



PARK/PLAYGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

July 11th, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall – 601 Central Avenue

If you wish to attend virtually, please visit the town website under the government tab for the
zoom link: <https://townofdolores.colorado.gov>

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Identification of Actual or Perceived Conflicts of Interest**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of Minutes from the June 13th meeting
 - a. Minutes 6/13 Meeting

6. **Citizens Comments (5 minutes per person)**

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the committee at this time or during a public hearing. Each person will have 5 minutes. The committee encourages public comment by the following sources: live at the town hall, virtually via zoom (see the town website for the link), or by submitting your comments, via email, to the town clerk at tammy@townofdolores.com any time before the dated board meeting.

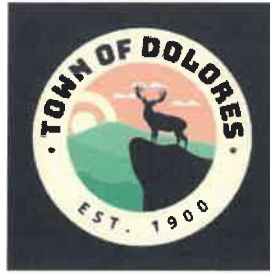
7. **New Business:**

- 7.1 Manager's Update
- 7.2 Parks Trees
- 7.3 GOCO Spokescreature Wilder

8. **Continuing Business:**

- 8.1 GOCO Grant Update
 - a. GOCO Application December 2023
- 8.2 Website/Parks Page Update
- 8.3 Farmer's Market Update
- 8.4 Adult Exercise Equipment

9. **Adjournment**



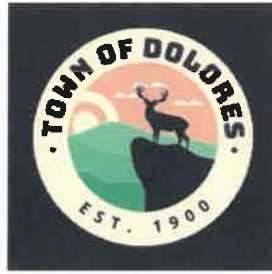
Town Manager's Report

Date: July 3rd, 2024

To: Board of Trustees

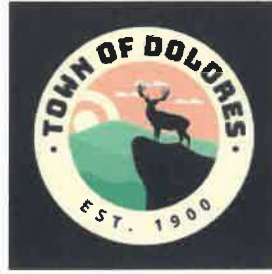
From: Leigh Reeves

- In the consent agenda you will find the final permit request for the Boggy Draw Beat down event with a smaller portion of the park in use.
- Old Townhall demo/New Townhall – We are still plugging along and have removed the asbestos from the CMU(concrete masonry unit) which is where the majority of the asbestos resided. We are on track to finish on time, July 20th, once completed we will have a much larger fence and big demolition equipment to take down the building. Once the building is gone Randy and team will be providing fill dirt for the demolition company to spread.
- P&Z – The Subdivision/Plat revision for the fire department will come up to P&Z on August 6th. There will be a public hearing at that time. It will then come to the board on August 12th for a public hearing and approval by the board. Please remember this went to the voters in an election in 2022 and it was approved. We are working with Nancy Dosdale of SEH to get the work completed for the voter approved property plat for the Fire District.
- Community Center – We have hired a new manager, Fred Manar. Fred lives on 7th st and is super excited to be working with the town and the community



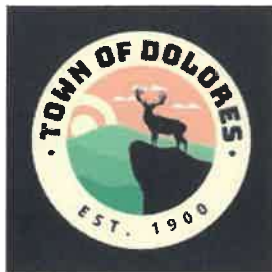
center. He will be a great asset and started last week. We are working with Jon to get a new contract and have updated the pricing to reflect the new approved rental rates. The committee is also advocating for a legacy rate. Legacy renters include, The Masons, AA, The Dolores Mountain Quilters and the Sr lunch program. The rates will go up annually starting next year at a rate of inflation. Jonnie Ryan and myself have talked to the legacy renters about the rental rate increase and consolidating space so we can clean up center and create storage for new customers.

- Flanders park bathroom – Cruzan construction started construction on the Flanders park bathroom. You can see the concrete has been poured and the basic plumbing in the foundation has been done.
- Joe Rowell Park – The town has taken over the Farmers Market. We are excited about this opportunity. I am working with several vendor liasons to take care of weekly needs. Wednesday, July 3, 2024 I will be conducting a survey of vendors to see how we can improve traffic for them. JRP is not attracting a large crowd like Flanders and is not bringing residual business to the town square currently. We will be putting up more signage to inform citizens of the new location.
- We will be putting Mag Chloride on the streets July 8th and 9th. The process starts with us watering the streets on July 8th and then Randy has hired a company to put Mag Chloride down on the streets. I sent you a list of streets earlier today.
- We are seeing an increase in the number of people creating spaces to rent as an STR without a permit. As we discuss these properties, please do not refer to the owners by name only addresses. This process is advancing as people



respond or don't to our requests for information. Jon is starting to get involved on some of these as owners continue to disagree with our standards. We have run out of permits on STRs which has also created some tension in the community. Those owners are given other options or put on a wait list.

- I am working with the Parks committee to develop the budget for our GOCO grant, which is due in September. Mike Wight has agreed to come to the parks meeting on July 11th, to provide guidance on our plan.
- We hosted Julie Beyers from the Colorado Department of Public Safety on July 3rd. David took her to inspect our sirens and the concrete pad that will have the new back-up generator once it is delivered.
- Heather and I will have a presentation prepared about the 6-month mark of our budget and projections for where we will be this year. Heather is working on finalizing the numbers for January – June of this year. We will have to present an amended budget for approval soon to include our emergency spending.
- CDOT has installed the West side behavioral sign on the highway. They are currently working on the East side sign. Both will be completed by the 4th of July.
- I will be meeting with Laura Lewis-Marchino on Tuesday to work out an agenda for the board retreat. We will be looking at the survey and other ideas and creating our own for moving forward. It will be presented to you via e-mail when it is completed to see if we need any additions.



- Finally, we will have the first reading of Ordinance 577. Option 1: This will modernize the code to include better definitions of the word premise and piggy-backing. It will define the line of requiring a property owner to install a separate tap when using the second “ADU” as a dwelling unit.
- Option 2: Will keep the code from 1989, which basically has the same requirements but goes into more code detail about electrical and plumbing requirements, as well as sewer grease traps for mobile restaurants. It also refers to premise as opposed to the more specific and modern terminology of ADUs- accessory dwelling unit. We have determined that our dividing line is if someone will be living in it.



Since 2019, Wilder has been a noteworthy leader in and spokescreature for the youth-and-outdoors movement. Originally from deep in the Rocky Mountains, the natural-born leader is part goat. Part yeti. And all friend. His professional skillset includes public relations and event marketing for [Generation Wild](#), while his true passion is inspiring Colorado kids to get outside more often. He holds no degrees or professional certificates but carries an immense amount of outdoor knowledge. Look for him at your local park or open space or the next time you're adventuring through Colorado's great outdoors.

Event requests? Email info@goco.org.
Can't be reached by phone.



Project Summary Information

Project Title:

Applicant Organization(s):

Applicant Name(s):

Partner Organization (if applicable):

Partner Name (if applicable):

Amount Requested:

Estimated Total Project Cost:

Estimated Grant Period (years):

Brief Project Description (limit to space provided without expanding the text box; use 10 pt font)

This project aspires to convert an underutilized 24-acre park in Dolores into a dynamic community hub that not only promotes youth and family engagement but also ensures equitable access to outdoor activities, contributing to the overall vitality of the community. Our grant proposal seeks funding for key components, including a community gathering space, a bike/skate park, outdoor exercise equipment, and a permanent land acknowledgement plaque with translations in English, Spanish, Dine, and Ute (Wuꞩama Núuchi). Dolores is already increasing its investment around sustainable recreation and leveraging outdoor resources, which will have a direct impact on conservation. This project will maximize the impact and will contribute to building a deep appreciation for the outdoor assets of our great corner of the state. It will also address the urgent community need for interventions that will impact health disparities. Research shows that creating safe spaces and prosocial activities for youth is of utmost importance in Montezuma County, specifically Dolores, which is an identified area with a high level of mental health and teen pregnancy concerns. The park is a transformative investment in both the physical and emotional health of its residents, catering to various age groups. The community demonstrated their support through substantial monetary, in-kind, and volunteer commitments. Over 70 individuals contributed more than \$124,000 since the inception of the project earlier this year with additional in-kind donations. The Town also received over 30 letters of support from local youth, businesses, schools, families, and community organizations.



