1614 - Lamoille Summit Trail System

Application Details

Funding Opportunity:	1002-Planning Projects - Recreational Trails Program 2022 Grants
Funding Opportunity Due Date:	Nov 2, 2021 12:00 AM
Program Area:	Recreational Trails Program
Status:	Under Review
Stage:	Final Application
Initial Submit Date:	Nov 1, 2021 2:32 PM
Initially Submitted By:	Leslie Creel
Last Submit Date:	
Last Submitted By:	
Contact Information	
Primary Contact Information	
Active User*:	Yes
Type:	External User
Name:	Salutation Melanie Anne Erquiaga First Name Middle Name Last Name
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	WINNEMUCCA Nevada 89445
	City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
Phone*:	775-623-5656 Ext.

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Fax:	775-623-5656 ###-###
Comments:	
Organization Information	
Status*:	Approved
Name*:	Nevada Outdoor School
Organization Type*:	Non-Profit Organization
Tax Id:	90-0087367
Organization Website:	https://www.nevadaoutdoorschool.org
Address*:	655 Anderson St
	Winnemucca Nevada 89445- City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
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Benefactor:	
Vendor ID:	
Comments:	
RTP Pre-Application - PLANNING	
Project Description	
Classification*:	Organization Please choose one.
Organization Classification:	Non-Profit Please choose one.

Grant Manager/MelanieErquiagaPrimary Point-of-ContactFirst NameLast Name

(if grant is awarded)*:

Title*: Associate Director

Email Address*: Melanie. Erquiaga@nevadaoutdoorschool.org

Telephone*: 775-623-5656

Address*: 655 Anderson Street

Address Line 1
Address Line 2

Winnemucca Nevada 89445-City State Zip Code

Land Owner*: BLM

Classification of Land Control*: Public Land

Select all that apply.

Project Costs

Please do not submit match not directly related to the project.

Grant Request*: \$120,000.00

Match Amount*: \$30,000.00

20% of total amount required for planning projects

Total Project Amount: \$150,000.00

Match Sources*: City/County, Federal, In-Kind, Pre-Project Planning, Private

Please Describe Source(s)*:

Volunteer hours, Private and Corporate Donation, Other Federal grants, County employee time and services

Trail Use*: Equestrian, Interpretation/maps/brochures, Mountain Biking, Pedestrian (hiking/trail), Snowshoe/cross country ski

Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Project Type*: Planning

Select all that apply.

If Other, Please List:

Scope of Work

Describe exactly what work will be completed, include miles of trail or other measurable goals. Please be specific to the actual project being built.

Scope of Work*:

This grant allows for planning and NEPA contracting of a new, 50 mile non-motorized multi-use stacked-loop trail system located between Elko and Spring Creek. The Planning includes a Trail Design and Layout contract: route finding, corridor flagging, gps file creation, confirming previous work on first 12-miles of concept, consultant travel and 2 day Trail Design and Layout class. The NEPA contract will satisfy BLM requirements to advance to construction.

Project Location	
Congressional District(s)*:	District 2 Select all that apply.
County*:	Elko
Municipality/Town/City*: Environmental Compliance	Elko
See page 10 of the RTP Handbook for more information. Does not apply to Planning or Education projects with no ground distur	bing activities.
Is a Federal agency involved in this project as an applicant, partner, or	landowner?
Federal Agency*:	Yes
If yes, environmental clearances have likely been completed for your properties indicate which NEPA document was produced. Please attach the document to this application.	roject area.
NEPA Document Produced:	NEPA pending/in progress
NEPA Document:	
Historic Resource Compliance	
Please provide the following information:	
Describe the extent of ground disturbance for this project. Specifically,	describe the length, width, and depth of the most significant instances of excavation/digging.
Ground Disturbance:	
Describe both current and past uses of the project area.	
Project Area Use:	
Describe any known cultural resources in the project area.	
This may include historic buildings, archaeology sites, and any other o	bjects estimated to be over 50 years old.
Cultural Resources:	
Maps	

Named Attachment	Required	I Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
General location map (showing project area within the state and/or county)		General location of Lamoille Summit Trail System within Elko County on state map	LSTS_Location_Map_State-scale.pdf	pdf		10/29/2021 04:31 PM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)		Trailhead locations and proposed trails overlain on satellite images on six 8x11 printable 1:24k quad-scale maps: Elko East, Elko West, Te-Moak Well, White Flats	LSTS_Location_Map_Trailheads_quadscale.pdf	pdf		10/29/2021 06:05 PM
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)		Trail System on Topo	LSTS_Map_Base_11x17P.pdf	pdf		10/29/2021 06:09 PM

Photos

Description	File Name	Type	Size	Upload Date
5 photos from center of project area in all 4 directions Elko Bike Trails Connections	LSTS_Location_Photos.pdf Elko Bike Trails Connections.pdf	pdf pdf	1 MB 2 MB	10/29/2021 04:31 PM 10/29/2021 04:31 PM

Shape Files

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kmz file for gis import	BLM_Land_for_Trails.kmz	kmz	7 KB	10/29/2021 04:31 PM

Authorization

Authorized Individual*: Leslie Creel 08/20/2021

First Name Last Name Date

Title*: Trail Advocate

Agency/Organization*: Elko Trail System Iniatiative

RTP Application - PLANNING PROJECTS

Project Description

Standards/Guidelines Applied to Project*: BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails

If Other, Please List:

List all permits required to complete project.

Permits:

NEPA

Does the project include a paved bicycle path?

Bicycle Path*:

Plan Title:

Has the applicant received funding from the Recreational Trails Program in the past?

Past Funding*: No

Number of Projects Funded:

Amount of Funding Received: \$0.00

Number of Projects Completed:

Project Narrative

Project Need

Describe how this project fits with current community development plans.

Current Plans*:

Elko County is growing significantly with a low unemployment rate due to mining. More and more of residents are seeking recreation activities with their families. Providing easy to access trails close to (and linking) the two main towns in the area would enhance the quality of life for residents. In addition, this trail system would provide another reason to stop in the area for trail enthusiasts passing through town on the Highway 80 corridor, contributing to the local economy.

Describe the project?s ability to enhance recreation options for an underserved area or population. ?Underserved? is defined as an area or population with inadequate services, facilities, and/or a lack of access to recreation opportunities.

Underserved Area or Population*:

The Elko area is underserved in recreational opportunities. The Elko area has a vast amount of BLM Open Space land, much of it is theoretically open to recreation of many types. However, those that seek trails to hike, run, walk

or mountain bike are forced to use existing user-created motorized routes because there is a shortage of purpose-built trails within easy access for the populations of Elko and Spring Creek. This network provides access to both communities and also provides a trail connection to South Fork State Recreation Area and their trail system.

