Ouray Recreation & Conservation Alliance

Sustainable Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (STOR) – Overview
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Presentation Overview

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Geographic Focus
One Valley Prosperity Project

- Affordable Housing
- Community Health & Equity
- Economic Resiliency
- Sustainable Tourism & Recreation
Successfully managing our tourism sector so that it enhances our quality of life and does not negatively impact the natural resources upon which it depends.

Goal 1: Ensure the Valley's tourism sector of the economy is resilient, vibrant and supports our economy

Goal 2: Foster a resident and visitor culture that demonstrates respect for our community, culture and environmental stewardship.

Goal 3: Support collaboration between federal land agencies, local government, nonprofit and user groups to improve management of recreation and natural resources.

Goal 4: Be proactive in management of private and public natural and recreation assets to minimize degradation and enhance quality.
## Priorities

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<th>Strategic Result</th>
<th>Lead Participants</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Comments</th>
<th>2016 Trails Master Plan</th>
<th>2017 Baseline Trail Report</th>
<th>Met Rec Survey Priority</th>
<th>Agency/Municipal Priority</th>
<th>Aligns with GOCC Stewardship and/or Resilient Communities Grant</th>
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<td><strong>4.1 Implementation of designated, dispersed camping in north valley.</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Forest Service, Fees Sub委员会</td>
<td>Dec. 30, 2022</td>
<td>This project is underway and matching funding from the STOR Committee (GOCO Stewardship grant), Gunnison Stewardship Fund, and USFS have made it possible. Crested Butte Conservation Corps has contracted to complete work.</td>
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<td><strong>4.2 Additional recreation infrastructure needs to support possible fee proposal from USFS</strong></td>
<td>U.S. Forest Service, Fees Sub委员会</td>
<td>Dec. 30, 2022</td>
<td>In order to assess a fee at specific recreation sites, there must be infrastructure installed such as bathrooms, parking, signage, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>4.3 Develop coordinated efforts for volunteer activities</strong></td>
<td>Stewardship Coordinator</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Stewardship Coordinator can support this effort and work with other stakeholders. May include projects with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado and may also support more locally driven efforts (CBMBA, Gunnison Trails).</td>
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<td><strong>4.4 Implement management plan and design for Slate River and Peanut Lake area</strong></td>
<td>Slate River trailhead Subcommittee and Crested Butte Land Trust</td>
<td>Dec. 30, 2021</td>
<td>This work is underway and funds from the STOR Committee have been allocated to this effort.</td>
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STOR Committee Membership

Standing Committee Members include:
- City of Gunnison
- Town of Crested Butte
- Town of Mt. Crested Butte
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Tourism & Prosperity Partnership
- Gunnison County Stockgrowers
- Crested Butte Mountain Resort
- Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
- Western Colorado University
- Met Rec District

At-large members include:
- Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association
- Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
- Gunnison Wildlife Association
- Crested Butte Land Trust
- Gunnison Nordic
- Gunnison Trails
- Crested Butte Nordic Center
Gunnison County Stewardship Fund – Fund Partners
Gunnison County Stewardship Fund
Since the inception of the STOR Committee at the end of 2017, Gunnison County has been awarded $950,000 in GOCO grant funding for multiple projects that have supported:

- Designated camping implementation
- Stewardship coordinator position
- Avalanche safety
- Shady Island River Park
- Bathroom installation and maintenance at popular trailheads
- Trailhead design
- Communication and outreach
- The STOR Corps; etc.

These funds have not only supported local projects but have supported local nonprofit groups in their mission including Crested Butte Conservation Corps, Crested Butte Avalanche Center, Gunnison Trails, and Crested Butte Land Trust.