Kimberly Schappert- STOR Letter of Interest

January 15, 2020

Dear STOR Committee,

Please accept this Letter of Interest to serve on the Sustainable Tourism and Recreation Committee. I was a former resident of Gunnison County from 1974-1988, during my college years and afterwards, before circumstances took me to Moab, Utah for the next 30. Now circumstances have brought me back and after almost two years enjoying a semi-hermit life on the river, it's time to get involved. My hope is that some of my experiences listed below might be of use to this committee. At this point, my two priorities are education and toilets.

Cheers to you and the work you do,

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Lived in Gunnison Valley 1974-1988

Attended Western State College 1974-1979
Co-founded Mountain Bike Magazine 1984-1988, first ever 4-color mountain bike magazine, published and printed in Crested Butte.

Moved to Moab, Utah 1988-2018

Founding member of the Sand Flats Recreation Areas Stewardship Committee 1998-2018

After years of the Slickrock Trail and surrounding lands suffering from a reputation for spring break madness and cross country travel by any means, community members worked to establish the Sand Flats Recreation Area, home to the Slickrock Bike Trail, as a self funded, collaborative land management agreement between the County, BLM and SITLA. Public hearings were held, a fee structure was established, an entrance booth installed, a manager hired, local high school students got summer jobs as interns through Americorps, campgrounds were designated, toilets installed, parking lots paved. Today the SFRA is an award winning, nationally recognized example of agencies and community working together to create jobs, provide a valuable amenity for locals and a world class destination where visitors recreate and learn how to care for a fragile desert environment.

Grand County, Utah County Council elected official 1999-2002

Started grant writing to fund non-motorized trail planning and construction including the development of the North Moab Recreation Areas Alternative Transportation System (NMRA ATS). Worked as Grand County Liaison with contractors and engineers, land mangers and UDOT, federal and state legislators.

Founder and member of Trail Mix, the Grand County citizen's advisory committee to the County for non-motorized trail development 1999-present.

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Worked to create the Grand County Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan and have it adopted into the Grand County General plan. Trail Mix grew from planning to building and is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all non-motorized single track trails in Grand County.

Founder and Executive Director of the non-profit Moab Trails Alliance 2003-present

Continued liaison work between all agencies to fund (through grant writing and outreach) the various phases of the NMRA ATS, provided oversight for the county during all construction phases of the those and other non-motorized paved paths and mountain bike specific single track trail projects. Worked on the BLM Resource Management Plan update of 2008 wherein 150 miles of new mountain bike specific trails were allowed to be built in newly designated mountain bike focus areas. All 150 miles were completed in less than 10 years. Started the Maps for Maintenance program in 2014 to fund non-motorized trail development and maintenance by selling $2 maps in local bike shops that generates $20,000/yr for Trail Mix's operating budget.