Within the Elko area there are a number of pieces of Native American reservation land, the individuals living in these areas have been cut off spatially and are economically disadvantaged and underserved. A large and growing problem among Native American youth is drug and alcohol abuse related to a lack of other more positive activities. This trail system would not only provide additional recreational opportunities, but also would serve to link several pieces of reservation land (within Elko, near Spring Creek, and at South Fork [see attached maps]).

This trail network would also connect directly in to the eastern side of the City of Elko, which like the Native American reservations is economically disadvantaged and underserved. The largely low-income eastern portion of Elko would benefit enormously from additional recreation opportunities.

Project Quality

Describe project schedule(s) and contingency plans.

Schedule and Plans*:

The planning and NEPA work is anticipated to occur during 2022. Some of the routes are preliminarily mapped. This grant would fund the verification of these existing mapped routes as well as expanding the trail system to its full 50 miles of length. This will allow sufficient time for BLM specialist surveys and NEPA to be conducted in the next year. It is anticipated that a Phase 1 of the project would be shovel-ready to apply for a 2023 RTP grant to start construction

Describe the confirmed partnerships for this project.

Partnerships*:

This project was spearheaded by the partnership of Elko Velo, the Elko and Spring Creek area's largest biking group, and BLM staff. In the past year, a community group has formed, Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI), which capitalizes on the interests and talents of four established community partners: Nevada Outdoor Schools, Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, Elko Velo and Elko County. The Memorandum of Understanding that defines the role of each organization is attached. ETSI is the entity partnering with the BLM to see this project through.

Support has also been given by the Elko Department of Parks and Recreation, the City of Elko, and the Spring Creek Association. There will also be involvement from South Fork State Recreation Area and a connection to their trail system.

Describe the nature and extent of public engagement with this project and what is being done to mitigate any concerns conveyed by the public.

Public Engagement*:

Five large public meetings and numerous smaller working group meetings have been carried out since project inception to get local input. In addition, members of the public have responded to the call to action by walking, flagging, and GPSing routes that they would like to see included in the Lamoille Summit Trail System. Part of the approval process that BLM will undertake involves public outreach and public comment. Despite this project being in its early stages, many organizations and members of the local community have demonstrated the extent of widespread community support.

Describe the implementation of best practices in each phase of the project (e.g., planning, budgeting, construction, etc.).

Project Phases*:

A professional trail builder will do the layout and design work to incorporate sustainable design techniques as well as making the trails a fun experience for the users. Utilizing modern trail design practices results in successful trails enjoyed by more people while reducing maintenance needs.

How does the project promote sustainability goals and principles (e.g., social, environmental, economic) in the design criteria?

Sustainability*:

Providing sanctioned, protected and managed non-motorized recreation that is accessible for daily exercise creates a community attraction for Elko residents, potential workforce, and visitors.

The open space around Elko has many single-track social trails, which are subject to OHV destruction and private development. Schools cannot organize events on these trails, and many recreationists are inhibited by trespassing concerns. Accessible authorized trails with modern trail-building design will provide sustainable recreation upon which the community can build.

Alignment with Nevada?s Recreation Goals

How will project planning activities contribute to the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of existing outdoor infrastructure?

Existing Outdoor Infrastructure*:

There is currently very little existing outdoor infrastructure in the area. This trail project would be new construction in an underutilized area. It will, however, connect existing infrastructure at it's trailheads.

How will planning activities incorporate safety into the design, maintenance, and management of the project?

Safety*:

This grant is for planning and layout of the trail system. However, close attention to trail details will be paid during planning and layout to assure that no unreasonable trail conditions will be created that might lead to exceptional risks to trail users.

How will planning activities lead to a more comprehensive approach to linking existing trails that connect communities and trail users?

Connectivity*:

The overall project when complete, will provide new trail connections between the communities of Elko and Spring Creek as well as a connection to South Fork State Recreation Area. The community of South Fork and the South Fork Indian Reservation lie on the far side of the South Fork State Recreation Area, so by connecting this trail system to the recreation area, we will connect those communities to those of Elko and Spring Creek as well. The existing paved bike

trail through Spring Creek will also be linked to the Lamoille Summit Trail System. Linkage with the City of Elko's new sports complex is also expected.

Does the plan address the need to engage youth in the design, development, and use of trails?

Youth Engagement*:

Nevada Outdoor School, the principal applicant representing ETSI, is dedicated to engaging youth in outdoor endeavors and will ensure maximizing educational opportunities throughout trail network development. Trail stewardship is best fostered by engaging the community at grass-roots level. To that end, the Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI) organized a trail-building workshop last May that was offered

to trail enthusiasts and high school students. Planning and trail-buidling events will continue to be organized as the ground becomes available.

Outreach to local schools will also enable teachers at these schools to use the trails to craft out-of-the-classroom experiences for their students on public lands. It will also provide the opportunity for youth cross-country running teams to have a useable year-round off-road trail system for training. Elko Velo is particularly interested in the mountain biking opportunities that may lead to the creation of an Elko composite team which could compete in the Nevada Interscholastic Cycling League.

Does the plan describe how new outdoor recreation facilities will be developed, maintained, and/or managed?

New Outdoor Recreation Facilities*:

New development will require further community volunteer hours and additional funding for professional trail building.

There is a Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM and ETSI that defines expectations for management and maintenance. Current understanding is that Elko Velo will patrol and report trail conditions and Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group will organize annual trail maintenance, coordinating the scope of such work with the BLM. ETSI plans to hold quarterly member updates and annual BLM stakeholder meetings.

How do planning activities, or the planned project, contribute to the economic vitality of the community?

Economic Vitality*:

Close access to trails increases quality of life and improves community health for local residents. This creates economic benefit for the community. There is also potential for events like trail runs, equestrian rides, and mountain bike races to occur on the trails that could bring visitation to the community. Lastly, the availability of easy access trails to travelers passing through make it more likely for them to stop and stay in Elko, bringing their tourist dollars with them.

Describe how conservation and/or rehabilitation of water and habitat have been incorporated into the planning activities.

Water and Habitat*:

No significant water exists in the project area. The trail corridor will be surveyed by BLM staff to ensure the routes chosen do not adversely affect the habitat of and plants or animals that are species of concern. Protecting resources and minimizing potential effects to the land will be considered in the trail design.

Applicant History

Summarize your organization?s grant management record. If your organization is new to grants, please summarize the organization?s project management record.

Grant Management Record*:

Nevada Outdoor School has been in existence since 2002 and has a well-established track record for managing grants. NOS has had 21 projects funded, for a total of \$920,000 and 19 projects completed. The reimbursable grant structure is backed by Elko County.

Describe your organization?s capacity to maintain facilities for the next 25 years.