Proposal Narrative

Introduction:

The "Revitalization of Joe Rowell Park" project aspires to convert an underutilized 24-acre park in Dolores into a dynamic community hub that not only promotes youth and family engagement but also ensures equitable access to outdoor activities, contributing to the overall vitality of the community. Our grant proposal seeks funding for key components, including a community gathering space, a bike/skate park, outdoor exercise equipment, and a permanent land acknowledgement plaque with translations in English, Spanish, Dine, and Ute (Wugama Núuchi).

Alignment with GOCO's Priorities:

This project was born from the grassroots level, and it has gained momentum through community and youth support. As a result of the community-led and inclusive planning process, the final proposal aligns seamlessly with GOCO's commitment to youth connections, equitable access, community vitality, and outdoor stewardship. Through collaborative efforts with local organizations, schools, and youth programs, we ensure that the park's facilities are accessible to all residents, regardless of socioeconomic status. Universal design principles are incorporated for inclusivity, creating a vibrant gathering space that fosters social interactions, community events, and cultural celebrations.

Community Need and Urgency:

According to the [2023 Special Advisory from the US Surgeon General](#), loneliness is an epidemic that has detrimental impacts on health. This advisory calls attention to the importance of social connection for individual health as well as on community-wide metrics of health and well-being, and conversely the significant consequences when social connection is lacking. In one part of the report, the authors note that "the lack of social connection poses a significant risk for individual health and longevity. Loneliness and social isolation increase the risk for premature death by 26% and 29% respectively." More broadly, lacking social connection can increase the risk for premature death as much as smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day.

This park revitalization will address the detrimental effects of loneliness by focusing on fostering a sense of belonging and social connection by focusing on inclusivity for the diverse population of the region and creating more prosocial opportunities and safe spaces for all youth. Not only will this project positively impact the Town of Dolores, it also will make a positive change in health outcomes for individuals across the county and the entire Four Corners area.

According to a recent survey by the Omni Institute and Montezuma Inspire Coalition, a GOCO Generation Wild and one of the partners on our proposed project, the teen birth rate in Montezuma County is 34%, that means that more than 3/10 young adults get pregnant before they



turn 20. This is almost three times the state average of 11.4% and teen pregnancy has lasting generational consequences for both the child bearer and the child. In addition, 8% of, or nearly 1/10, youth have attempted suicide in the past 12 months, again much higher than the state average (See attached). These health disparities are correlated with the lack of safe spaces in Montezuma County.

Safe spaces are defined to be “physical or virtual spaces which enable youth to come together and freely express themselves without judgment or fear of retribution.” (UNFPA 2015) These zones can be a powerful platform within positive youth development programs to develop core life skills, form friendships, receive and give peer support, increase social networks, and receive mentoring from trusted adults.

According to a recent survey from Team Up, a collective impact initiative under the United Way of Southwest Colorado, and MIC, there are very few locations where youth can spend time outside of school and feel comfortable. In this survey, they found that Dolores and Towaoc have the lowest number of places where youth can recreate without harm. TeamUp and MIC have been meeting monthly with a group of nonprofit leaders and community members to create more areas where youth feel comfortable. By continuing to partner with these organizations, we can create a comprehensive network of safe and accessible recreational areas that benefit the entire community.

Safe spaces for youth are important because they promote “[psychosocial well-being](#),” something that Montezuma County desperately needs (World Vision and the International Federation of the Red Cross 2019). The two areas with the fewest number of identified safe spaces were Dolores and Towaoc. **So, adding additional spaces where youth can recreate safely is of utmost importance in an area with a high level of mental health and teen pregnancy concerns.**

The need is also exemplified by Generation Wild’s Montezuma Inspire Coalition (MIC), who found that 69-88% of respondents in Montezuma County want to spend more time outdoors, but face barriers such as cost and transportation (See attached). As a response to this issue, they funded a gear lending library to try and circumvent some of these challenges. However, youth still face obstacles in transportation, especially in rural Dolores. The town does not have a recreation center nor a gym and many of the youth have taken to building multiple dangerous dirt jumps and ramps across the back alleys of the community.

Luckily, the community recognizes the urgency and need for this project and have shown their support through substantial monetary, in-kind, and volunteer commitments. Over 70 individuals contributed more than \$124,000 since the inception of the project earlier this year with additional in-kind donations from the Town, Dolores Bike Hostel, Kokopellis Bike and Board, American Ramp Company, Sage Messaging, and Trautner Geotech. Over the past two years, the Town of Dolores and groups of passionate and dedicated residents ran multiple surveys to decide which features people wanted the most, led two community outreach events to garner community feedback on the project, visited local skate clubs in the county and



the bordering Native land during the design process, consulted the director of Devo, a local mountain biking youth program, and collaborated with the American Ramp Company (ARC) to lead an local interactive bike/skate park design meeting with Olympic skater, Julia Brückler.

Additionally, the Town of Dolores received letters from over thirty youth in Dolores ranging from elementary to high school-aged, all to support the new and improved space. Another eleven local and regional businesses and nonprofits in our small rural community took the time to write to declare their support for the project as well.

Community Impact:

a. Impact on Youth:

Addressing the pressing need for safe spaces, the project focuses on engaging youth in healthy activities. Given the high levels of risk factors experienced by Montezuma County youth, such as poverty and limited recreational options, the project's skate park, pump track, and bike park provide essential outlets for positive engagement, reducing the likelihood of negative behaviors.

Creating safe and inclusive spaces for young individuals will contribute to their overall well-being and reduce the risk of engaging in substance use or other negative behaviors. The proposed project directly addresses the community need for safe spaces where youth can engage in healthy recreational activities. By providing a pump track, skate park, and bike park, the project offers exciting opportunities for youth to stay active, develop skills, and foster a sense of community. All of those outcomes are congruent with The National Research Council and Institute of Medicine's range of characteristics of safe spaces (2002).

Currently, Montezuma County youth experience high levels of risk factors that can hinder healthy development. 60% of the 6k+ youth living in the county are eligible for the free and reduced lunch programs, and 29% live in poverty compared to the state average of 12%. Aforementioned, the teen pregnancy rate is 34% or more than 3 out of every ten girls. Investments in this community will have far-reaching effects on many key health indicators.

