

1610 - Ward Charcoal Ovens Trail Planning

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 4:45 PM
Initially Submitted By: Tabatha Hamilton
Last Submit Date:
Last Submitted By:

Contact Information

Primary Contact Information

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Comments:

Organization Information

Status*: Approved

Name*: White Pine County

Organization Type*: County Government

Tax Id: 88-6000-166

Organization Website:

Address*: 297 Nevada Northern Railway

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Fax: ### ### ####

Benefactor:

Vendor ID:

Comments:

RTP Pre-Application - PLANNING

Project Description

Classification*: Government

Please choose one.

Government Classification:

County

Please choose one.

Grant Manager/

Primary Point-of-Contact

(if grant is awarded)*:

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City State Zip Code

Land Owner*: BLM/Forrest Service/White Pine County

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*: \$8,000.00

Match Amount*: \$2,000.00
20% of total amount required for planning projects

Total Project Amount: \$10,000.00

Match Sources*: City/County

Please Describe Source(s)*:

White Pine County will contribute a cash match of 20% for its general fund.

Trail Use*: Equestrian, Mountain Biking, Pedestrian (hiking/trail), Pedestrian (urban/path), 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*:

White Pine County would like to begin planning on a trail that will start at a trailhead on Bobcat Drive at the future "Heritage Park" (anticipated to be funded through BLM SNPLMA Sept. 2021). It will follow a current easement through Ice plant canyon. The trail will then branch off of the ice plant trail and goes south to the Ward Charcoal Ovens. We would like to determine the best route, as well as many other planning factors such as NEPA compliance through a planning phase of this project.

Project Location

Congressional District(s)*: District 4
Select all that apply.

County*: White Pine

Municipality/Town/City*: Ely

Environmental Compliance

See page 10 of the RTP Handbook for more information.

Does not apply to Planning or Education projects with no ground disturbing 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 project area.

Please indicate which NEPA document was produced.

Please attach the document to this application.

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 objects estimated to be over 50 years old.

Cultural Resources:

Maps

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| General location map (showing project area within the state and/or county) | | Plan Summary Presentation | Coke Owens Trail Presentation planning.pptx | pptx | 4 MB | 10/28/2021 01:40 PM |
| Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale) | | | | | | |
| Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment) | | | | | | |

Photos

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| Concept | images 2.jpg | jpg | 5 KB | 10/28/2021 01:40 PM |
| Concept | images 1.jpg | jpg | 8 KB | 10/28/2021 01:40 PM |
| Map of general area of trail | Capture.JPG | JPG | 245 KB | 10/28/2021 01:40 PM |

Shape Files

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Authorization

Authorized Individual*: Richard Howe 08/01/2021
First Name Last Name Date

Title*: White Pine County Commission Chairman

Agency/Organization*: White Pine County

RTP Application - PLANNING PROJECTS

Project Description

Standards/Guidelines Applied to Project*: Other

If Other, Please List: no guidelines have been applied as this is a project to help understand which should be used.

List all permits required to complete project.

Permits:

This project is a planning phase to this project that will help decide the best location for the trail. Without knowing an exact location, it is hard to know which permits or standards will be necessary. We are hopeful that this planning phase will make this information clear to us before continuing with the development of this trail.

Does the project include a paved bicycle path?

Bicycle Path*: No

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*:

This project aligns with goal # 5 of the White Pine County Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document- Develop a comprehensive outdoor recreation/tourism plan to expand outdoor recreation accessibility and economic impact by developing outdoor businesses, services and events.