Maintain Program*:

The Elko Trail System Initiative partner organizations are all well-established organizations dedicated to the Elko community. Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group began in 1998, Nevada Outdoor School in 2002 and Elko Velo in 2005. All have managed grants, local events, and enjoy their status as reputable organizations. Collectively, they will ensure the project is responsibly managed.

Authorization

Authorized Individual*:

Melanie Erquiaga 11/01/2021
First Name Last Name Date

Agency/Organization*:

Nevada Outdoor Schol

Title*:

Executive Director

Supporting Documentation

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Named Attachment	Required Description File Name	Type Siz	Upload e Date
General location map (showing project area within the state or county)	State-scale project location LSTS_Location_Map_State-scale.pdf	pdf 1 ME	11/01/2021 3 08:11 AM
Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale)	Quad-scale project boundary, proposed trail trace and trailheads on 8x11 LSTS_Location_Map_Trailheads_quad-scale.pdf	pdf 9 Me	
Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)	Trail trace on topo, 11x17 LSTS_Map_Base_11x17P.pdf	pdf 2 ME	
At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances	Photos from project center looking east, south, west, LSTS_photos.pdf north	pdf 1 ME	11/01/2021 3 08:17 AM
Photos of known cultural resources, if present			
Letter or statement certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and approved of the property			
Documentation certifying that the appropriate official has reviewed this project and meets their approval			
USACE 404 and/or other applicable permits			
Erosion and sedimentation control plan for stream crossings or general construction activities			
Copy of any building permits that may be required by the local township or statement permit not needed			
Sewage disposal permit			
Transmittal letter	BLM Letter of Support signed by Elko District Manager, LSTS_Letter_of_Support_BLM_2021.pdf Gerald Dixon	pdf 36 KE	3 11/01/2021 3 08:06 AM
Letter of Support	Letter of support from Curtis Moore, Elko County Natural LSTS_Letter_of_Support_Elko_County_2021 Resources Director	pdf pdf 14 KE	4 11/01/2021 3 10:55 AM

Additional Documentation

Description	File Name	Туре	Size	Upload Date
Elko Trail System Initiative - Memorandum of Understanding between partner organizations: Nevada Outdoor School, Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, Elko Velo, and Elko County	ETSI MOU - NNSG NOS Velo Elko County.pdf	pdf	97 KB	11/01/2021 08:10 AM
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Letter of Support - City of Elko	City of Elko Letter of Support.pdf	pdf	MB 1 MB	01:46 PM 11/10/2021 09:28 AM

Budget

Percentages

Grant Request

Federal Grant Percentage: 79.71%

Match

Federal Match Percentage: 9.11%

Non-Federal Match Percentage: 11.18%

TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE: 20.29%

Design and Engineering Costs

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

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Planning Costs for Match

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Project Pre-planning (volunteer labor)	328.00	Hours	\$27.50	\$9,020.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$9,020.00	100.00	volunteer labor
Project Pre-planning (skilled labor) - STW	65.00	Hours	\$23.56	\$1,531.40	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$1,531.40	100.00	Industry Donation
Bicycling safety and trail design workshop	1.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	NDOT bicycling grant
Project Pre-planning (skilled labor) - layout	1.00	0	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$4,000.00	100.00	Nevada Gold Mine community donation
				\$16,551.40	\$0.00		\$2,000.00		\$14,551.40		

Direct Labor (Salaries or Actual)

Description	# of Units		Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Outdoor Recreation Planner (planning,scouting)	34.00	hours	\$27.50	\$935.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$1,949.20	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	Federal
				\$935.00	\$0.00		\$1,949.20		\$0.00		

Labor (Volunteer or Donated)

Description	# of Unit Units Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Trail Route Scouting (Skilled Labor)	120.00	\$23.56	\$2,827.20	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$2,827.20	100.00	
		\$23.56	\$2,827.20	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$2,827.20		

Equipment Purchase/Rent/Lease

Description	# of Units	Unit Type	Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Clinometers	2.00	each	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
			\$200.00	\$400.00	\$400.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		

Contracts

Description	# of U		Total Unit		Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non- Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
50 miles of trail design and layout - for unscouted and prescouted routes, and trail planning class	1.00	\$44,500	00 \$44,500.00	\$44,500.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
NEPA surveys, community meetings, reports	1.00	\$201,519	00 \$201,519.00	\$160,000.00	83.33	\$20,000.00	10.42	\$12,000.00	6.25	BLM budget-request and community donation
		\$246,019	.00 \$246,019.00	\$204,500.00		\$20,000.00		\$12,000.00		

Materials

Description	# of Units	Unit Type Unit Co	st Total Unit Cost	Federal Grant	Federal Grant Percentage	Federal Match	Federal Match Percentage	Non-Federal Match	Non-Federal Match Percentage	Match Source
Flagging Materials	1.00	\$200.	00 \$200.00	\$200.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
		\$200.	00 \$200.00	\$200.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		

Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance & Travel

Description # of Units Unit Type Unit Cost Total Unit Cost Federal Grant Federal Grant Percentage Federal Match Percentage Non-Federal Match Non-Federal Match Percentage Match Source

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Other Expenses

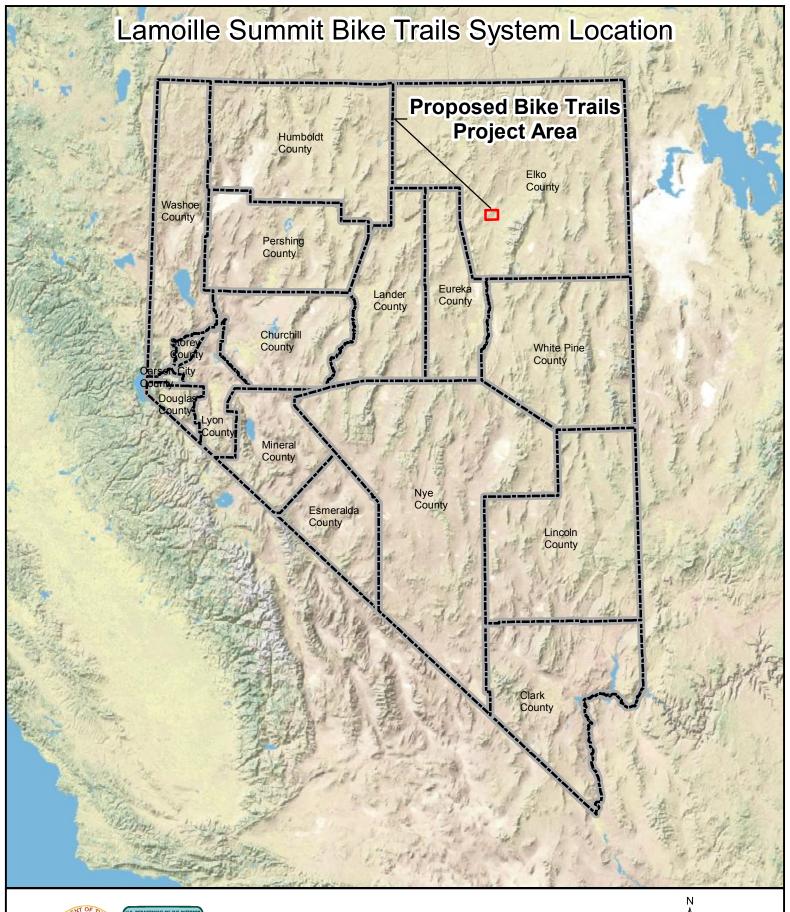
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Grant Administration	1.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	100.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	
	;	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$4,450.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		
Totals										

