Backcountry Revival And Trail Care Crew

CRESTED BUTTE CONSERVATION CORPS

Proud to be currently working with these organizations to further support this initiative:

Mt. Crested Butte
COLORADO AT ITS BEST!

1% for OPEN SPACE

Gunnison Valley ORV Alliance of Trailbuilders GOATS

High Country Conservation Advocates

SHARE the SLATE

Big Mountain Enduro

MET Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District REC

Coal Creek Watershed Coalition Protect and Restore

Crested Butte LAND TRUST

Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory

Mountain Manners

THE CHAMBER Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte

Crested Butte Gunnison Valley

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Mission and Purpose:

To provide for the best possible backcountry experiences in the forms of stewardship, advocacy, education, and resource maintenance to ensure a sustainable and healthy future for our precious natural surroundings.

To provide the adequate means of care and stewardship for the growing numbers of backcountry users and impacts.

To invest in our sacred places and surroundings to ensure their future and responsibly manage their impacts.

To assist local non-profits, the ranching community, landowners, easement holders, public land agencies (USFS/BLM), and municipalities with the support needed for their operations to continue alongside recreation.

To provide the thousands of visitors and those who choose to live here with the tools needed to responsibly and sustainably recreate, and to remember their experiences here as the best possible.

To help maintain clean water and ecosystem harmony through stewardship.

Our Goal: To provide better experiences for those who follow, and leave our backcountry better than we found it.

Resource Damage

Trash

Trails

Green Lake Trail – Wednesday Workday – June 22, 2016

Work Completed

- Water diversion
- Rock Armoring
- Decommissioning
- Re-vegetation
- Raised tread
- Finished natural surface