Objectives:

- a) Develop a regionalized trail head and mapping system
- b) Develop a non-motorized trail expansion to include various levels of trail
- c) Develop a year-round outdoor activities opportunities marketing plan to include Phone and video content around mountain biking, hiking, camping, OHV, horse trails and gamet hunting
- d) Increase the number of developed camping sites in the County
- e) Develop itineraries of what to do in White pine County that provide for various skill levels including:

? Family friendly

? Expert

? Moderate

? Beginners

This project takes a Park that is currently being applied for through SNPLMA (Heritage Park) and connects it with natural area on BLM land as well as Trails such as the Ice Plant Canyon trail and the Ward Charcoal Ovens. White Pine County offers a wide variety of outdoor activities including historic Ward Charcoal Ovens, Lehman Caves, several lakes, a glacier and the Nevada Northern Railway Museum including restoration and operation of historic railroad equipment. In addition, miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, camping, hunting, and star gazing in some of the darkest skies in the United States. All of these opportunities provide many avenues for economic development.

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*:

Because parts of this path will be more level than mountain biking paths in the area, it reengages participants such as youth and elderly who may not be able to do more intense trails such as ice plant canyon. While doing this, it still allows for access to the more intense trails in the area by allowing connection to them from this trail.

Project Quality

Describe project schedule(s) and contingency plans.

Schedule and Plans*:

It is estimated that this project will take no longer than 6 months. It is anticipated that the project would start in the early spring to allow for the best weather possible during this planning study.

Describe the confirmed partnerships for this project.

Partnerships*:

Though there are no confirmed partnerships for this project, there has been coordination between the Local Forest Service office and White Pine Tourism and Recreation on the plan for this project.

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*:

As part of the preliminary design for this project, public scoping will occur to ensure that the preliminary design for this project has input from those that will be utilizing the trail. Once a complete plan for the project location is decided, public input will occur to ensure that this is what the community wants.

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

Project Phases*:

With any grant project, the County strictly follows the our grant management and purchase order policies to ensure proper management and procurement. For this phase of the project, coordination with BLM, Forest Service and other key entities will occur to ensure all necessary requirements and practices are followed.

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

Sustainability*:

The County plans to make this path as low maintenance and self-sustainable as possible with cost and energy efficient materials. With the goal of the trail being as natural, low maintenance and self-sustaining as possible, it is believed that the maintenance will be minimal but may require periodic maintenance as any other trail in the area requires.

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*:

No, the planning activities will not contribute to the maintenance of existing infrastructure. However, This project will provide for a new form of transportation to existing infrastructure and historical site known as the Ward Charcoal Ovens thus increasing the number of visitors viewing and appreciating it.

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

Safety*:

The goal for this planning study is to develop the best route for this trail in order to encompass all aspects of safety, sustainability and management. The County is applying for a plan that will allow for a location that is going to do the best job at allowing a safe and sustainable trail that also allows for various skill levels. Allowing for various skill levels with alternate routes will allow for users to stay safe on a trail that meets their skills while recreating with friends and family that may have higher skill levels rather than having to risk safety by going on a higher skilled trail.

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

Connectivity*:

White Pine County is known for its various mountain bike trails throughout the area. Mountain biking is one of the County's biggest tourism attractions. This project will connect to the Ward Charcoal Ovens and would allow for people to mountain bike to this unique historical site. This connects outdoor recreation to White Pine County's history and culture while increasing White Pine County's Mountain Biking reputation. This project will provide an access from Ely to various mountain trails and the Ward Charcoal ovens without having to use highways or roads. This project creates a new legitimate trail that connects not only to a newly developing Heritage Park, but the Ward Charcoal Ovens, Ice Plant Canyon and to natural areas on BLM and Forest Service land.

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

Youth Engagement*:

The trailhead for this project will be located at a newly developing park to be known as "Heritage Park". This park is adjacent to the local high school and Community college. The location of this trailhead is perfect for engaging youth in outdoor recreation and may even provide hiking opportunities for physical education classes. Youth may use the trail during lunch breaks or after school with the location being easily accessible and nearby. With a trail that provides for various levels of recreation, youth has more ability to take part in mountain biking or hiking without risk of injury. The trail will encourage group and family use thus encouraging kids to recreate with family and friends.