Total Federal Grant Amount: \$209,550.00

Total Federal Match Amount: \$23,949.20

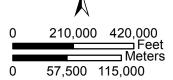
Total Non-Federal Amount: \$29,378.60

Total Amount: \$262,877.80

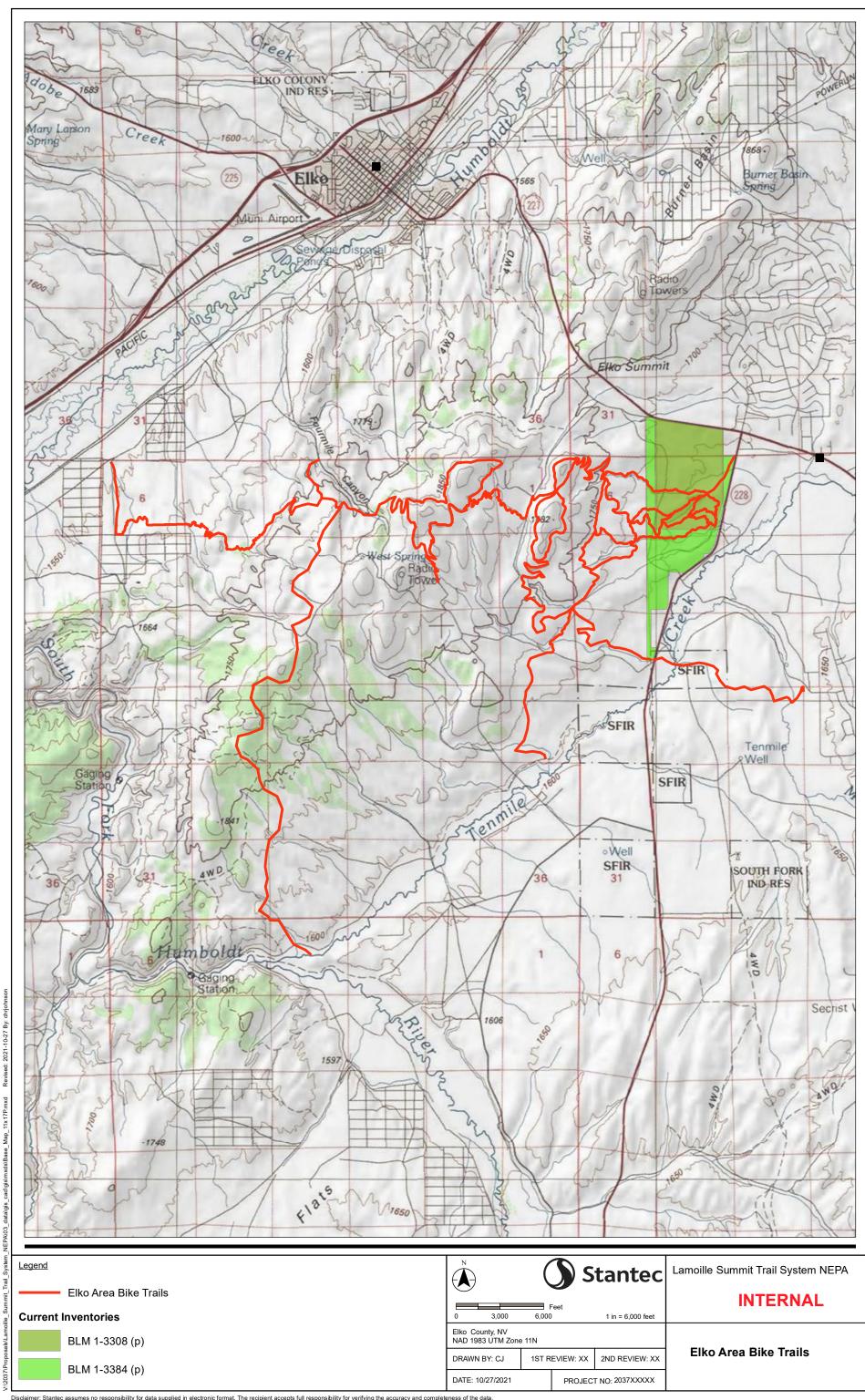


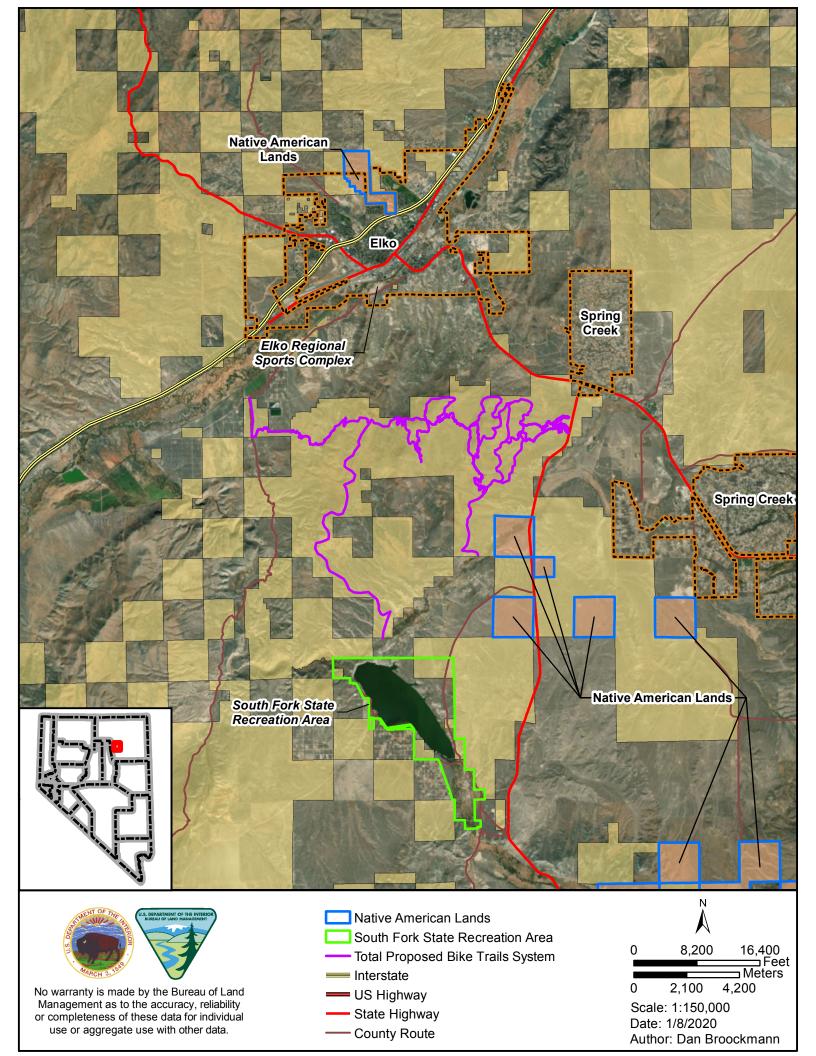


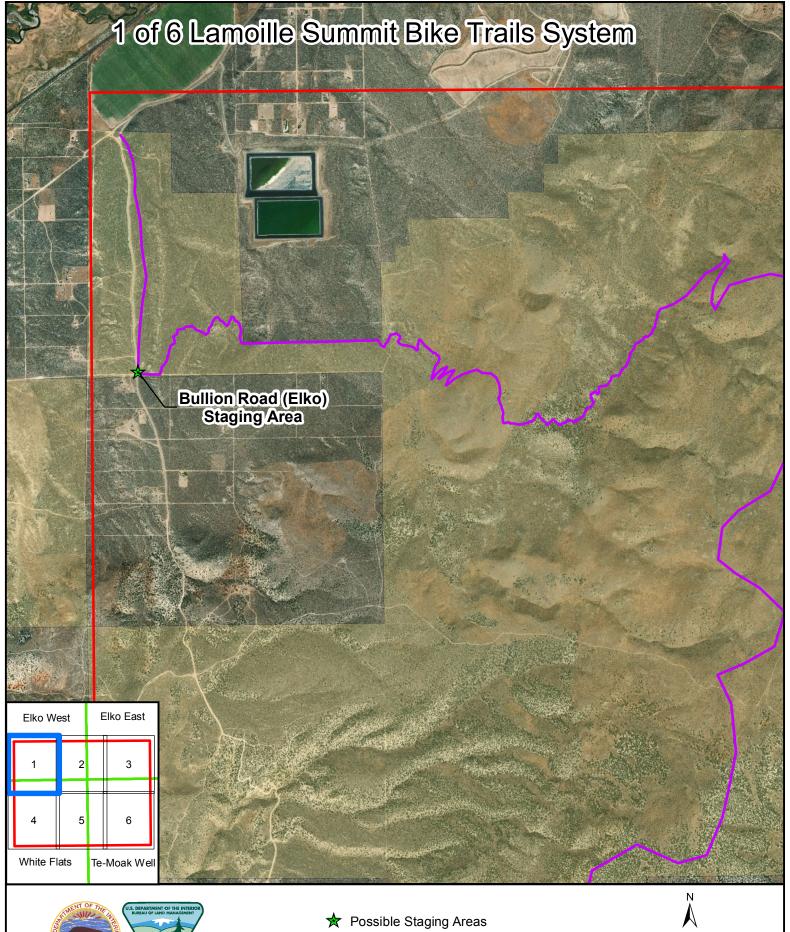