Along with safe spaces, prosocial activities, like the School Community Youth Collaborative's skate club, one of the project's partner's, are key to lowering these rates. CDE conducted a survey that showed that about 90% of people in Montezuma County are interested in a 4 day school week. It identified that families wanted more time to spend doing shared activities. The county decided to adopt this change. However, now that the school week is shorter, there is a gap in places for youth to recreate safely. This problem is magnified in historically marginalized populations that experience higher levels of negative social determinants of health. The addition of the bike and skate park and the revitalization of the park's amenities will create an opportunity and space for youth to recreate safely on their extra day out of school and will give families a place to spend more time together doing shared activities, just like CDE showed they wanted.

b. Impact on Outdoor Tourism Economy:



When completed, the hybrid bike park, skate park, and pump track will be a unique asset to this corner of Colorado and only the eighth of its kind in the country. This is expected to have a high impact on the outdoor tourism economy that will be supplemented by the new community gathering space and improvements to the baseball fields. There is already a lot of forward movement on supplementing the outdoor tourism economy in Dolores. In the past three years, a bike shop opened, a bike hostel opened, and miles of trails have been added to the Boggy Draw area. One such trail connects the Town of Dolores to the larger trail system and loops back to the other side of town in a 35-mile stunning display of the high desert landscape.

By enhancing the park's facilities, Dolores will attract bike, skate, and scootering enthusiasts to the region and will extend the length of stay for tourists, boost local businesses, and contribute to the outdoor economy. The project aligns with GOCO's values of community vitality and resource conservation by supporting efforts to strengthen the local economy through sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities.

The proposed project also aligns with the state and county's economic development frameworks. According to the State Rural Development Blueprint, the following activities are fiscal priorities: 1) Leverage the Unique Assets of Rural Colorado 2) Make Critical Investment in Community Infrastructure 3) Build on Successful Economic Development Programs and 4) Community Identified Priorities. The community's Region 9's Economic Development plan further highlights "access to recreation" and "leveraging the unique assets of the area" as two of the priority goals (2021). The revitalization project will address the priority areas at both the state and county level by providing an accessible point of entry into biking (there are over 200 miles of trails in the county) and will encourage youth and adults to spend more time in the beautiful outdoor assets of our community. In addition, it is a community-identified priority, as demonstrated by the town survey results, the safe spaces questionnaire, and the American Ramp Company's outreach efforts. According to the Department of Local Affairs, 16% of jobs in the county are related to tourism and there is a potential to augment this sector.

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c. Enhancement of Overall Community Wellbeing:

Urbanization, screen dependency, and the changing nature of childhood and parenting have led to increased time indoors, creating physical and emotional distancing from nature and time spent in natural environments. Substantial evidence from observational and intervention studies indicates that overall time spent in nature leads to increased perceived value for connectedness to nature and, subsequently, greater pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors ([National Institute of Health 2021](#)). This means that the more time people spend outside, the more likely it is they will want to protect the environment. In Dolores, there are very few opportunities for outdoor recreation and



exercise because there are no gyms, there is not a recreation center, and access to outdoor recreational opportunities are limited.

The Four Corners area is home to a large Native population. Montezuma County in particular, borders the Tribal lands of the Ute Mountain Ute people. K'ia Whiteskunk, the Director of the Towaoc Recreation Center, personally assured the team that many youth will benefit from the amenities the new park will provide. The Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center already brings groups of youth to Dolores as one of the many activities they provide. One of the parts of this proposal is to add a land acknowledgment in English, Dine, Ute, and Spanish as a plaque at the entrance of the park. It is a small step in correcting the atrocities of the past, but it is a step in the right direction, nonetheless.

Community-Driven Approach:

The revamping of Joe Rowell Park is a testament to a community-driven project shaped by extensive engagement with residents. Surveys, town hall meetings, focus groups, and online platforms were utilized to gather input on the design and features of the park, ensuring alignment with community preferences. The project not only addresses immediate needs but also reflects the long-term aspirations of the community.

To ensure the project meets community expectations, the team conducted extensive surveys and engaged with residents through town hall meetings, focus groups, and online platforms. This input informed the design and features of the pump track, skate park, bike park, and community gathering space, ensuring they align with the desires and preferences of the community. The town survey demonstrated that 82% of people were interested in using a new larger picnic area seasonally or daily; 74.6% would use the outdoor exercise equipment; and 66% for the bike features.

The Montezuma County Community Values Survey and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Report about recreation and conservation find that skating, parks, and biking are among the top-rated activities in the county. They also found that major obstacles to these activities include the cost of activity and equipment, limited access to the outdoors, and overcrowding in parks. This project would address these findings by building a new space for people to recreate and come together while also partnering with organizations who will address the cost barriers.

At the two Joe Rowell Park Community Outreach Sessions, the Parks Committee got feedback from a diverse range of ages, races, and backgrounds. As the chair of the Parks Committee said, "I must have spoken to over 100 people" at one of the events. The listening sessions demonstrated that the community believes that the park proposal holds significant potential for multifaceted benefits to both individuals and the Dolores community. The sessions were promoted in both English and Spanish and the Parks Committee collected data by having people anonymously write what their hopes and concerns were with post-it notes on boards. In addition, the team analyzed the 30+ letters from local youth to identify themes.



People are excited for a space for outdoor activities such as bike riding, promoting physical health, and attracting more visitors to Dolores, thereby increasing sales tax revenue. According to the feedback, enthusiasm centers around the creation of a skate park, bike tunnel, pump track, and various recreational elements, offering diverse opportunities for community engagement and enjoyment.

The hopes and dreams expressed by the community further underscore the significance of Joe Rowell Park. Residents envision the park becoming the primary venue for all festivals, emphasizing the desire for it to be a central hub of community activities. Currently, one of the most well-attended events in the park is the Dolores River Festival, bringing passionate rafting, kayaking, and conservation-loving folks into town from all across the region (See attached photo). The community gathering space will supplement this popular event and can encourage connections between the residents and the visitors. Community members also touted the improvements to the baseball field as an important facet of the project. Currently, the baseball fields hold an annual tournament of teams from Shiprock, Towaoc, Cortez, and others in the region. With better fields, these groups can enjoy a quality place to play their favorite sport and might even make unlikely connections thanks to the power of a shared outdoor passion.

Overall, the community envisions the park as a transformative investment in both the physical and emotional health of its residents, catering to various age groups. These dreams reflect a collective aspiration for the park to evolve into a vibrant and inclusive space, contributing significantly to the well-being and vitality of Dolores.

Collaborative Partnerships:

We have forged partnerships with various stakeholders to maximize the project's impact and ensure inclusivity: **Ute Mountain Ute Tribe:** Collaborating with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, we aim to incorporate their cultural perspectives and wisdom into the project, respecting and honoring their heritage and enhancing cross-cultural understanding. The director of the recreation center in Towaoc, K'ia Whiteskunk, has expressed interest in the project because of the large number of youth who skate and because they already take a group of people to Dolores with the Rec Center vans so they would benefit from additional park features and activities. The team will also be working with Dine and Ute Mountain Ute tribal members to create a land acknowledgement sign in honor of the stolen lands the park will be built on. **Montezuma Youth Pride:** Partnering with the MYP, we will offer the park as a safe and sober space for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to gather, promoting social support and well-being. **Gear Lending Library:** This project, managed by the School Community Youth Collaborative and funded through MIC, lends free outdoor gear to Montezuma County organizations and individuals that take children, youth, and families on outdoor trips. We will partner with them to provide bikes and skateboards to people who may face obstacles to procuring these on their own. **High Desert Devo:** Partnering with HDD, a youth cycling program based in the county, we hope to support



their mission of providing the confidence, compassion, and perseverance that kids can carry into their lives and their interactions with their community. In addition to building basic biking skills, this partnership will also bring a sense of community and engagement among the youth teams who can use the bike park and pump track to build their skills and to foster a love for the outdoors. **Skate Club:** Connections have already been established with the Skate Club, a safe haven for dozens of youths, ranging in experience level from beginner to veteran. The club provides a weekend outlet for students outside of school hours, providing a safe place for aspiring skaters during the non-winter months. The club coach and riders provided their feedback on the design of the park and are excited about the prospect of increasing their skills.