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

New Outdoor Recreation Facilities*:

Yes. This plan will explain why the selected route or routes were suggested in order to create a trail with the County's goals such as safety, sustainability and versatility in mind. The plan will include identifying concern, uniqueness, cost savings, energy savings and more.

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

Economic Vitality*:

Ely would be the closest community to benefit however, it is believed that large group of mountain bikers and members of all County townships would also be drawn to the area as well as a large amount of tourists. This project expands the County's already booming Mountain biking opportunities throughout the area and near Cave Valley and Ward Mountain in particular. Revenue from tourists is a large portion of the Counties revenue and any project that promotes tourism will contribute to the community.

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

Water and Habitat*:

Providing a legitimate trail for recreators to utilize allows less destruction of natural land and habitat. Though this project is not anticipated to have any impact on water, if the planning study shows any potential for this, plans will include best practices for low impact designs and/or maintenance procedures.

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*:

To date, White Pine County has received and closed 9 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) grants. The County is currently managing 5 more, 2 of which are nearly completed. The County has very recently been awarded 3 more multi million dollar SNPLMA grants that are anticipated to start planning in the Spring of 2022. The County has received and closed out dozens of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects totaling nearly \$4 million. The County also manages dozens of small grants for various departments such as PPE for the Fire Station, programs for the library, equipment for the Sheriff's office and much more.

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

Maintain Program*:

White Pine County has full time parks and maintenance staff as well as seasonal staff that will allow for proper maintenance of the trail. The County also anticipates increasing these staff numbers in upcoming years.

Authorization

Authorized Individual*:

Richard Howe 11/01/2021
First Name Last Name Date

Agency/Organization*:

White Pine County

Title*:

Commission Chairman

Supporting Documentation

Supporting Documentation

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| General location map (showing project area within the state or county) | | General location of trail | Captured.JPG | JPG | 110 KB | 11/01/2021 03:16 PM |
| Topographic map with project boundary and map name (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale) | | | | | | |
| Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment) | | | | | | |
| At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances | | | | | | |
| Photos of known cultural resources, if present | | Charcoal Ovens | images 2.jpg | jpg | 5 KB | 11/01/2021 03:18 PM |
| 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 | | Minutes from 9/8/21 agenda item approving application | givk.pdf | pdf | 357 KB | 11/01/2021 03:39 PM |
| 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 | | Transmittal Letter | Transmittal Letter.docx.pdf | pdf | 29 KB | 11/01/2021 04:42 PM |
| Letter of Support | | | | | | |

Additional Documentation

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Budget

Percentages

Grant Request

Federal Grant Percentage: 80.0%

Match

Federal Match Percentage: 0.0%

Non-Federal Match Percentage: 20.0%

TOTAL MATCH PERCENTAGE: 20.0%

Design and Engineering Costs

| 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 |
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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 |
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| Preliminary engineering, Costs, and design | 0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,000.00 | 80.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 20.00 | |
| | | | | \$0.00 | \$8,000.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$2,000.00 | | |

Direct Labor (Salaries or Actual)

| 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 |
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Labor (Volunteer or Donated)

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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 |
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Contracts

| 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 |
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Materials

| 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 |
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Fuel, Vehicle Maintenance & Travel