Proposed Bike Trails Project Area



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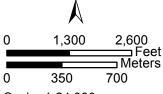


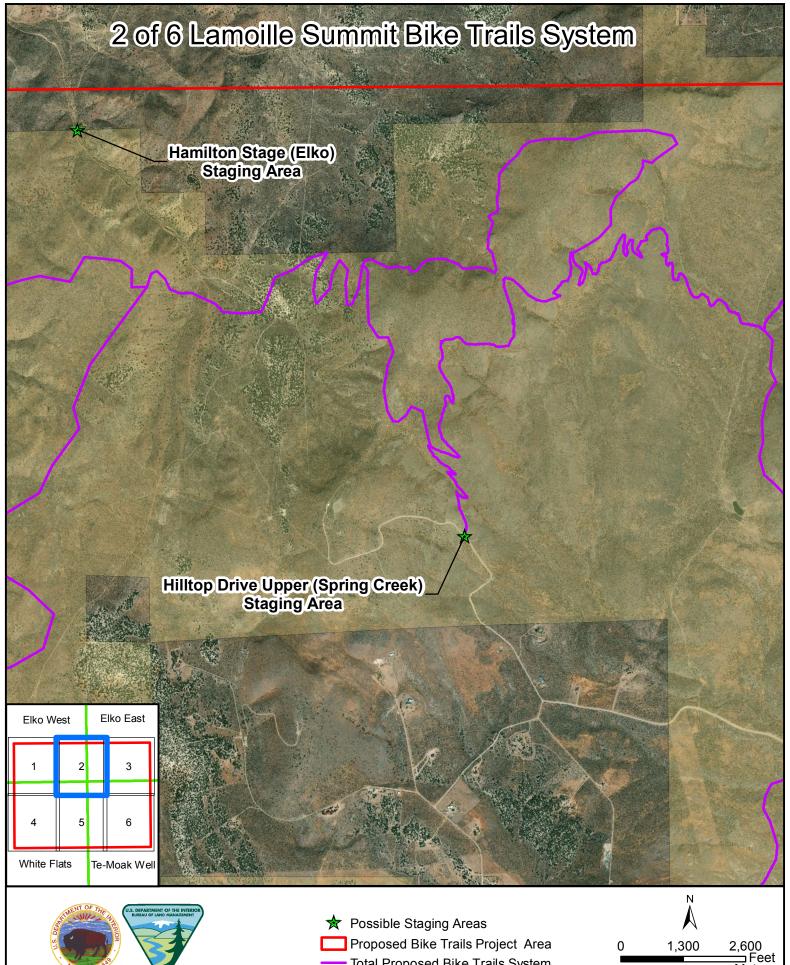




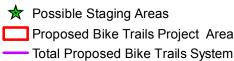
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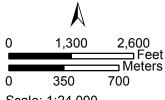