Intended Outcomes and Multiple Benefits: The revitalization of Joe Rowell Park is expected to yield several positive outcomes and benefits for the community: A) Increased Physical Activity: The project will encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles among youth and residents of all ages, promoting improved overall health and well-being; B) Youth Development and Engagement: The skate park, bike park, and pump track will provide platforms for skill development, creativity, and social interaction, fostering positive youth development and enhancing community cohesion. C) Enhanced Quality of Life: The addition of a community gathering space will create a central hub for social activities, cultural celebrations, and community events, strengthening community bonds and enhancing the overall quality of life in Dolores. D) Economic Stimulus: By attracting outdoor tourists, enhancing the community gathering space for festivals, and revamping the baseball fields, the project will support local businesses, stimulate economic growth, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the community.

Conclusion:

The proposed revitalization of Joe Rowell Park stands as a beacon for community-driven change, reflecting the aspirations and needs of Dolores residents. By fostering inclusivity, addressing urgent community needs, and leveraging strategic partnerships, the project aims to create a vibrant and inclusive space that enhances the wellbeing of youth while contributing significantly to the vitality of the town, county, and region. This transformative initiative aligns seamlessly with GOCO's values and program priorities, promising a lasting impact on the community's quality of life and outdoor connections.

PROJECT BUDGET & DETAILS

APPLICATION SCOPE OF WORK

Source of Funds (CASH)	Date Secured	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds
		\$630,532.00	
Town of Dolores-Fishing is Fun, American Ramp Co Design, Adult Ex Eq, Logan Simpson Park Master Plan	Various 2022&2023		\$147,000.00
CO Parks and Wildlife	Pending		\$52,300.00
Skatepark Project, Virga Fdn, Individuals,	Pending		\$200,000.00
CO Garden Fdn	Pending		\$7,200.00
Source of Funds (IN-KIND)			
Town of Dolores & Volunteers			\$159,000.00
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$630,532.00	\$565,500.00
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS			\$1,196,032.00

Use of Funds (CASH)	Description	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds	Total Funding
Bike Park/Skate Park/Pump Track	Contracting, mobilization, dirt work, pre construction, utilities	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$600,000.00
<i>American Ramp Co</i>				
Bike Park/Skate Park/Pump Track Design	Design of Lost Canyon All Wheels Park-completed		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<i>American Ramp Co</i>				
Category	Outdoor adult exercise area, 3 new pieces of exercise equipment	\$25,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$37,000.00
<i>Paris</i>				\$0.00
				\$0.00
Category	Fishing is Fun CPW project-committed	\$20,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$91,000.00
<i>TBD</i>				
Category	2- Shade Structures, 8 benches, 3 picnic tables	\$73,500.00		\$73,500.00
<i>TBD</i>				\$0.00
Category	36-shade trees w/ irrigation	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$14,400.00
<i>TBD</i>				
Category	Stabilized Crusher gravel walks	\$52,300.00	\$52,300.00	\$104,600.00
<i>TBD</i>				
Category	Land Acknowledgement Plaque & Translator	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
	Translated in Dine, Ute and Spanish			
Category	Joe Rowell Park Master Plan-completed		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Design/Permitting/Geotech 10%	Excavation cut slope observation	\$45,532.00		\$45,531.00
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$630,532.00	\$397,500.00	\$1,028,031.00

Use of Funds (IN-KIND)	Description	Matching Funds
Bike Park/Skate Park	Construct the bike park portion of the park. Includes materials, equipment and labor.	\$150,000.00
<i>Town Staff Volunteers/Local Businesses</i>		
Category		
<i>American Ramp Co/Sean Gregory</i>	Logo design, website development	\$9,000.00
Category		
<i>Dolores Bike Hostel</i>	Lodging for construction crews	\$15,000.00
Category		
<i>vendor/service provider</i>		\$0.00
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$174,000.00
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$630,532.00
	GOCO Funds	Matching Funds
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$571,500.00
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS*		\$1,202,032.00
* The Total Use of Funds must equal the Total Source of Funds in the section above.		
OTHER LEVERAGED RESOURCES (OPTIONAL)		
CASH OR IN-KIND	Description	Total Funding
Category		
<i>vendor/service provider</i>		\$0.00
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<i>vendor/service provider</i>		\$0.00
	<i>subtotal</i>	\$0.00
TOTAL PROJECT VALUE		\$1,202,032.00
	<i>GOCO % of project cost</i>	52%
	<i>GOCO % of project value</i>	52%

BUDGET NARRATIVE

GOCO TOWN OF DOLORES

DECEMBER 2023

Cost Estimates

All cost estimates developed by Logan Simpson except for the Bike Park, which was an estimate from American Ramp Company, a design/build company specializing in bike and skate parks.

Bike Park

The bike park is financed with funds requested from GOCO, from fundraising and from in-kind labor.

The not for profit Lost Canyon Bike/Skate Park has \$85,000 cash commitments for the project and in-kind labor and materials are also partially committed. Lost Canyon also raised \$30,000 for the bike park design. We will be seeking funds from the Skate Park Foundation, Katina Foundation, 12 Hours at Mesa Verde, Virga and Specialized Bikes

Dolores River Improvements

The river improvements are the Fishing is Fun project in cooperation with CPW. The town received a \$74,000 grant from CPW and committed \$17,000. The town is seeking \$20,000 from GOCO to help with unanticipated design costs and for the Army Corp 404 permitting process.

Outdoor Exercise Equipment

The town has purchased two pieces of outdoor exercise equipment and is seeking funds from GOCO for three additional pieces of equipment.

Walkway Improvements

Funding for the stabilized crusher fines gravel walks are a combination of GOCO funds and other funds that the town anticipates will be from other grant sources such as CPW.

**Town of Dolores
Resolution
No R559
SERIES 2023**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS
COLORADO TRUST FUND GRANT FOR THE COMPLETION OF
IMPROVEMENTS TO JOE ROWELL PARK**

WHEREAS, the Town of Dolores has adopted a Master Plan for Joe Rowell Park on the recommendation of the Town Parks Advisory Committee and input from citizens and members of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified implementing the vision of the Master Plan and developing the improvements called for therein a matter of important to the citizens of the Town of Dolores; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Dolores supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for improvements to Joe Rowell Park in accordance with the Master Plan. And if the grant is awarded, the Town supports the completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Town of Dolores has requested \$765,713.00 from Great Outdoors Colorado to fund completion of certain components of the Master Plan for Joe Rowell Park as set forth in the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE Board of Trustees for the Town of Dolores as follows:

Section 1: The Town of Dolores Board of Trustees strongly supports the application for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Dolores strongly supports the fulfillment of the project.

Section 3: The Board of Trustees authorizes the Town Manager to sign and submit the grant application; and, if the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Town Manager to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 4: If the grant is awarded, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Dolores authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of the grant agreement.

Section 5: All action heretofore taken in furtherance of the purposes of the Grant Application are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 6: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its


passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of November 2023.



Mayor Leigh Reeves

ATTEST:



Town Clerk Tammy Neely





The applicant is responsible for addressing any environmental impacts associated with the project, including securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law.

Applicant

Name:

Email:

Title:

Phone:

Please consult with your local Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) District or Area Manager to complete the table below and associated narrative questions as appropriate.