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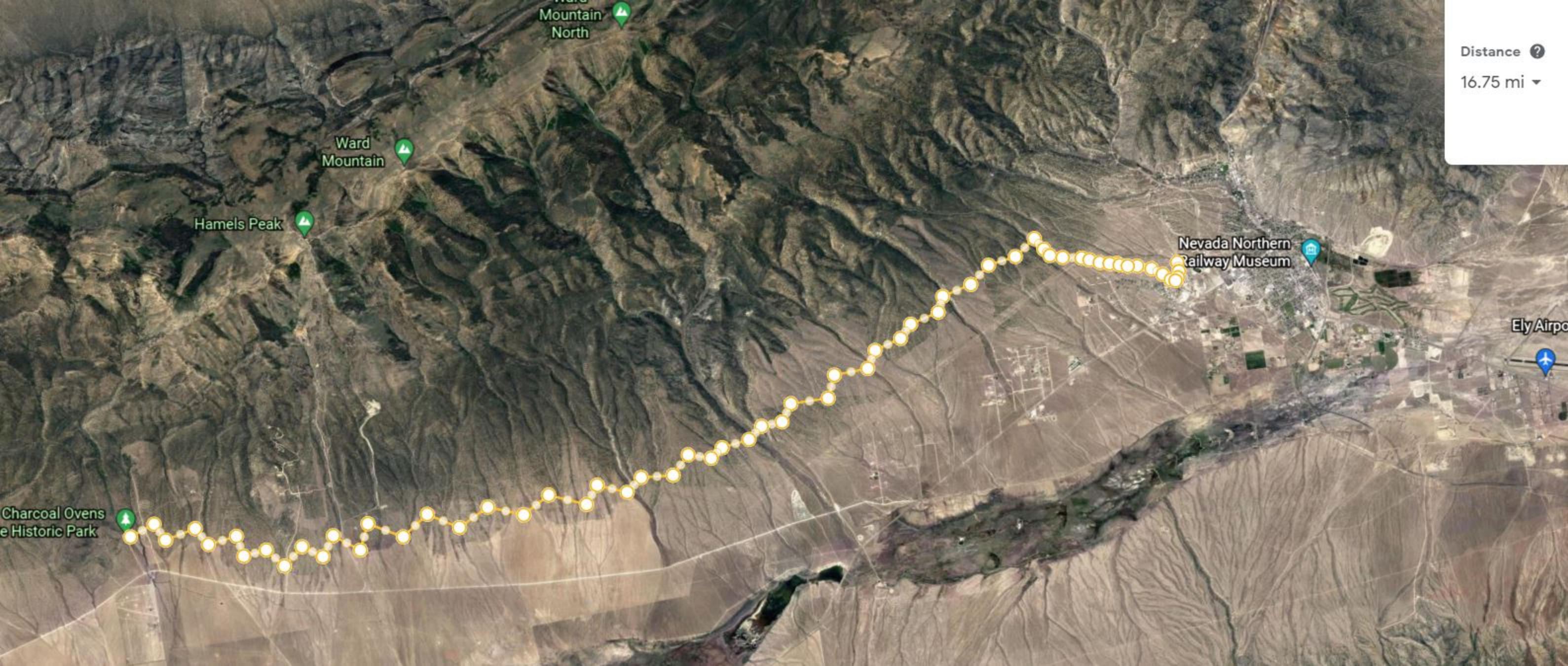
Other Expenses

| 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 |
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Totals

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| Total Federal Grant Amount: | \$8,000.00 |
| Total Federal Match Amount: | \$0.00 |
| Total Non-Federal Amount: | \$2,000.00 |
| Total Amount: | \$10,000.00 |