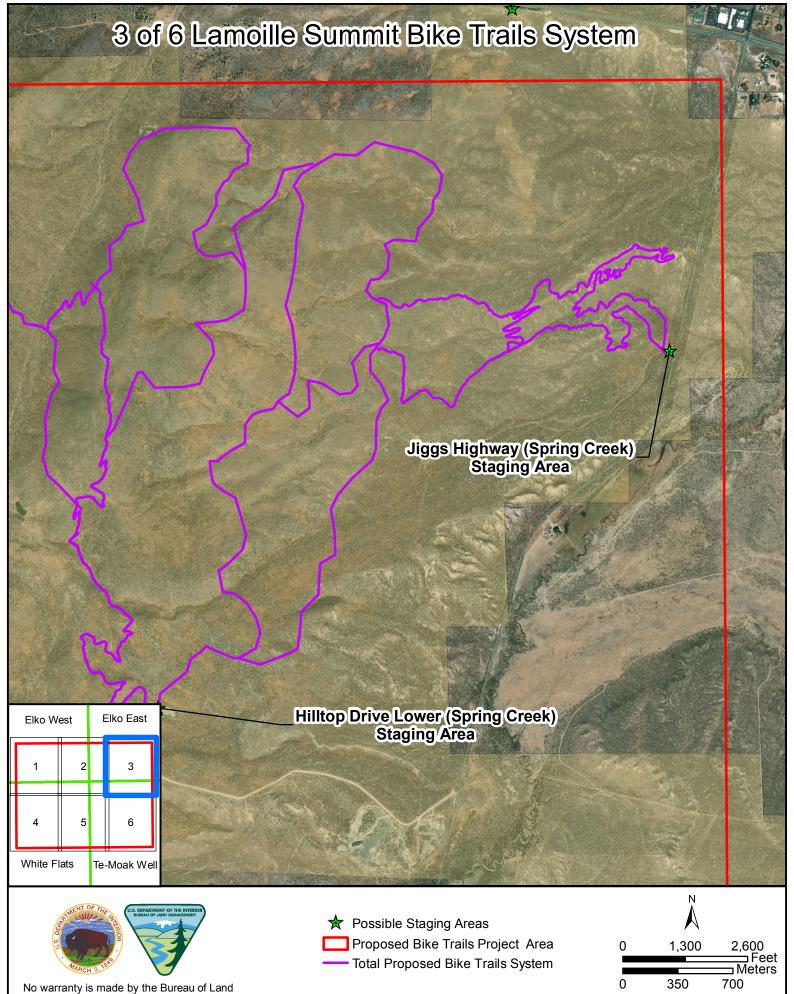






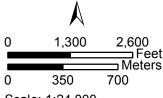
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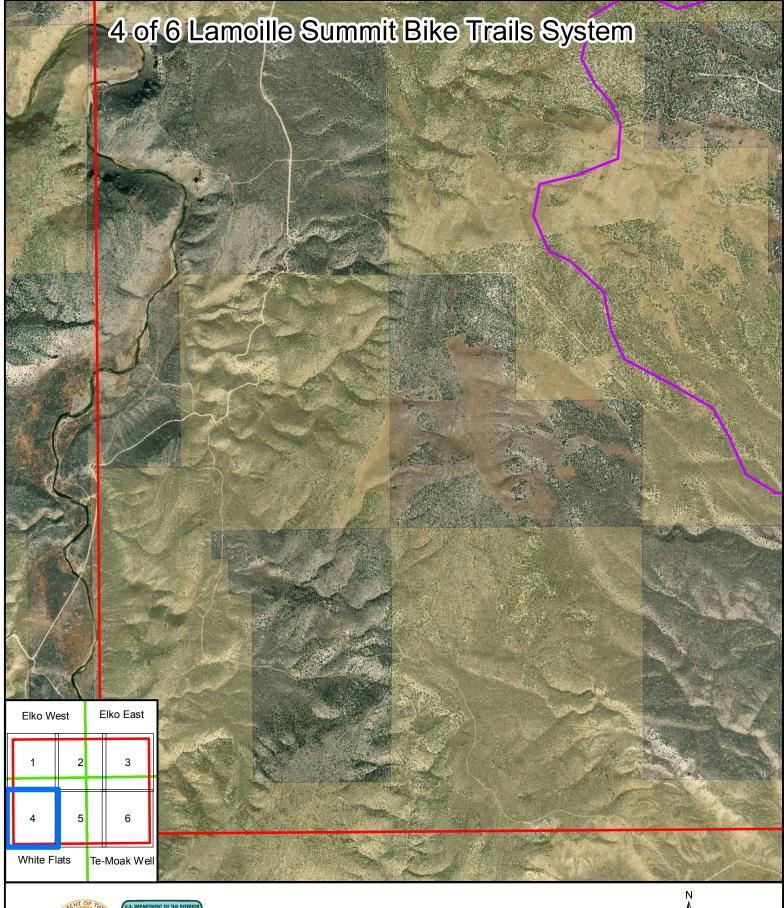




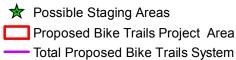
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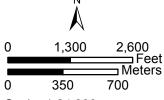


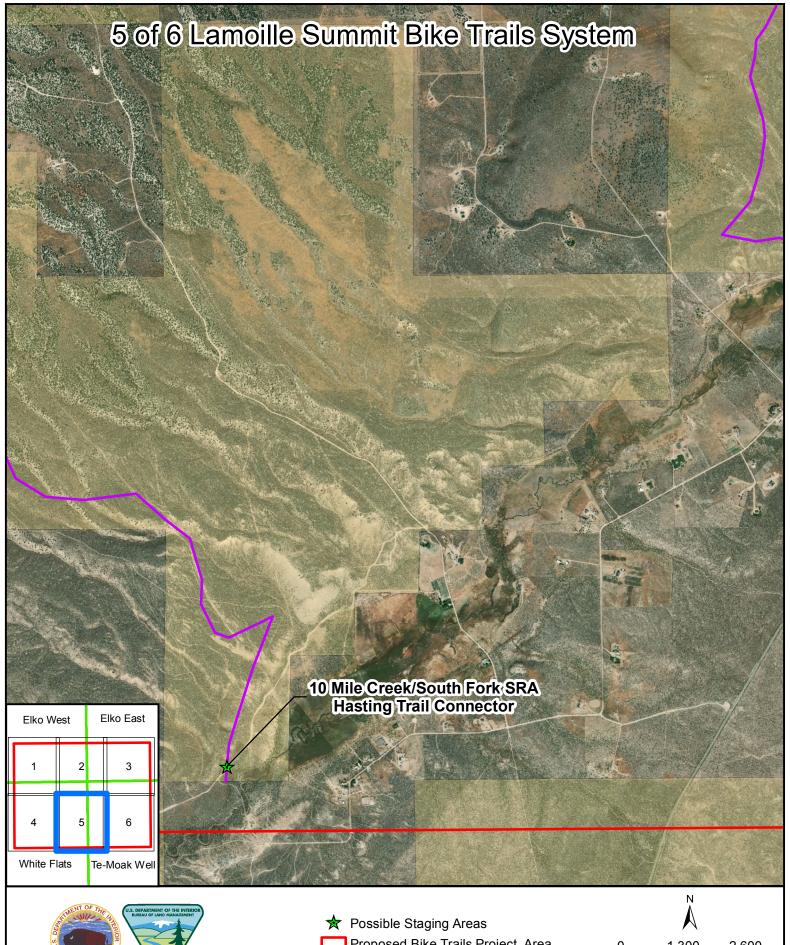






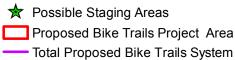
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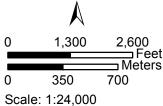