CPW Representative

Name:

Email:

Title:

Phone:

CPW representative, check this box if no significant environmental considerations exist and skip the remainder of the form.

Environmental Considerations	Not Applicable	Negligible Impacts	Minor Impacts	Significant Impacts	Insufficient Information
Plant/animal species of special concern; state/federal listed or proposed listed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unique or important habitat (<i>i.e. migration, winter-range, reproductive considerations</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unique or important aquatic habitat (<i>i.e. fish passage, spawning habitat</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stream flow characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River corridors/lakes/ponds/ seasonal water ways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wetlands/floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storm water runoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sedimentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disturbances to neighboring properties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil/erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introduction or promotion of non-native species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental disturbances during construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MITIGATION Please describe any necessary mitigation measures under consideration for impacts exceeding negligible (consider alternative design or trail route system; screening users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas; re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species; management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs; consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete to encourage seepage; comprehensive storm water runoff plan).



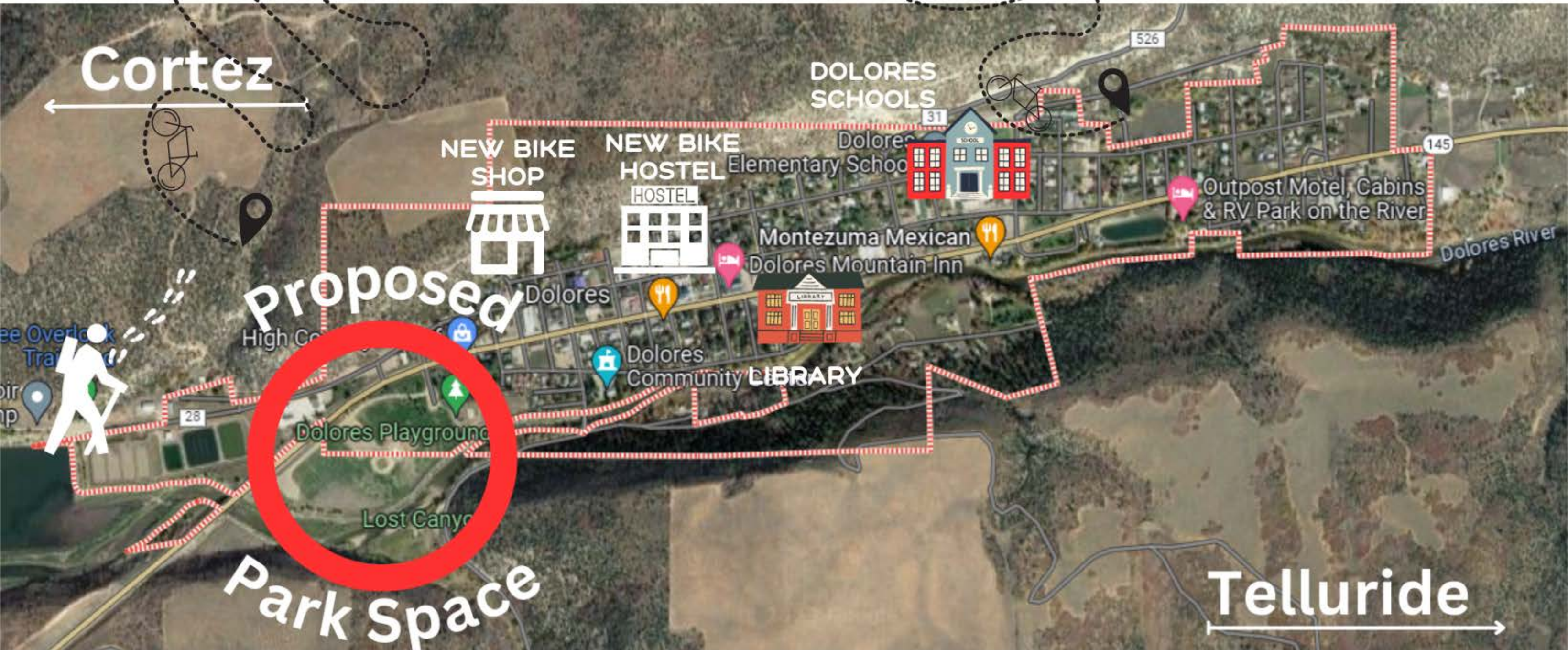
BENEFIT Please describe any anticipated positive impacts on wildlife and/or sensitive species (consider habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species; education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and wildlife impact monitoring).

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including, but not limited to Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act.

Colorado Parks & Wildlife Contact Information and Map

Northeast Region				
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1	Staunton State Park	Mark Lamb	mark.lamb@state.co.us	303.291.7241
2	Fort Collins	Jason Duetsch	jason.duetsch@state.co.us	970.472.4461 720.665.4858 (c)
3	Brush	Todd Schmidt	todd.schmidt@state.co.us	970.768.7830
4	Fort Collins	Jason Surface	jason.surface@state.co.us	303.472.4315
5	Denver	Matt Martinez	matt.martinez@state.co.us	303.291.7122
Northwest Region				
	Area	Name	Email	Phone
6	Meeker / Craig	Bill de Vergie	bill.devergie@state.co.us	970.878.6061
7	Grand Junction	Kirk Oldham	kirk.oldham@state.co.us	970.255.6178
8	Glenwood Springs	Matt Yamashita	matt.yamashita@state.co.us	970.947.2927
9	Hot Sulphur Springs	Jeromy Huntington	jeromy.huntington@state.co.us	970.725.6210
10	Steamboat Springs	Kris Middledorf	kris.middledorf@state.co.us	970.871.2842
10	or	Josh Dilley	josh.dilley@state.co.us	970.723.4625
Southeast Region				
	Area	Name	Email	Phone
11	Pueblo	Mike Brown	mike.brown@state.co.us	719.561.5303
12	Lamar	Todd Marriott	todd.marriott@state.co.us	719.336.6603 719.668.9241 (c)
13	Salida	Sean Shepherd	sean.shepherd@state.co.us	719.530.5526
14	Colorado Springs	Tim Kroening	tim.kroening@state.co.us	719.227.5218
Southwest Region				
	Area	Name	Email	Phone
15	Durango	Adrian Archuleta	adrian.archuleta@state.co.us	970.375.6770
16	Gunnison	Brandon Diamond	brandon.diamond@state.co.us	970.641.7069
17	Monte Vista	Rick Basagoitia	rick.basagoitia@state.co.us	719.588.8200
18	Montrose	Rachel Sralla	rachel.sralla@state.co.us	970.252.6010

New connected bike trail up to Boggy Draw Trail System and back through town



Cortez

DOLORES SCHOOLS

NEW BIKE SHOP

NEW BIKE HOSTEL

Dolores Elementary School

Dolores

Outpost Motel, Cabins & RV Park on the River

Proposed

Dolores

Montezuma Mexican Dolores Mountain Inn

Dolores Community LIBRARY

Dolores Playground

Lost Canyon

Park Space

Telluride



DOLORES

211

Monticello

Manti-La Sal National Forest

145

Telluride

Silverton

San Juan National Forest

491

Mesa Verde National Park

Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

550

191

San Juan River

Four Corner Monument

Ute Mountain Reservation

Mesa Verde National Park

160

Durango

Southern Ute Reservation

160

64

Shiprock

Farmington

170

Aztec Ruins National Monument

511

Navajo Lake State Park

64

Jica Apa Reser

60

Shiprock Pinnacle

McGee Park Sunray Park & Casino

Salmon Ruins & San Juan Archaeological Center

Bloomfield

Angel Peak Recreation Area

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Canyon de Chelly National Monument

