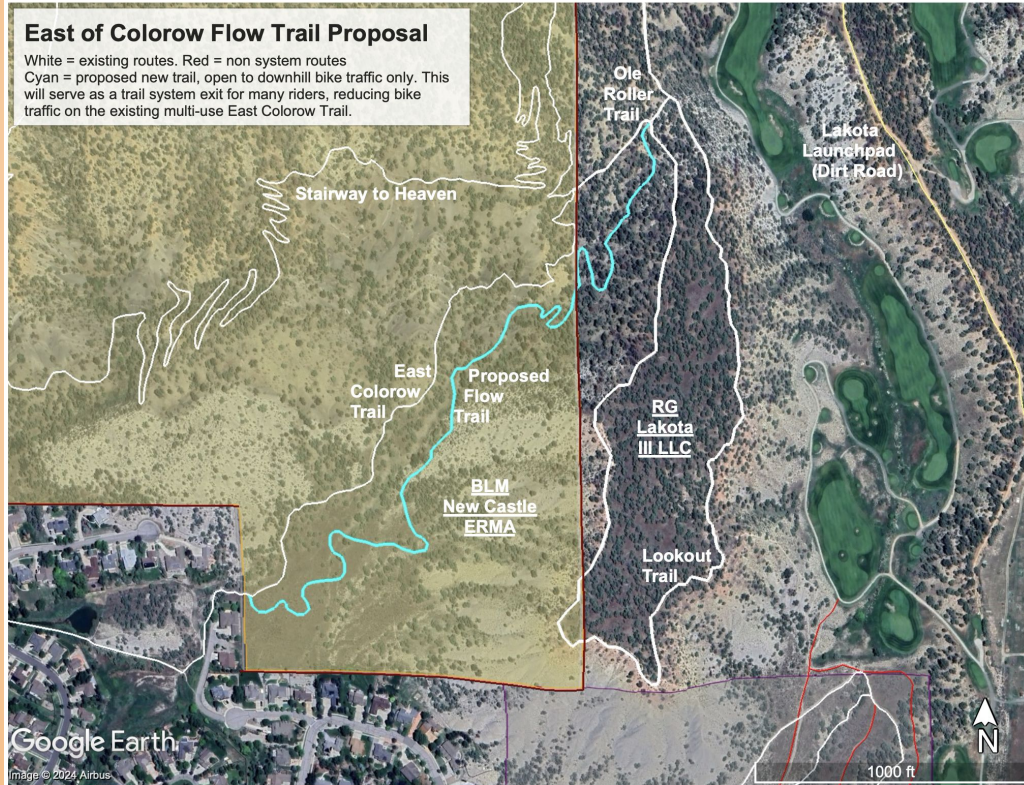
## 2025 (draft) Actual

Income: \$ 78,754

Expenses: \$ 65,115

Proceeds: \$ 13,640

# East of Colorow Flow - Now Approved by BLM for Oct. 2025 Construction



# RFMBA New Castle Trails: 2025+ Financials

## NCT 2025 Financials:

NCT Fund, Starting Balance 1/1/2025: \$ 71,794

2025 (draft) Actual Income (as of 9/30/25): \$ 78,288

2025 (draft) Actual Expenses (as of 9/30/25): \$ 70,472

2025 (draft) Projected Expenses (as of 12/31/25): \$ 110,472

NCT Fund Projected Balance (as of 1/1/26): \$39,610  
 (to be utilized for 2026+ NC area trail projects & maintenance)

The screenshot shows a detailed financial spreadsheet for the NCT Fund. Key sections include:

- New Castle Trails - 2025 Budget:** Overview of the budget with a total of \$110,472.
- 2025 Budget Summary:** A summary table showing income of \$78,288 and expenses of \$110,472, resulting in a projected balance of \$39,610.
- 2025 Budget Details:** A list of budget items with columns for 'Length', 'Rate', 'Number', and 'Total'. Items include 'Trail Maintenance', 'Trail Construction', and 'Trail Signage'.
- 2025 Budget Totals:** A final summary row showing the total budget of \$110,472.

# New Castle Trails - Future Events?

- Everyone should be proud of the way that the Rides & Reggae Festival grew, evolved, and provided valuable proceeds for local NC area trails over these past years.
- The R&R Festival has outgrown its need and purpose (to fund major trail system expansions), and it's time for a change.
- RFMBA has determined that continued coordination of the Festival by our staff and volunteers takes time and resources away from our core focus and expertise: implementing high quality local trail experiences.
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- NCT & ToNC Partnership concepts for 2026+:
  - Thursday Evening Race Series? With live local music downtown? Schedule for Spring vs. Summer vs. Fall?
  - Add Trail Races to Burning Mountain Days event?

# New Castle Trails - Next Steps

- RFMBA & NCT will contract Team Harmony to implement the BLM approved flow exit trail that is East of Colorow.
- RFMBA & NCT will coordinate with ToNC towards VIX Ranch Bike Park maintenance & improvements (per our mid July presentation).
- NCT volunteers will begin coordination towards 2026 volunteer events & fundraising social events, along with the potential for a renewed Dirty Dozen Races fundraiser.

# New Castle Trails - Next Steps

RFMBA & NCT will identify potential for 2026+ local trail network improvements, including:

- Trail reroutes for classic trails where appropriate for sustainability.
- New hiking only trail on ridge of Burning Mountain to provide a physically challenging hike that many people will enjoy.
- Explore feasibility of a replacement alignment for the hiking only West Medaris Trail
- Seek to connect Mount Medaris & Prendergast Hill with future trails to extend the trail network closest to Downtown area.

Thank you for supporting our local trails!

