

STOR Committee 2023 Strategic Plan

Goals and Strategic Results

- A. Promote a sustainable, resilient community that supports thriving natural ecosystems and native wildlife resources; a vibrant rural and ranching culture, and a diverse recreation economy.**
 - 1. By December 31, 2023 the STOR Committee will complete the Wildlife Decision Support Tools for Recreation.
 - 2. By December 31, 2023 the STOR Committee will work with the ranching community to identify important opportunities to reduce impacts of recreation on ranching; by June, 2024 the STOR Committee will evaluate the opportunities presented and determine an implementation plan as appropriate.

- B. Foster a culture for residents and visitors that demonstrates an ethic of environmental stewardship and respect for our community.**
 - 1. By September 30, 2023 the STOR Committee will work with partners to develop a multilingual communication plan and signage needs assessment that includes but is not limited to: locating camp sites; leave no trace principles, e-bikes, and stewardship messaging.

- C. Support collaboration between federal land management agencies, state and local government, nonprofits, and user groups to improve management of recreation and natural resources.**
 - 1. By January 31st of each year the STOR Committee will prioritize annual funding recommendations for the Gunnison Stewardship Fund based on this strategic plan and overall STOR Committee mission.
 - 2. STOR Committee members will continue to engage at the state and federal level to advocate for our community on related funding and policy decisions.
 - 3. The STOR Committee will work with state and federal partners to identify and prioritize opportunities for funding support for ongoing maintenance of resources on state and federal lands.

- D. Minimize degradation of natural resources and enhance accessibility of recreational amenities by focusing recreational development close to population centers with transit connection and emphasizing conservation and wildlife habitat preservation in outlying areas.**
 - 1. By December 31, 2023, identify and prioritize additional recreation infrastructure funding needs for high use areas to support a fee proposal on high use federal and other public lands.
 - 2. By March 31, 2024 the County will develop a plan for the Crested Butte to Crested Butte South recreation path.
 - 3. By December 31, 2024, the STOR Committee will identify areas and a plan for implementation in the upper valley drainage corridors (Kebler, Slate River, Washington Gulch, Gothic, Brush Creek) that require additional infrastructure and/or transit to accommodate recreation demand and protect natural resources and recreation amenities.
 - 4. By December 31, 2024 the STOR Committee will identify additional infrastructure needs to accommodate recreation demand and a plan for implementation at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.