Distance ?
16.75 mi ▾

Ward Mountain North

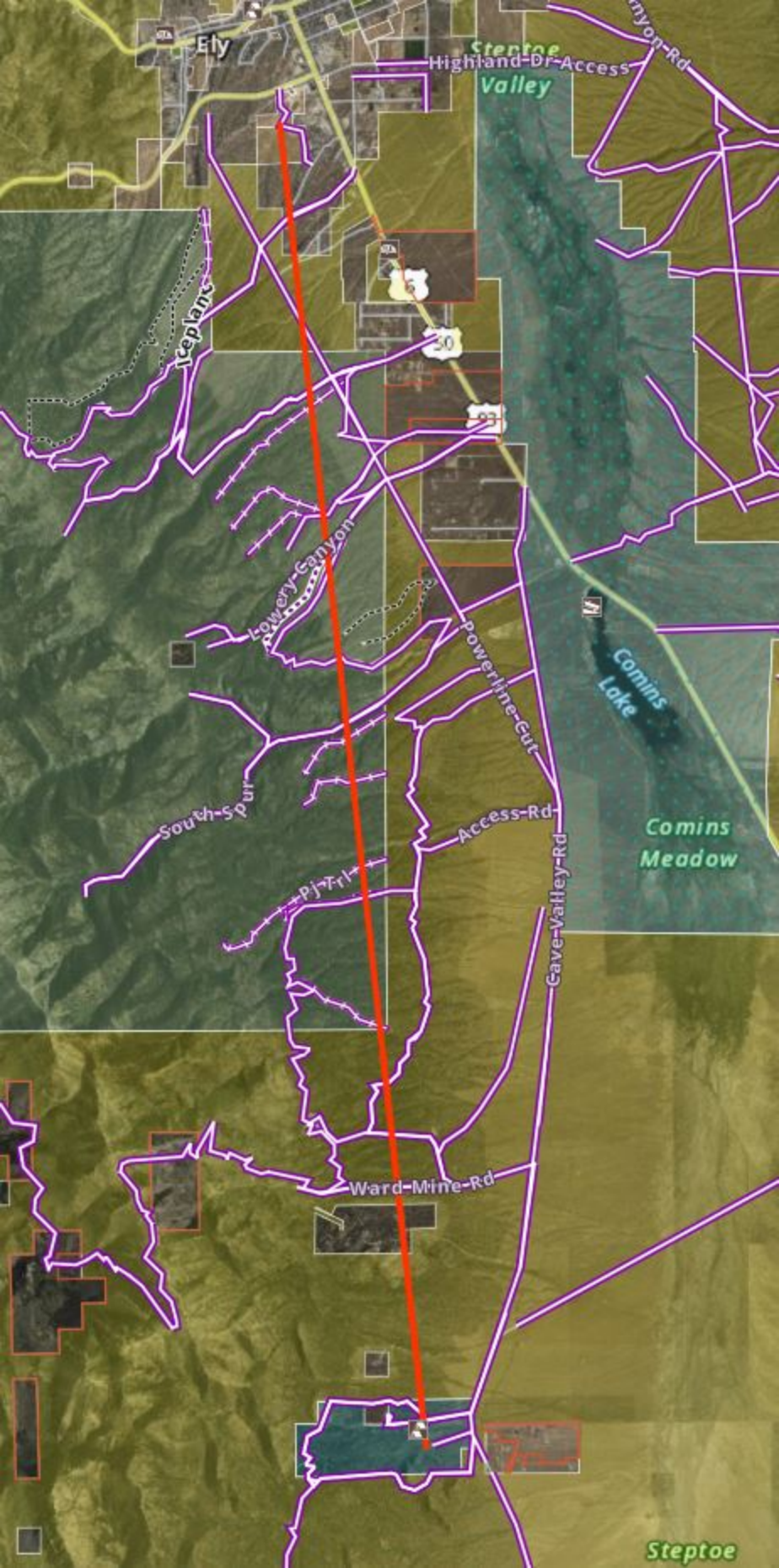
Ward Mountain

Hamels Peak

Nevada Northern Railway Museum

Ely Airpo

Charcoal Ovens Historic Park



Ely

Steeptoe
Highland-Dr-Access
Valley

Iceplant

30

Lowery Canyon

Powerline-Cut

Comins
Lake

South-Spur

Access-Rd

Comins
Meadow

Pj-7-1

Gave-Valley-Rd

Ward-Mine-Rd

Steptoe



WELCOME TO
WARD CHARCOAL OVENS
STATE HISTORIC PARK



ENJOY AND RESPECT

CHARCOAL
OVENS



CAMP
GROUND





This
Route
is open to



CLOSED TO
MOTOR





***j) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-77 to augment the General Fund budget from unanticipated and unbudgeted Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 beginning fund balance in the amount of \$11,585 to pay for an asbestos survey of the historic courthouse authorized in FY2021 but completed in FY2022**

Commissioner Bybee moved to approve and Commissioner Carson made the second. Motion passed 4:0 with Commissioner Bullis having been absent from the room.