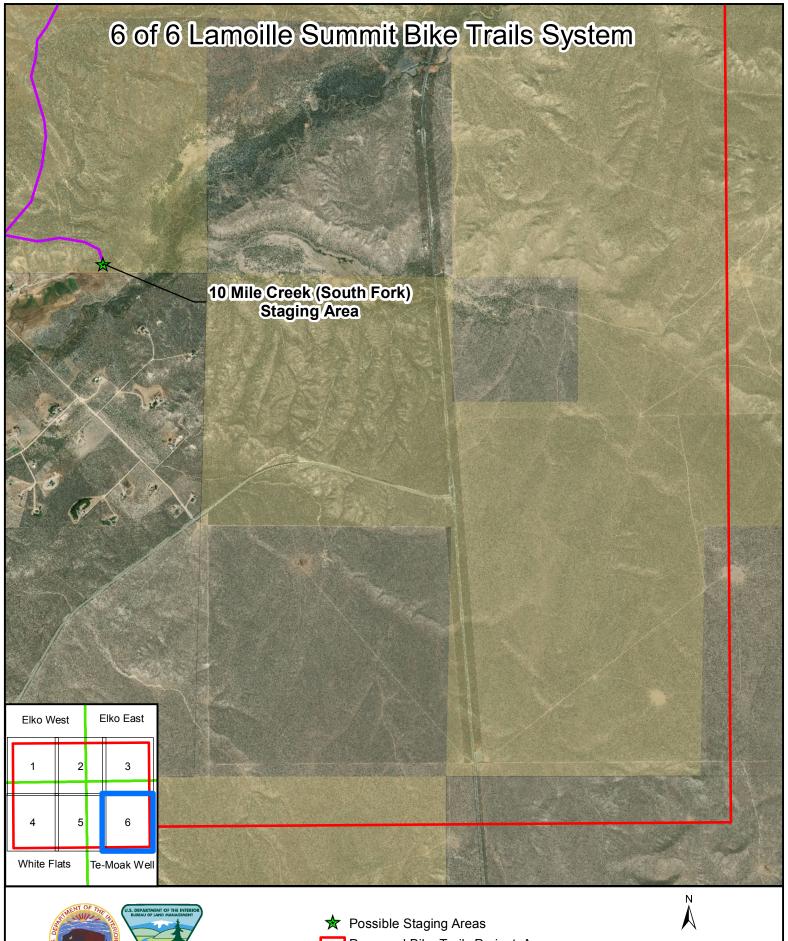




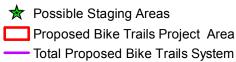
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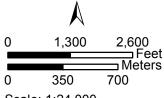




Figure 1. Lamoille Summit Bike Trails Project Area (From Central Low Area) Looking East



Figure 2. Lamoille Summit Bike Trails Project Area (From Central Low Area) Looking South



Figure 1. Lamoille Summit Bike Trails Project Area (From Northeastern Corner) Looking West



Figure 4. Lamoille Summit Bike Trails Project Area (From Central Northern Area On Top Of Hills)

Looking North Toward Elko



Figure 5. Lamoille Summit Bike Trails Project Area (From Central Mid-Slope) Looking South



Nevada Division of State of State Parks 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear RTP Committee:

On behalf of a partnership between a community organization, Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI), and the Tuscarora BLM, I am submitting the attached State of Nevada Recreational Trails Program 2022 Grant Application to advance development of a non-motorized, multi-use trail system in Elko County. The BLM transmittal letter is also included.

The Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI) is a recent coalition formed to address the BLM requirement of a strong community partner in development of Lamoille Summit Trail System. ETSI comprises the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG), Nevada Outdoor School (NOS), Elko Velo and Elko County. All have managed grants, local events, and enjoy their status as reputable organizations.

NNSG began in 1998 and has many agency members with trail building experience. "NNSG is a collaborative group based in Elko, Nevada. We address natural resource issues such as range management, stewardship of the sagebrush ecosystem, recreational opportunities, and sage-grouse recovery."

Since 2002, NOS has demonstrated their dedication to habitat stewardship and community. They offer strong grant management infrastructure to the initiative.

Elko Velo, established in 2005, initiated Lamoille Summit Trail System development five years ago and brings trail building and monitoring to the initiative.

Curtis Moore, Elko County Natural Resources Director, has secured the county support of the reimbursable component of awards and facilitates interagency communication.

The initiative ensures LSTS will be responsibly managed for the next 25 years, and beyond.

The project will not facilitate motorized activities on trails that have been predominantly used by non-motorized trail users and on which, as of May 1, 1991, motorized use is either prohibited or has not occurred (Section 1302 (e)(2)(c) of the National Trails Act).

Clearing the NEPA hurdle will launch trail building energy that has been building for the past five years. We look forward to harnessing Elko County's enthusiasm for authorized trails close to home.

Sincerely,

Leslie Creel - Elko Trail System Initiative Director



United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To: LLNVE02000 (1220)

Recreational Trails Program Manager Nevada Division of State Parks 901 S. Stewart St. Suite 5005 Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Recreational Trails Program Committee Members,

I am writing in support of Nevada Outdoor School's (NOS) Recreational Trails Program grant application for the Lamoille Summit Trails system, a proposed 50-mile trail system located on BLM public lands south of Lamoille Summit and north of State Highway NV 228. This grant, if successful, would provide funding for the first phase that includes project design and environmental surveys and analysis. Construction would be phased in over time and is subject to priority program of work management and available funding.

- 1) I have read this application and agree to all responsibilities assigned to the BLM in this grant application/project proposal.
- 2) Consistent with Section 1302 (e) (2) (c) of the National Recreational Trails Act, this project will not accommodate motorized use on a trail that has previously been non-motorized.
- 3) The proposed trail planning and layout as well as the future construction and maintenance on federal land (BLM) will be in compliance with all applicable laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- 4) No motorized uses are proposed in this plan or project. Hence this application does not require certification that the lands have been allocated for uses other than wilderness by the approved agency resources management plan or have been released to uses other than wilderness by an Act of Congress, and that such construction is otherwise consistent with the management direction in approved land and resources management plan.