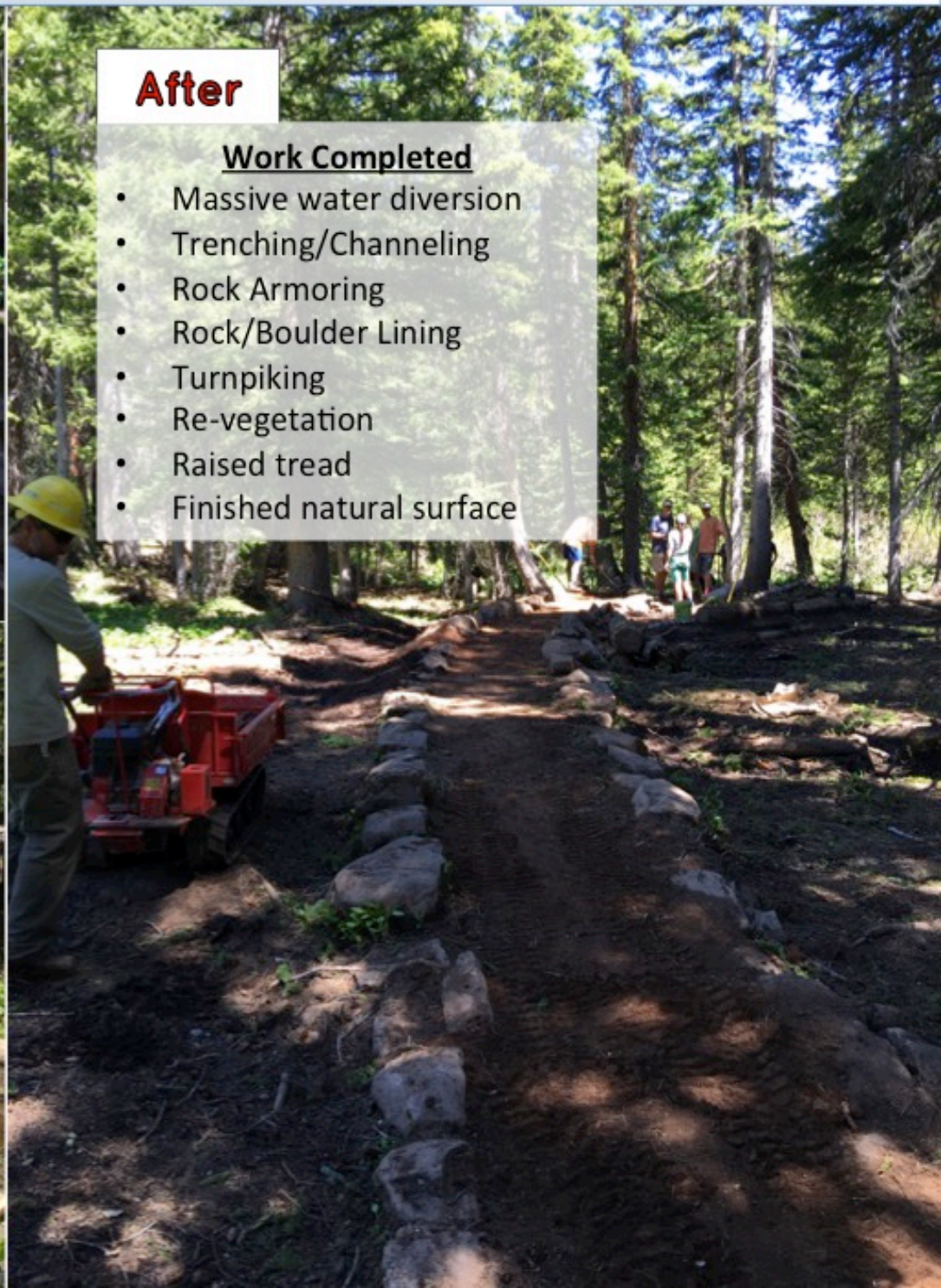
405
Before

Before

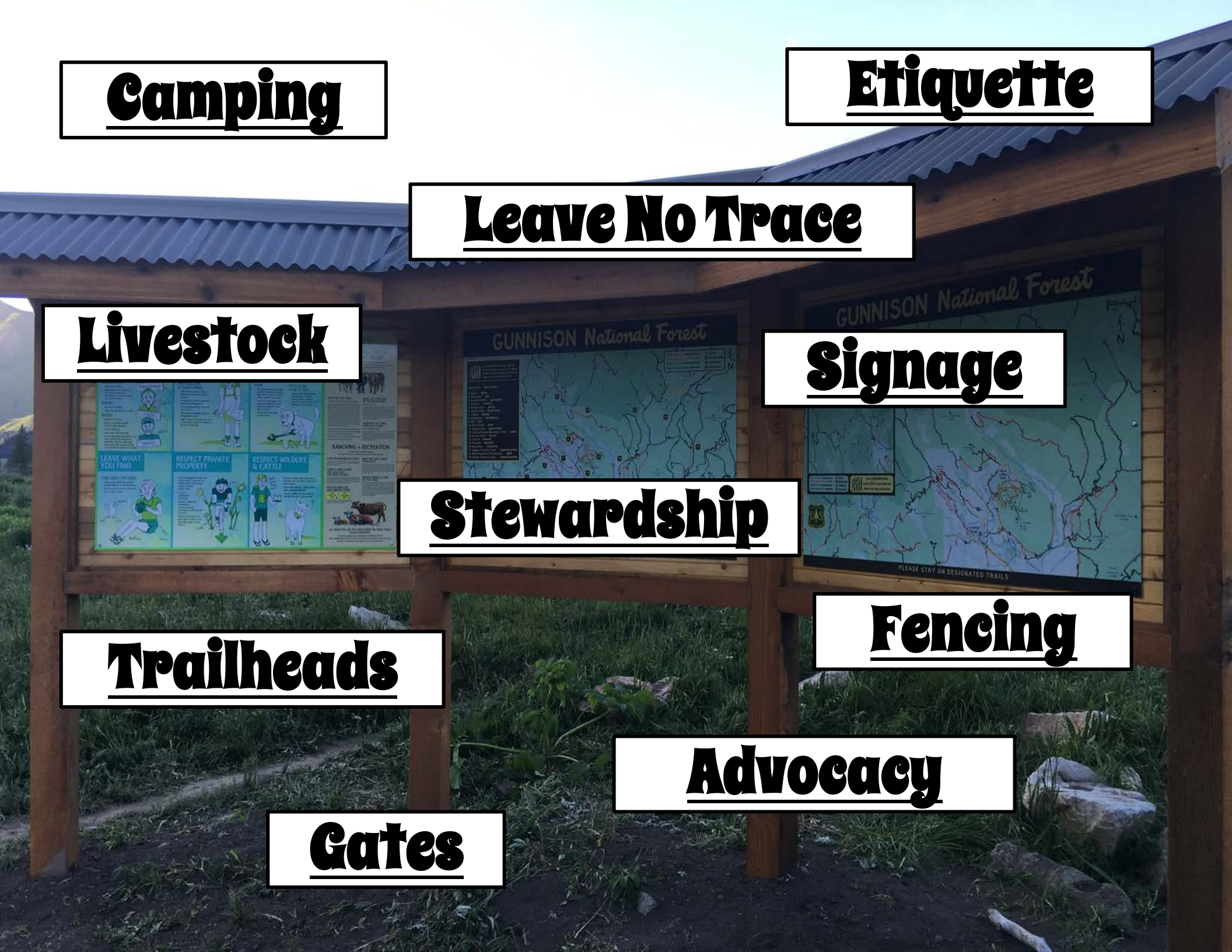
After

Upper Cement Creek Trail
After

401 Workday – Saturday, June 18, 2016



Before
After
Dr. Park Trail


Camping
Etiquette
Leave No Trace
Livestock
Signage
Stewardship
Fencing
Trailheads
Advocacy
Gates
GUNNISON National Forest
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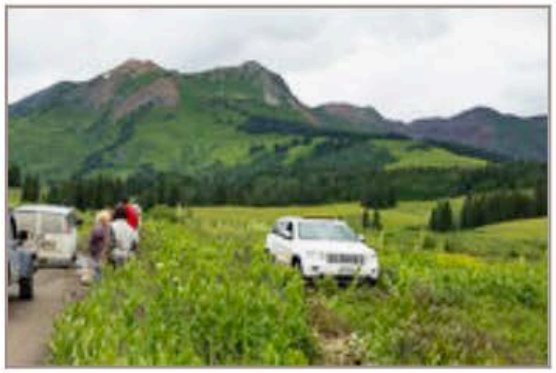
LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY
RESPECT WILDLIFE & CATTLE
RANCHING + RECREATION
PLEASE STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS

A ‘madhouse’ near Crested Butte

THE DAILY SENTINEL
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Trash has become a big problem in some wilderness areas.



More visitor traffic has increased problems near Crested Butte.

By Dennis Webb

Saturday, December 5, 2015

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory in the tiny former silver mining town of Gothic outside Crested Butte long has dealt with issues related to recreationists attracted to surrounding public lands.

But never like this year.

“It was kind of like a madhouse all summer,” said the lab’s executive director, Ian Billick.

A naked hiker made female students uncomfortable. People disregarded no-trespassing signs at the facility. They sped through the pedestrian-oriented area of the lab campus at 40 or 50 mph to get to public lands, ignoring the 15-mph limit there and the kids the lab tried to get safely across the road during nature camps. Motorists drove across scientists’ permitted research sites on public lands, or camped on the sites and left areas covered with human feces, or cut down vegetation in meadows to use the areas as toilets.

“It was one of those situations where we couldn’t even protect research sites on property we owned … and then the scientists doing research on the public lands, there was all this pressure” from other users, he said.