***k) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution 2021-55 to augment the General Fund budget from unanticipated and unbudgeted Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 beginning fund balance in the amount of \$24,425 to purchase a repeater required to facilitate effective emergency communications within White Pine County**

Commissioner Carson made the motion to approve and Commission Vice Chairman Godon made the second. Motion passed 4:0 with Commissioner Bullis having been absent.

***l) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to Ratify the Grant Application To The Nevada State Parks Recreational Trails Program For Funding of a Planning Phase In The Amount Of \$8,000. The Required County Match Amount Is \$2,000**

The Finance Director explained that this expands trails to the Ward Charcoal Ovens on a multi-use trail system through a program for recreational trails. Commissioner Vice Chairman Godon made the motion to approve and Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4:0 with Commissioner Bullis having been absent.

***m) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to ratify the Grant Application To The American Rescue Plan Airport Improvement Program For Funds That Will Assist Airport Sponsors To Address The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency In The Amount Of \$22,000. The Required County Match Amount Is \$0**

The Finance Director reported that this is the 2nd grant program through the American Rescue Plan similar to the CARES Act funding the County previously received. Commissioner Vice Chairman Godon moved to approve this item and Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4:0 with Commissioner Bullis having been absent.

***n) Discussion/For Possible Action: approval of extension #5 to the agreement with the Community Development Block Grant for the White Pine County slum /blight property abatement project 18/ACQ/09 to provide a time extension through December 31, 2021**

Commissioner Vice Chairman Godon moved to approve this item and Commissioner Bybee seconded the motion, which passed.

***o) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval of a grant agreement with CDBG for \$7,470 for the purchase of equipment for the Office of Public Health with no County match**

This item was duplicated from 8/25/21.

***p) Discussion/For Possible Action: Approval to post internally and externally for the vacant Deputy Clerk position in accordance with the process outlined in the negotiated agreement**

**WHITE PINE COUNTY COMMISSION
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

The County Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. Please submit agenda items by noon on the Tuesday preceding the meeting. PLEASE BE ADVISED: All required back-up information MUST accompany this Agenda Request Form.

Date of Commission Meeting: 9/8/21

Agenda Item: Discussion For Possible Action/Ratification: Ratification Of Grant Application To The Nevada State Parks Recreational Trails Program For Funding of a Planning Phase of the In The Amount Of \$8,000. The Required County Match Amount Is \$2,000.

Presenter(s): Elizabeth Frances, Finance Director

Fire Commission Related YES NO

Please provide any additional information you feel would be beneficial in scheduling your agenda item:
(1 attachment included)

Action Required:

Discussion Only
Update
Public Hearing
Approval

Time Preference:

Morning
Afternoon

**Estimated Time Needed for
Discussion**

*We will do our best to accommodate your preferences
For times on the agenda*

Supporting Information:

Does supporting Information include an original document that needs to be signed following
Commission action: YES No

If Yes, who should the signed document be returned to? _____

Has the document been reviewed by the
District Attorney's office? Yes No

If this action has a financial effect, has this been
reviewed by the White Pine County Finance Director?
Yes No

Name of Person Requesting Agenda Items: Tabatha Hamilton

Date Requested: 8/30/21

Please return to: **Nichole Baldwin and/or Susan Lujan**
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THANK YOU!

Richard Howe, Chairman
Travis Godon, Vice Chairman
Shane Bybee, Commissioner
Ian Bullis, Commissioner
Laurie L. Carson, Commissioner

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Nichole Baldwin, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

wpclerk@whitepinecountynv.gov

White Pine County Board of County Commissioners

December 1st, 2021

Dear Grantor,


Please find enclosed White Pine County's application for consideration of funding under the Nevada Recreational Trails Program. This project is summarized below.

White Pine County Ward Charcoal Ovens Trail Planning Project.