Navajo Reservation

Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness

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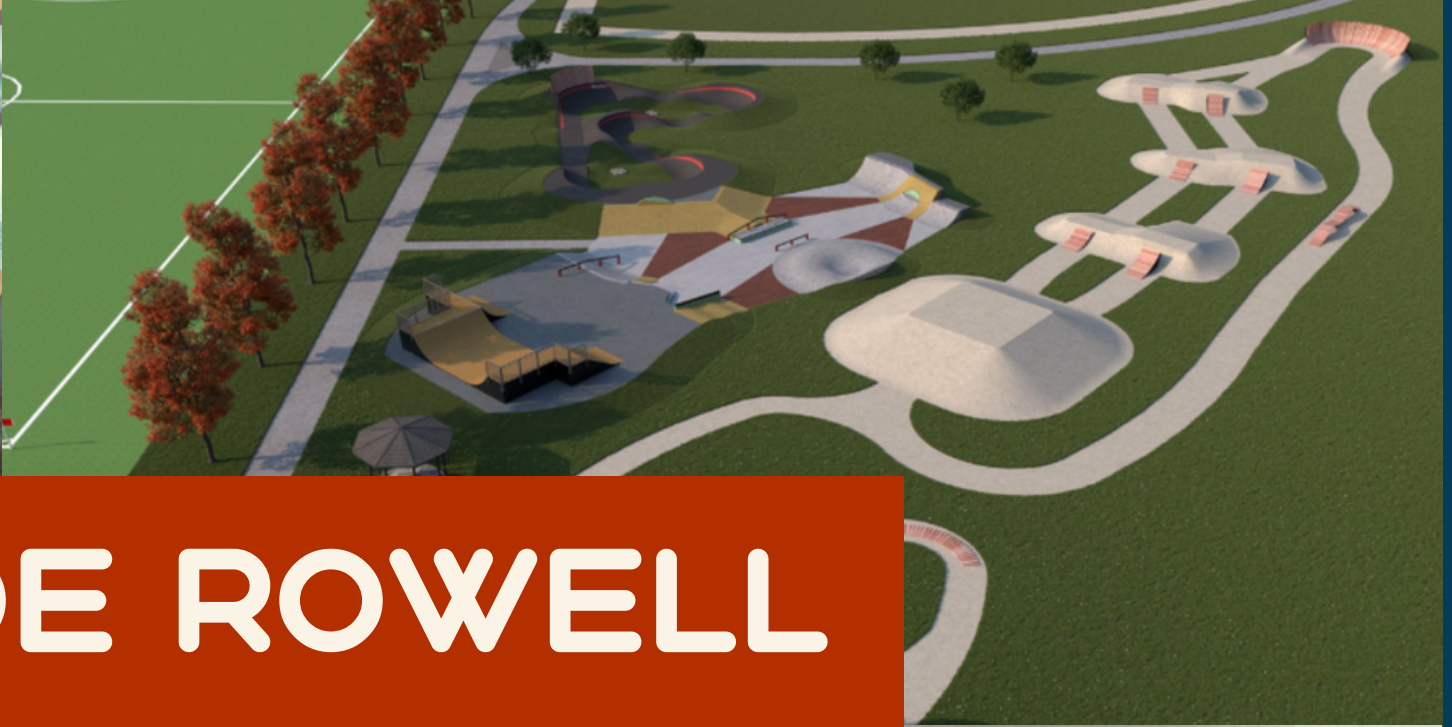
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Chaco Culture National Historic Park

Window Rock Navajo

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JOE ROWELL REVAMP

Donated and Painted
Decks for Auction



↑ Lost Canyon
Committee

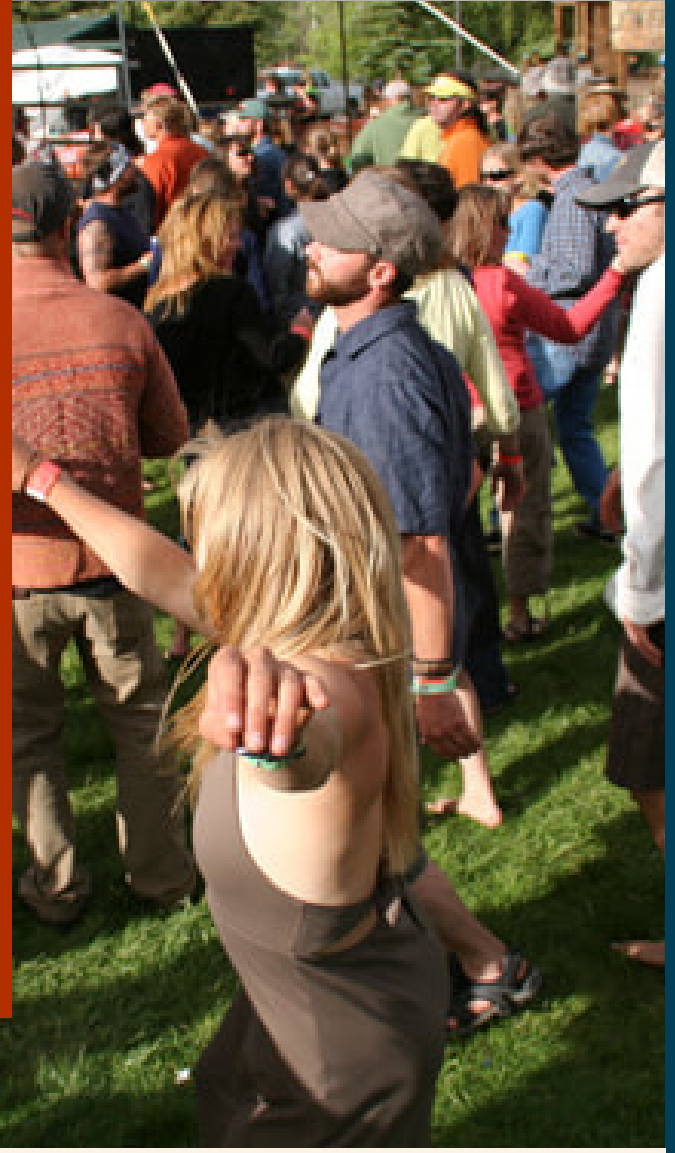


My Hopes & Dreams about the park are Hoping it will bring more people & families & dream of it growing & expanding & improving the Park itself.

My hopes and dreams are that our community will grow with the new park. Hoping to have the festival will be held at the skate park.



Photo of the Dolores River Fest, one of the many well-attended tourist events at the park



Outreach

YOUTH VOICE



Community





11-29-23

The Dolores park is great. It would be even better if it had a bike park so other peepol can playe at the Dolores park. Gerise 1st grade

Heidi Beyhan
Dolores Middle School
1301 Central Avenue
Dolores, CO 81323
November 30, 2023

Mike Wight
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, unit 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Wight:

Hello, my name is Heidi, I am a Dolores Middle School student. I am writing you this letter to ask you for funding for a new park. I think it would be a great way for the town of Dolores to bring the community together. Since it would only be the eighth park like it in the country, it would also bring people from out of town to Dolores. Making the new skate park could also cause fewer accidents. People ride their bikes on the side of the road, with the new park they could go there instead. Many people would enjoy the new scenery for Dolores as well. Adding the park could help with sports, like hosting baseball and soccer games too, which could raise money for our new school. Overall, adding the new park would bring a lot to the community of Dolores. Thank you for considering my ideas.