It's a National Issue...

U.S. SENATOR MICHAEL BENNET
Member: Agriculture, HELP, and Finance Committees

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Bennet Encourages Public Input for Trail Stewardship Priorities
Bill Requires Forest Service to Consider Public Interest when Identifying Priority Areas

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet invites the public to help identify priority areas as part of an effort to increase the role of volunteers and partners in maintaining the National Forest trail system.

"Colorado attracts millions of people each year to hike, bike, and explore some of the best trails in the country," **Bennet said**. "These public lands belong to all Coloradans, and we invite everyone to help the Forest Service determine which areas should be prioritized to help make our trail system more accessible and safe. A bipartisan bill that we passed last year set this process in motion, and it's promising to see the Forest Service following through on this effort."

The National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act of 2016, introduced by Bennet and passed in the 114th Congress, aims to increase trail maintenance from volunteers and partners by 100% by the end of 2021. Under the Act, the Forest Service will select nine to 15 priority areas among its nine regions where a backlog in trail maintenance reduces access, harms natural resources or trail users, or has the potential to increase costs for future maintenance.

The selected sites will be part of an initial program that includes a variety of areas—from urban to remote, vast to local, motorized to non-motorized—and focuses on a combination of partners and volunteers to improve trail maintenance and stewardship. The Forest Service is required to consider input from the public to help guide their decisions about the priority areas.

It's TIME!!!!