A project that will provide the public with increased outdoor recreational opportunities while improving the quality of life for the public and encouraging interaction with nature and physical activity. The County plans to reach this goal by completing the first planning phase to develop a trail starting from Heritage Park Location trailhead (APN 00149159) to the Ward Charcoal Ovens site. This planning study will include things such as site review, public scoping, considered locations and alternatives, existing trail inclusion, sustainability options, safety aspects, topography, costs and more. 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 Recreational Trails Act). The County commits to maintaining the project's features for 25 years after the completion of the trail unless planning finds that a Federal partner is willing, better suited and makes a this commitment instead.

This project was approved by the White Pine County Commission on 9/8/2021. Please see the minutes for the approval attached with this application.

White Pine County would like to thank you for your time and consideration of White Pine County's application.

Sincerely,

Richard Howe, Chairman

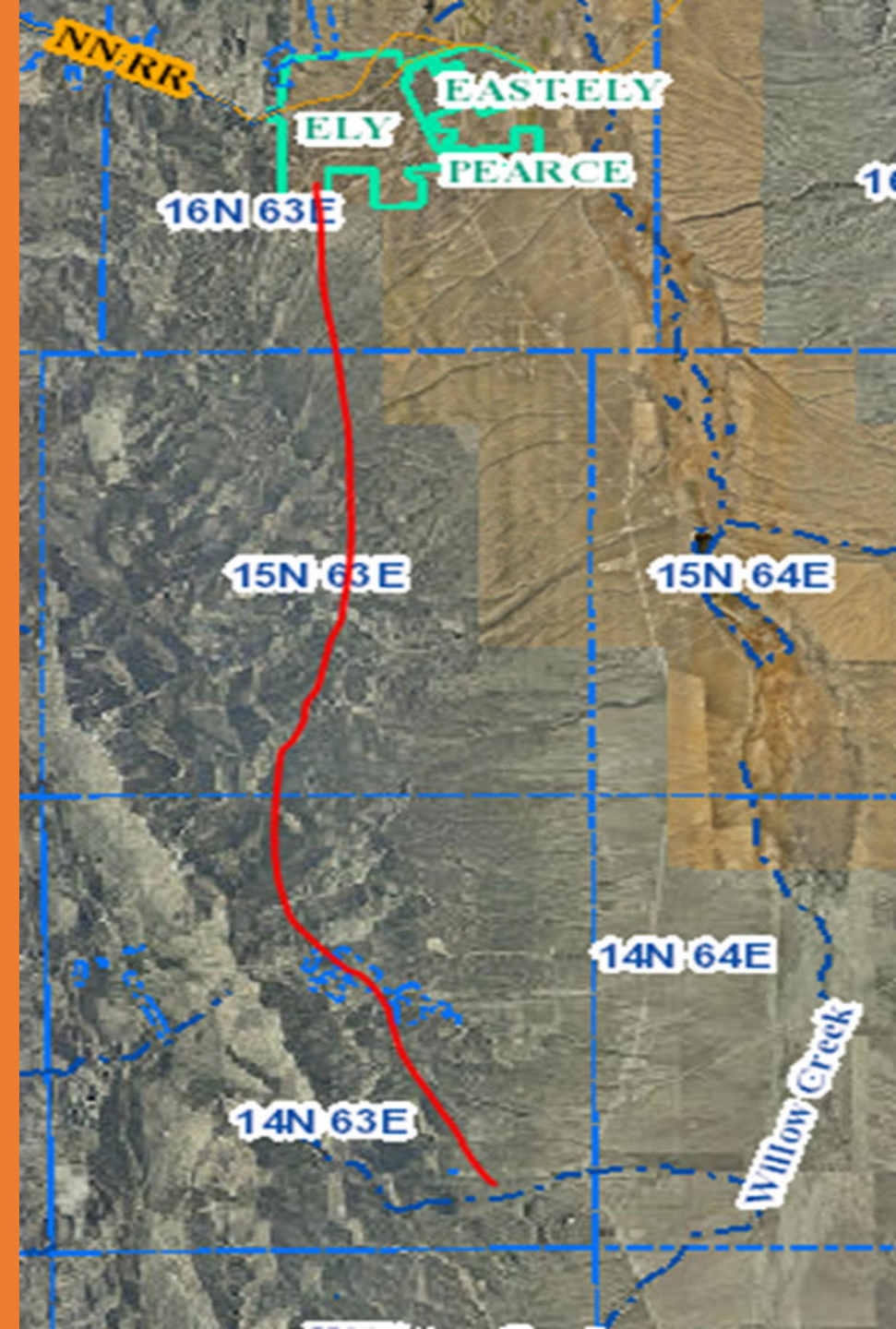
WARD CHARCOAL OVEN BIKE TRAIL



SUMMARY:

- Who: White Pine County
- Where: From Proposed Heritage Park Trailhead to ward Charcoal Ovens
- What: Mountain Bike Trail
- Why: To improve recreation opportunities, connectivity, and more.
- How Much: <\$1 Million

Rough location Shown>>



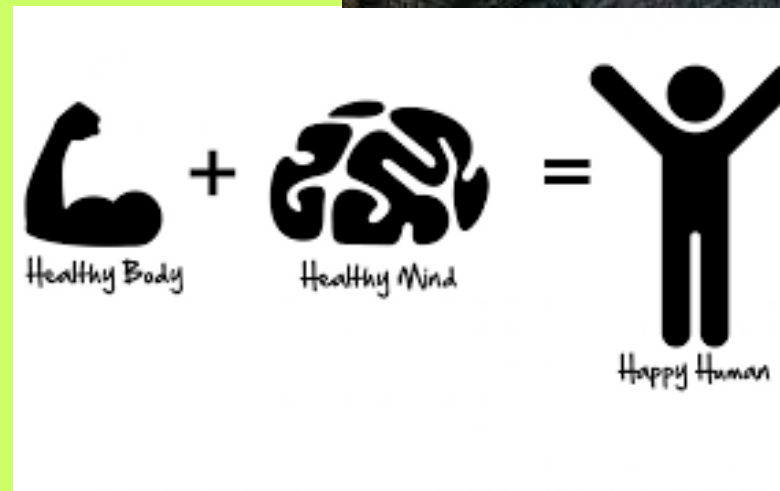
INSPIRATION

- Ice Plant Canyon
- Jumps
- Creek crossings
- Obstacles
- Alternate routes
- Charcoal ovens



BENEFITS

