THE CHAFFEE COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

A FUTURE BUILT ON COMMON GROUND
Our forests, waters and wildlife are healthy and in balance with outdoor recreation.
CONSERVATION FINANCE MEASURE – FUND REC PLAN

0.25% sales tax

Forest Health & Wildfire Resiliency

Sustainable Agriculture

Recreation Impacts Management

Commitment to leveraging our investment

Support what you Love about Chaffee County!

Vote YES for Protecting Forests, Waters and Working Lands!
REC PLAN PROCESS – 29 MONTHS 4000 PEOPLE 65 GROUPS

1. Develop Rec Council and Taskforce
2. Identify plan goals
3. Measure current state (survey, report card)
4. Develop plan objectives (SMART)
5. Develop Action Plan/Strategies and Wildlife Tools
6. Formal Report, public comment signatories (PC)
7. Implement (resources, reporting)
THE CHAFFEE REC PLAN – STEP 1 ORGANIZATION

Chaffee Rec Taskforce
STEP 2 COMMUNITY NEED & GOALS

Maintain Healthy Natural Resources
Retain Exceptional Experiences
Sustain Economic Benefits

![Graph showing trends in Overnight Campers and OHVs from 2009 to 2021]
### GOAL: SUSTAIN THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Key Indicators**

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**Overall Grade**: B

### GOAL: MAINTAIN HEALTHY FORESTS, WATERS, WILDLIFE & WORKING LANDS

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<td>5. Wildlife - Population Trends</td>
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**Overall Grade**: D+

### GOAL: RETAIN EXCEPTIONAL MULTI-USE EXPERIENCES

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 arranging the grades: D+, B, C

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“our tools”
We are a special community and can change the trends....if we ALL work together.
Keep it Clean
- Manage camping for high-quality-low impact
- Get the Right Infrastructure

Keep it Fun
- Focus on Exceptional Experiences in Community Concentration Zones
- Encourage Rec Ethics with Education & Enforcement

Keep it Wild
- Sustain Wildlife
- Protect Rural Landscapes with support to Ag Ops

Keep it Going
- Fund Management & Maintenance
Deliver an All Lands Camping Plan
Clean up overused campsites and
slow dispersed site growth to 3% a year

2,800 Dispersed Campsites
Implement Chaffee Rec Infrastructure Plan
Get the right infrastructure

95 Projects ($15M)
Rated by the 3 Goals

Top Rated ($4M) by 2023
Create Community Concentration Zones
Focus development
Inspire Better Behaviors

Chaffee Rec Rangers
Chaffee Rec Adopters
Chaffee Front Country Fire Protection
Chaffee Co Visitors Bureau – Adventure by Nature
Deploy Wildlife Planning Tools

Stabilize wildlife

Places to focus recreation

Best habitat

Important habitat

Production

Places to protect
Raise $20 Million in 5 years
For infrastructure, management, maintenance

Collaborative Grants
Chaffee Rec Fund
Encourage added Federal and State Funds
A shared recreation culture that protects natural resources to keep our public lands clean, fun and wild for years to come.
STEP 6: THE CHAFFEE COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLAN
GROWTH AND GOALS

Early Wins:
Building plans built community/relationships
Collaborative Funding
Rec Rangers, Rec Adopters, Camping

Challenges:
Resistance from 2 of 64 groups
Funding for the work that is needed
Culture shift

Best Advice: Relationships, Process, Leadership, Signatory, Planning and Implementation resources
Next Generation Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Treat 30,000 acres by 2030 to cut by half risk to community-prioritized assets:
- firefighter and public safety
- water
- infrastructure
- homes
- wildlife
- recreation

Bang for the Buck Map
DISCUSSION

ENVISION

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