5) Commitment to Maintenance: Through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Elko Trail System Initiative, our partnership is committed to the on-going maintenance for 25 years that will be required of these trails once they are built.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tammy Owens at (775) 753-0226 or taowens@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. Peterson Field Manager Tuscarora Field Office



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November 1, 2021

Janice Keillor Park and Recreation Program Manager Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Nevada Division of State Parks 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 5005 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Janice,

I am writing in support of Elko Velo's Recreational Trails Program grant application to build bike trails in the Southwest area of Lamoille Summit. Our local biking enthusiasts have made tremendous efforts to promote and build several miles of biking and hiking trails at SnoBowl. Additional trails in the region will further compliment these efforts and enhance outdoor recreational opportunities for locals and visitors in Elko.

The City of Elko supports the efforts of Elko Velo to enhance and provide outdoor recreational opportunities within our community and region.

Sincerely,

Curtis Calder

City Manager / City of Elko

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Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Recreational Trails Grant Administrators,

Bristlecone Bikes is a local bike shop here in Elko, Nevada. We have been in business for just over 3 years now. We are writing in support of the Lamoille Summit Bike Trail Project. We have been involved in this project from the beginning. We have volunteered our time by marking out the purposed trails on the BLM land of Lamoille Summit. WE have attended the different meetings regarding trail design and purpose. We feel this trail system will be a very positive thing for our community. Its location is ideal because it will serve both residents of the city of Elko and those of the Spring Creek Association with a trailhead only 10 minutes away. This trail system will also be great for our own business, and for the other local business. We have found that there are several mountain bike enthusiasts that travel through Elko on their way to Colorado and Utah. They often stop into our shop and ask for directions to local mountain bike trails. We feel this new trail system will be one that will be close and easy to access.

Thanks for considering this project.

Sincerely,

John Gu/l,

Owner of Bristlecone Bikes



Memorandum of Understanding between Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, Nevada Outdoor School, Elko Velo, and Elko County to form Elko Trail System Initiative in support of Lamoille Summit Trail System

For the period August 1, 2021 to August 1, 2031

This document defines the relationship between Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG), Nevada Outdoor School (NOS), Elko Velo and Elko County in forming the Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI). This document is prepared with the focus of partnering with the BLM on the development of the Lamoille Summit Trail System (LSTS). Additional trail project collaborations will need to be approved by the board of each individual organization.

ETSI combines the strengths of four well-established community organizations with the goal to promote planning, construction and maintenance of designated multi-use trails in Elko County. Respecting the talents of each organization, the following broad expectations of each are outlined below:

NNSG - Organize labor for trail maintenance days

NOS - Administrative support for grant management

Elko Velo - Patrolling reports on traffic behavior and trail conditions

Elko County - Reimbursable grant reserves, facilitating interagency communication

Each organization will provide a liaison for quarterly ETSI board meetings, initially scheduled for 6:00 pm on the last Tuesday of January, April, July, and October. These liaisons will be involved in annual BLM meetings, suggesting November 1.

An Annual Plan of Operations (POO) will be submitted by ETSI to the BLM by October 31. Expectations from member organization for ETSI success:

NNSG - Organize trail maintenance days as outlined in the annual POO, one before July 1 and another before November 1, ensuring work party leaders have BLM-required training.

NNSG and/or NOS - Provide training to members (and public) regarding "Rules of the Trail*, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly ethics programs before June 1.

Elko Velo - Prepare quarterly report on observed trail behavior and conditions, as provided by club member queries. Provide an annual compiled trail status report for October board meeting in preparation of POO presentation due to BLM on November 1.

Elko County - Make available the funding to fill the gap between the time of trail construction payments and grant distributions. Attend October ETSI board meeting in preparation of POO document due to BLM on October 31,

NOS - Manage grant administration services as needed. Attend October ETSI board meeting in preparation of POO document due to BLM on October 31.

Date

Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to commit funds to any projects, nor to require the allocation of funds for projects that have not been approved and budgeted for by the governing boards of each member organization.

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Elko Trail System Initiative 25-year Facility Maintenance Agreement for Lamoille Summit Trail System presented to Recreational Trails Program Committee December 8, 2021

The Elko Trail System Initiative (ETSI) comprises the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG), Nevada Outdoor School (NOS), Elko Velo and Elko County. All partner organizations are all well-established organizations dedicated to the Elko community. Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group began in 1998, Nevada Outdoor School in 2002 and Elko Velo in 2005. All have managed grants, local events, and enjoy their status as reputable organizations. Collectively, they are prepared to ensure LSTS is responsibly managed for the next 25 years, and beyond.

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FYI – Support for Lamoille Summit Trail System.

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From: Curtis Moore <cmoore@elkocountynv.net> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:50 AM **To:** Heather Giger <hgiger@parks.nv.gov>

Subject: RTP Grant Comment

<u>WARNING</u> - This email originated from outside the State of Nevada. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Good morning Ms. Giger,

Yours was the only email address on the meeting announcement, so I wasn't sure where to send my comment.

Elko County supports the Lamoille Summit Trail System's application for funds for NEPA and planning. This project will help to diversify Elko County's extraction-dependent economy, as well as provide much-needed recreational opportunities for Elko County residents.

Best.

Curtis Moore Natural Resources Director (775) 738-6816 Ext. 212

Kerry A. Aguirre Elko Desert Rotary Club Community Fund

PO Box 1241 Elko, NV 89803

RTP Advisory Committee
Attn: Heather Giger
901 S. Stewart Street
Suite 5005
Carson City, NV 89701-5248

Dear RTP Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the opportunity for Nevada to receive grant funding for outdoor recreational trail activities in our northeastern Nevada communities and specifically in the Elko, Spring Creek, Lamoille, and Elko County areas.

As an Elko area resident since 1988, I have enjoyed hiking, biking, and running roads and trails, which also exist within a short distance from my residence.

As a Rotarian, I am a committee member for the annual "Ruby Roubaix: Gravel Fondo" fundraiser, an outdoor (pedal-bikes) cycling event designed for beginners through seasoned cyclists to ride a twenty, thirty-six, sixty-two, or a one hundred and seventeen-mile loop around the pristine Ruby Mountains.

Furthermore, as a working professional, I have over 30 years of experience in marketing and recruiting for high-level positions in the healthcare industry. One of our area's greatest draws is beautiful and relatively close access to outdoor activities.

A grant to provide outdoor educational and recreational trail activities for motorized and non-motorized trails is ideal for our area and our population.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my interest in your federally funded program.

Respectfully,

Kerry Aguirre

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