- Will improve the quality of life for the public, and encourage interaction with nature
- Encourage physical and mental wellness
- Will provide unique recreational opportunities with the potential to host additional recreational events
- Allows for solo recreation
- Will Promote White Pine County's Mountain Biking Reputation
- Will provide connection to recreation and local History
- Diverse and used by all age groups
- As low maintenance and sustainable as possible.
- Amazing views, fresh air without congestion of the City, Nevada's most amazing sunsets & views of the incredible dark skies



Goal 5. Develop a comprehensive outdoor recreation/tourism plan to expand outdoor recreation accessibility and economic impact by developing outdoor businesses, services and events.

Objectives

a) Develop a regionalized trail head and mapping system

b) Develop a non-motorized trail expansion to include various levels of trail

c) Develop a year-round outdoor activities opportunities marketing plan to include photo and video content around mountain biking, hiking, camping, OHV, horse trails and garnet hunting

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COSTS AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE

Total Estimated Cost:< \$1 Million

When preliminary cost estimates are developed, coordination with engineer on most feasible way of splitting the project will occur to ensure a phase approach can occur if necessary

Initial High Cost Areas:

- Purchase of easements
- Design of trail
- Creation of the trail itself.

Future Maintenance Cost Cutting Areas:

- Natural
- low maintenance and self-sustaining
- Minimal but may require periodic maintenance

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