Sincerely,
Heidi Beyhan
Heidi Beyhan

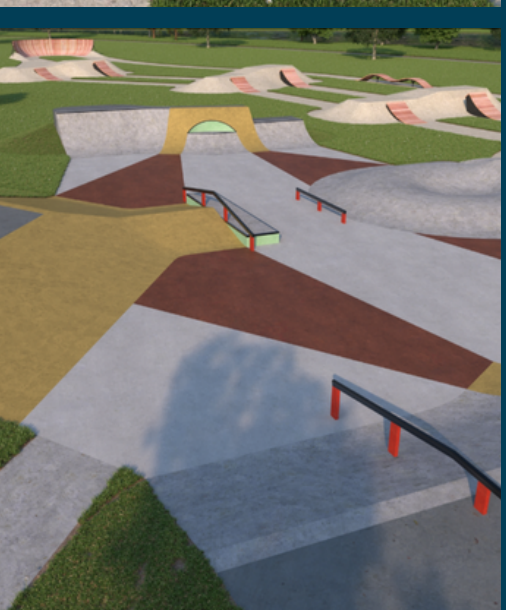
YOUTH LETTERS AND COMMUNITY-LED DESIGNS

November 30, 2023

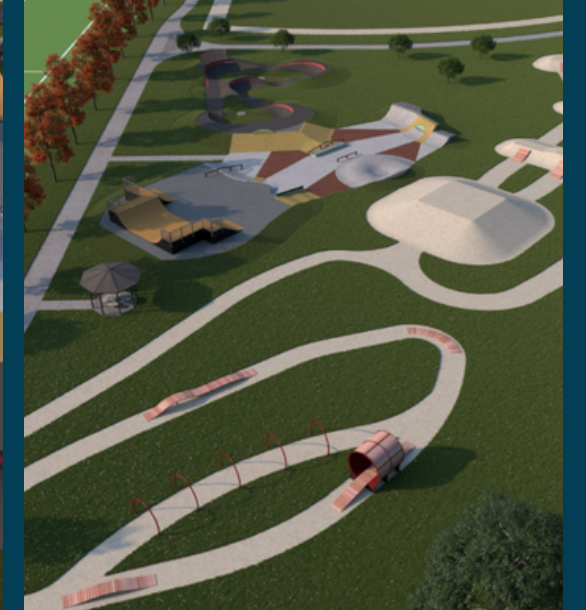
Mike Wight
Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO)
1900 Grant Street, Unit 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Mike Wight:

My name is Matthew Vega and I'm an 8th grade student from Dolores Middle School who spends a lot of time in Dolores. I am writing this letter to you to encourage the organization to fund the Dolores reformation of Dolores's Joe Rowell Park. Dolores would be more fun if Joe Rowell Park had more activities to engage in and it would attract more visitors and could be a great place for friends to hang out. If this was to happen, Dolores could host more events and competitions all year long with its asphalt track instead of Cortez hosting them all. The park would also have the chance to be the 8th skate park with this unique design which may attract more travelers to skate it. It would be a great option for family and friend hangouts with its many attractions it would have to offer like a kayak area, skate park, volleyball net, dog park, and way more. There will also be more options for adults (like outdoor gym) instead of just the kids, so everyone can have fun. The skate park would also allow beginners and advanced people to use it with its four different skate parks built for all ages. There are also many ways this could benefit the community. It will make the park look nicer when they cover the long non playful grass with the park. We could also fix our dusty and ugly baseball fields with the money which will allow us to host more games, which will benefit our Dolores baseball team and teams will be jealous of our super nice fields. Since the park will be free and it'll have new features, it will have a drastic change of people going outside more. All in all, this new park will benefit Dolores Colorado for several reasons, and from the bottom of my heart please allow us to get the money needed to let this happen. It will bring joy and happiness to so many people and will stop a sad storm from happening.



11-24-23 my friend
I like the Dolores
becas I like going on the
swings but to make
it even better with
a pump tracks park
andry 1st grade



Community Programs and Perspectives on Outdoor Activity

Survey results highlighted below are from a Montezuma County Community Values Survey and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Report about recreation and conservation.

Top Rated Activities



Skateboarding¹⁰



Gardening, farming,
and ranching¹⁰



Walking, hiking,
and backpacking⁶



Fishing⁶



Family activities
at the park¹⁰



Road biking for
transportation¹⁰

~90%⁶

want to get outside to recreate
and spend time with their family
and friends

Barriers to Outdoor Recreation



- **Access to transportation** causes low enrollment and participation rates in programming for low income families.⁶
- **Traffic congestion** deters commuting for outdoor activity⁶
- **Need transportation to Cortez** for higher participation rates¹

Montezuma County reported being most dissatisfied with access to road biking as a means of transportation to school and work¹⁰



Additional barriers include:

- Cost of activity and equipment¹⁰
- Limited access to the outdoors⁶
- Overcrowding in parks⁶
- Lack of free time and other people to recreate with¹⁰

Montezuma County Youth

6,000

Youth Population ¹

60%

Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch ⁵

Child Poverty Rate ²

Children under 18 Living in Single-Family Homes ⁵

Montezuma County

29%

Montezuma County

40%

Statewide 12%

Statewide

29%

Key Youth Behavioral Health Indicators ¹



Teen birth rate



Felt **sad or hopeless** for two weeks or more in the past 12 months



Had at least one **alcoholic beverage** in the past 30 days



Had **attempted suicide** in the past 12 months

650:1

per capita mental health provider ratio

Key Youth Education Indicators



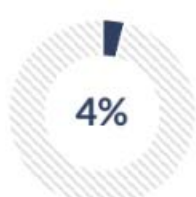
Feel school work is often or almost **important and meaningful** ¹



Fourth grade students **not reading** at grade level ¹



Skipped a **whole day** of school in the past month ¹



High school **dropout rate** (highest quartile in state) ⁵



To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the inclusion of a Bike and Skate Park in the Town of Dolores Revitalization Project. Team UP uses collective impact to support children, youth, and families, and we believe that investing in spaces that promote pro-social activities for our youth is crucial for the overall well-being of our youth and families.

The establishment of a Bike and Skate Park aligns with the growing need for positive and healthy recreational outlets for our youth. Engaging in sports like biking and skating not only fosters physical fitness but also promotes teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. These activities provide an avenue for our young residents to channel their energy constructively and develop valuable life skills. A Bike and Skate Park would serve as a hub for the community, offering a safe and supervised environment for young individuals to interact, make friends, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

Moreover, such recreational spaces contribute significantly to the overall vibrancy and culture of the town. By investing in facilities that cater to the diverse interests of our youth, we are actively working towards creating a more inclusive and dynamic community. A Bike and Skate Park will not only be a source of joy for our community's youth but will also enhance the overall quality of life in Dolores.

We give the highest recommendation for prioritizing funding the development of the Bike and Skate Park as part of the broader effort to create positive recreational opportunities for our youth. Your commitment to this project will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the community and contribute to the long-term success and well-being of children, youth, and families in Dolores.

Sincerely,

Emily Huminski

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Huminski".

Director of Team UP
United Way of Southwest Colorado
emilyh@unitedway-swco.org
952-452-3278

December, 2023

Mike Wight
Great Outdoors Colorado

RE: Town of Dolores, CO application to Great Outdoors Colorado for a bicycle and skate park.

