



## CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Parks and Recreation	Diesel Post - Parks and Recreation Director	4/5/22

### ITEM

Consent Agenda

Council Action: Approve Letter of support for Salida Mountain Trails grant application

### BACKGROUND

Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) is a local non-profit whose is “committed to building and maintaining sustainable, non-motorized, multi-use trails on public lands adjoining the city of Salida”. SMT is applying for a grant from the American Trails organization to upgrade the trail to the Loyal Duke memorial. The grant requires a letter of support from the landowner that the trail is on.I

### FISCAL NOTE

The grant requires a 20% match and has a maximum amount of \$15,000. SMT would use \$3,000 from their already allocated \$10,00 from Conservation Trust Funds minus any applicable in-kind donations of staff time, tools, or work from city staff.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To approve signing the letter of support for SMT to apply for the American Trail - Trail maintenance grant

### SUGGESTED MOTION

A Council person should move to “combine and approve the items on the consent agenda.”



1 April 2022

The Trail Fund  
PO Box 491797  
Redding, CA 96049-1797

Attention: Trail Fund Review Committee

Please accept this letter from the City of Salida's Parks and Recreation Department as an official letter of support for the Salida Mountain Trails American Trail – Trail Fund grant application.

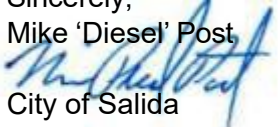
The Department of Parks and Recreation manages the city's parks, open space and trails, provides, league and club activities for residences of all ages and offers events for the community. Salida Mountain Trails has helped the city in each of these 3 areas SMT is often out on the trails surrounding and connecting to the city's and reports issues or concerns. It was an SMT member who alerted the City to major trail damage from a recent rain storm.

Maintaining the trails in and around Salida is imperative for the success and continued use of the extensive system around Salida. SMT routinely organizes members to hold "shin digs" which are trail maintenance days on city property. Their assistance is much appreciated.

SMT is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to build and maintain sustainable, non-motorized, multi user trails on public property land adjoining the city of Salida. SMT's members partner with the US Forest Service (FS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area(AHRA) to preserve the sport of non- motorized trail riding and multi use recreation.

For the above reasons, the City of Salida's Department of Parks and Recreation strongly recommends the approval of SMT's American Trail –Trails Fund, Trail Maintenance Grant application to help SMT better fulfill its strong commitment to preserve and maintain the trails in and around Salida.

Sincerely,  
Mike 'Diesel' Post



City of Salida  
Director of Parks and Recreation