Gunnison County is 83% Open Space. There are 450+ miles of trails around Crested Butte. Two Federal Land Agencies, two Towns, the State, several out of valley Trusts, the Land Trust, 1% for Open Space, RMBL, and a few other local non-profits and other entities help procure the lands, the easements, help manage and provide the access that create recreation amenities, wildlife habitats, and preserved ecosystems for the thousands upon thousands of users each year on these lands. There is one volunteer trail group – Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association. CBMBA puts over 2500+ wo/man hours on public lands each year.

It's TIME! It's time we invest in our future. It's time we protect what we love and cherish the most. We've invited them to come, let's make sure the experiences match the expectations. Let's be sure to provide the same backyard for future generations. Let's concentrate on less, but more – better experiences and less impact. Together we represent the heart and soul of our community, our backyard. Let's come together and take pride in stewarding it into the future, and preserving our sanctuary.

It's up to us! The US Forest Service is looking at budget cuts and hiring freezes. Senator Bennet has recognized the need for volunteer organizations to help where the Forest Service and Government agencies are not able.

Proposed Solution

An on the ground, paid, full time, habitat restoration, trail maintaining, experience creating, ***Backcountry Revival***! A 'go to' stewardship and advocacy ***Trail Care Crew*** – the ***Crested Butte Conservation Corps (CBCC).***

Someone to:

- pick up trash and provide doggie bags
- put signs up at Trailheads and sign trails
- work alongside Mountain Manners and Peak Protectors to disperse etiquette and education
- fix a blown out bridge
- address Wilderness trail needs often neglected
- decommission unsustainable and braided trails
- repair damaged riparian areas
- de-berm trails and create sustainable alignments
- help with backcountry traffic and address high impact areas
- install trailhead kiosks
- spread camping information and etiquette
- assist public lands agencies
- help mitigate conflict between ranching operations and recreation
- cut out tree blow-downs
- manage motorized and non-motorized traffic
- manage trailhead parking
- fix gates and install rollovers
- give directions and collect data
- report to agencies
- shake hands and give high fives
- and much, much more.

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'On the ground' conditions and observations can be made directly to the Trail Crew or via our website (cbmba.org/trails/observations). Resource damage and impacts can be addressed and tended to quickly, preventing further damage. The Trail Crew would also work with partner groups and organizations throughout the area around events and happenings during the season to effectively mitigate impacts, manage use, and maintain ecosystem health.

Proposed Crew and Budget

2 crews of 3, working 3 days in a row, 6 days a week. Working with Mountain Manners and Peak Protectors, along with our own stalwart crew of volunteers, we hope to leave no gaps in the backcountry this summer, and make sure there is adequate representation, eyes, and ears on the ground – season long.

Crested Butte Conservation Corps Budget 2017			
PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS			
GOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS			
Town of Mt. Crested Butte	$ 20,000.00		
TOTAL GOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 20,000.00	
ORGANIZATIONS/PARTNERS (Pledged Amounts)			
Goats	$ 1,000.00	committed	
BME	$ 1,500.00	committed	
RMBL	$ 1,000.00	committed	
CB/Mt. CB Chamber of Commerce	$ 1,000.00	committed	
GCBTA	$ 5,000.00	committed	
FS Stewardship Partnerships	$ 2,500.00	committed	
CB Land Trust	$ 1,500.00	committed	
Private CBCC Donations 'Founders'	$ 3,800.00		
Gary H - $500	$ 500.00		
Laurel - $100	$ 100.00		
Cram - $1000	$ 1,000.00		
Farmer - $1000	$ 1,000.00		
Ochs/Milky Way	$ 1,200.00		
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS/PARTNERS		$ 17,800.00	
TOTAL PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS (to date)			$ 37,800.00
EXPENSES			
PAYROLL EXPENSES			
Crew Leader x2 (24 hrs/week @$20/hr) - 20 weeks	$ 19,200.00		
Crews 2 persons x2 (24 hrs/week @$15/hr) - 18 weeks	$ 25,920.00		
Payroll Taxes	$ 5,250.00		
TOTAL PAYROLL		$ 50,370.00	
Insurance Expenses			
Gen. Liability	$ 1,850.00		
Workers Comp.	$ 3,000.00		
TOTAL INSURANCE		$ 4,850.00	
Vehicle/Trailer Expense			
Repairs/Maintenance	$ 3,500.00		
Gas/Supplies	$ 950.00		
TOTAL VEHICLE EXPENSE		$ 4,450.00	
Other Expenses			
Tools/Equipment	$ 2,125.00		
Emergency Supplies/Safety/First Aid	$ 2,500.00		
Active Satellite Subscription	$ 638.70		
Equipment Maintenance	$ 325.00		
Supplies/Materials	$ 7,500.00		
Signs	$ 1,500.00		
Uniforms	$ 1,150.00		
Total Other Expenses		$ 15,738.70	
TOTAL EXPENSES			$ 75,408.70