Dear Mr. Wight:

I am pleased to learn about the opportunity to build a bicycle and skate park in the town of Dolores, CO to support safe, healthy, and pro social activities for youth in Montezuma County and the Four Corners Region. I would like to take this opportunity to share my full support of the aforementioned project. As an educator, coach and mentor at Southwest Open School (SWOS), I understand the importance of healthy and safe activities for youth in our area. Southwest Open School serves students grades 9-12 with more than 95% defined as "high risk" according to the Colorado Department of Education's (CDE) ten risk factors. The student population at SWOS is ethnically diverse with approximately 35 % Native American, 53% Caucasian, 15% Hispanic, and 2% defined as "Other." SWOS serves students from four school districts in the Four Corners area: Montezuma-Cortez RE-1, Dolores RE-4A, Dolores County RE-2J, and Mancos RE-6. SWOS also serves students from the Ute Mountain Ute and Navajo reservations.

During my tenure at SWOS, I have been the director of a biking and bicycle technician program that promotes healthy lifestyles and provides career and technical training for students' individual career and postsecondary plans. I have witnessed outdoor education and outdoor activities serve as a lifeline for youth in our region. Furthermore, I have seen the impact of biking and skating as a means of engagement, promote mental health and lead to student success in school and overall graduation rate.

I highly encourage every opportunity possible to provide bike and skate space for our youth.

Kind Regards,

Scott Spear
Career and Technical Education
Humanities Instructor
Southwest Open School

School Community Youth Collaborative
10 West Main #102
Cortez, CO 81321



Dear Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grant Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the School Community Youth Collaborative (SCYC) to express our support for the new park renovations and the proposed bike/skate park in Montezuma County. This project aligns with our goals of providing positive pro-social activities for youth in our community.

Montezuma County presents an incredible opportunity for outdoor recreation. However, the lack of adequate facilities has limited local youth to activities like biking and skateboarding. Through our Gear Lending Library, SCYC has been working to bridge this gap by offering free outdoor gear, including bikes and skateboards, to young people in our community.

The Skate community in Montezuma County is large and passionate. In recent years these individuals have created an event, in memory of one of their fellow skaters, that raised awareness around suicide prevention, youth activities and wellness activities for their community. Currently, SCYC provides a Skate Club during the warmer months that provides an opportunity for these young people to become a part of the amazing Skate community in Montezuma County. Because Montezuma County is such a spread out, rural area, the need for a skate park in each town, Mancos, Cortez and Dolores is essential. SCYC's Skate Club, played a role in the design process for the proposed park. Their insights and creativity have been essential in creating a space that meets the unique preferences and needs of Montezuma County's youth.

The Gear Lending Library, coupled with the proposed park renovations, will eliminate barriers when it comes to accessing gear and equipment needed. We are confident that the implementation of the bike/skate park project will have a lasting and positive effect on Montezuma County, transforming it into a hub for outdoor enthusiasts and fostering a sense of community pride. The Great Outdoors Colorado Community Impact Grant represents a crucial step toward turning this vision into reality, and we support this project.

Sincerely,

Christine Brice-Nelson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christine Brice-Nelson'.

Director

School Community Youth Collaborative



Subject: Endorsement for Joe Rowell Park Revitalization Project

December 13, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic endorsement and support for the Joe Rowell Park revitalization project in Dolores. As the Director of the Montezuma Inspire Coalition (MIC), an organization dedicated to removing barriers to getting youth and families into the outdoors in Montezuma County, I am acutely aware of the transformative impact that community initiatives can have on the well-being of our residents, especially our youth.

The proposed revitalization of the 24-acre park represents a worthy effort to convert an underutilized space into a dynamic community hub. I firmly believe that initiatives like these play a crucial role in fostering youth and family engagement while ensuring equitable access to outdoor activities. Such endeavors contribute significantly to the overall vitality and cohesion of our community.

The components outlined in the proposal, including the community gathering space, bike/skate park, outdoor exercise equipment, and the permanent land acknowledgment plaque, reflect a thoughtful and inclusive approach. I appreciate the commitment to inclusivity demonstrated by the translations in English, Spanish, Dine, and Ute (Wugama Núuchi) on the acknowledgment plaque, recognizing and honoring the diverse cultural heritage of our community.

Having witnessed firsthand the positive impact of outdoor recreation on youth development, I am particularly excited about the potential of this project to create a space that not only encourages physical activity but also fosters a sense of community and belonging.

As the leader of the Montezuma Inspire Coalition, I am proud to lend my support to the Joe Rowell Park revitalization project. I endorse this endeavor and believe it aligns with the values and goals of our coalition.

If there is any additional information or assistance required from my end, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact of the Joe Rowell Park revitalization on our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gabrielle Morey".

Gabrielle Morey
Director
Montezuma Inspire Coalition



KOKOPELLI

BIKE & BOARD

315 Central Ave Dolores CO 81323

(970) 565-4408

November 22nd, 2023

Re: Letter of Support, Joe Rowell Park Revamp Project

Kokopelli Bike and Board is a local business, operated by Scott Darling and Pete Eschallier, and we would like to show our support for grant funding for the Joe Rowell Park Revamp Project. As a local business we appreciate the partnership with the town of Dolores and Great Outdoors Colorado, GOCO. This partnership has worked well with local organizations and interest groups to improve the recreational benefits to the Dolores Area. This relationship has helped our business grow in the 29 years of operation, including our newest store location in the town of Dolores. Without funding and these partnerships our business and our sport of mountain biking would not be possible. Locals and tourists love our area for the outdoor activities, but sometimes just having something in town close to home helps us get outdoors without having to load our equipment and get it to the trail head. The proposed bike and skate park at Joe Rowel Park will take our community to the next level and keep our community active, healthy and involved. I believe that our community is special because of the people, yes we have beautiful forest and trails, but with this park it gives the community the opportunity to share something together not spread out on a great trail system. This park project will keep our youth engaged in outdoor activities and my hope is that older and younger generations will use this park and our youth will continued to be mentored by our outstanding community.

Recreational activities directly affect our business and our community. In 1994 there was no bike shop and there was no Boggy Draw Trail System. It is no coincidence that now 29 years later the trails are going strong and so is our business of over a million in sales per year, adding tax dollars to the economy, creating jobs, donating to multiple organizations, providing a source for trail information, and being an advocate of leave no trace and responsible, sustainable recreating. Now the time feels right to focus on the demands of this

community base and create a space that this love can be shared in a smaller community setting.

The Dolores Area Trails and San Juan Forest Trails have become quite a destination for bikers. With the surrounding mountain bike meccas, Moab, Durango, Fruita, and now Phil's World in Cortez this area has tons to offer outdoor enthusiasts. Please keep in mind that these trails will bring dollars to the local economies, but this park project will entice people to stay longer and spend more dollars in our community. This park project will also entice professionals to stay in the area such as teachers and doctors, which are currently lacking in our region. Biking is growing in our community especially for the local youth, new youth programs have started with great success. This bike and skate park will continue the momentum to making Dolores an outdoor-centric community in the Southwest.

Thank you for reviewing our comments regarding the Grant for the Joe Rowell Park Revamp Project. We appreciate the work that has been done by the Town of Dolores and Great Outdoor Colorado, and thanks for the funding that continues to build a great community.

If you have any questions, or comments, please contact us at (970) 676-0060.



Scott Darling

Owner

Kokopelli Bike & Board

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