The time to be BOLD is now! We've all witnessed the impacts, the growth, the resource damage, the impacts on our fragile and sacred ecosystems. We are all aware that we must protect our lands and invest in out future as a community, as a destination, as a home, and way of life. There must be a way to combine sustainability with economic feasibility. There must be an answer for increased impacts. There must be a way to protect what we love and cherish so that our children, visitors, and the unforeseen future can also revel in our backyards, our backcountry, our livelihood.

Without stewardship, we lose this battle. Without stewardship, we lose ties to our soul. Without stewardship, we lose our soul. Our Valley will suffer forever, never to be the same. It's ours to care for, it's ours to maintain. The time is now.

Help us help ourselves. The organizations that provide the amenities are on board. The volunteers that provide the amenities are on board. We need the support and the backing from the entities that are benefitting most from what the heart and soul of this community are providing – wide open vistas, trails that begin and end from our back doors, clean water, wildlife habitat, open space, and access for all.

Invest in stewarding our most valuable resources, invest in our future, invest in a sustainable and responsible means to preserve why we live here, and why hundreds of thousands visit us each year.

Help realize the Backcountry Revival we need. Help realize a Trail Care Crew to create the best experiences possible, and to protect our most valuable assets into the future.

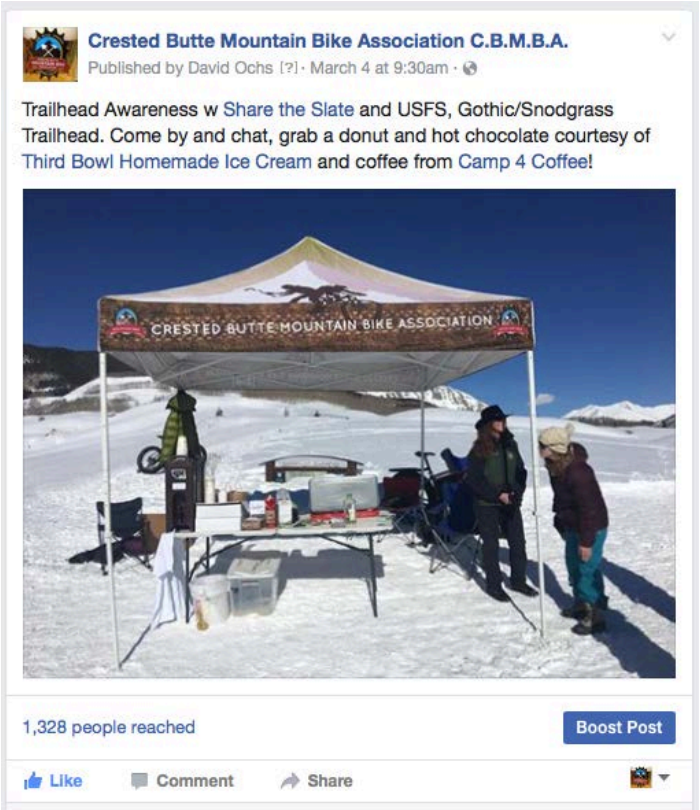
CBCC Awareness and Promotion

CBMBA plans to host a page on our website, specifically dedicated to info about the CBCC, and more so about our supporters and partners. Individual donors will be listed, and we will list all the entities involved with making this REVIVAL happen. There will be links to those entities/organizations, and regular links via our newsletters and social media.

We will regularly post updates and happenings of the trail crew, and repeatedly link to our partners and supporters. We will provide info for how to get involved, and be sure to promote all of our missions, in an effort to bolster more support for community ownership, pride in our natural resources, and a local collaborative effort.

We will outfit the CBCC in recognizable and prominent clothing. The CBMBA truck and trailer will provide further recognition and a steady presence on the ground. Throughout the entirety of the summer, the CBCC will provide an image of stewardship and advocacy that will set an example for not just our visitors, but locals alike. We will sign where the crew is working, and include regular updates and images via social media and our newsletter.

For more info, how to support, and how to get in touch with CBMBA, email dave@cbmba.org.



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Matzelle	$ 2,500.00	grant/Biz donation p	pending - bix grant
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