

SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA
May 12, 2021

DUE TO THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY SAN JUAN COUNTY WILL CONDUCT ALL OF ITS PUBLIC MEETING VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONNECT TO THIS PUBLIC MEETING IS LISTED BELOW

CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 A.M.

Consider Bills and Authorize Warrants
BOCC Regular Meeting Minutes for April 28, 2021

APPOINTMENTS:

8:40 A.M. - Becky Joyce, Public Health
9:00 A.M. - Martha Johnson, Social Services
9:30 A.M. - Clark Anderson, Community Builders – Community Visioning Update
10:00 A.M. - Kimmie Holland – Ambulance Licensing
10:30 A.M. - Kirstin Brown, DRMS

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

BLM Travel Management Plan – Minnie Gulch

NEW BUSINESS:

Sales Tax Updates
Commissioner and Staff Reports
Public Comment

OTHER:

ADJOURN: Next Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM, Wednesday May 26, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92136473203>

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SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET MAY 12, 2021
AND THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

22862	JANN SMITH	AUTOPSY ASSISTANT	100.00
22863	DEANNE GALLEGOS	MAR 21 BILL	2281.52
22864	MAISEL EXCAVATION, LLC	CH-HOSPITAL COAL	883.20
22865	THE FLOORING GUY	DISTRICT COURTROOM	5687.50
22866	IMAGENET CONSULTING	SHERIFFS COPIER USAGE	105.48
22867	VOID	REPLACED CHECK 22887	
22868	VAXCARE	NURSE BILL	12.30
22869	AXXIS AUDIO	COURTROOM WORK	1710.05
22870	BROWN BEAR CAFÉ	5 CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIF	125.00
22871	BANK OF THE SAN JUANS	FIREHOUSE PAYMENT	12838.70
22872	CITIZENS STATE BANK	APRIL 21 APPT PAYMENT	5558.98
DD	ABIGAIL H. ARMISTEAD	SHERIFF DUPTY WAGES	3539.18
DD	AMIE R. BIOCCHI	NURSE ASSISTANT WAGES	1457.51
DD	ANTHONY D. EDWARDS	COMMUNICATION WAGES	2289.14
DD	ARTHUR J. DONOVAN	EPD WAGES	4450.58
DD	AUSTIN P. LASHLEY	COMMISSIONER WAGES	1477.04
DD	BRANDI BLAKLEY	NURSE ASSISTANT WAGES	3787.44
DD	BRUCE T. CONRAD	SHERIFF WAGES	3892.36
DD	COLIN P. TROWER	CUSTODIAN & SHOVELING	1852.41
DD	DEANNA M. JARAMILLO	TREASURER WAGES	3289.17
DD	ELIZABETH KREMER	APRIL 21 PAY	3690.75
DD	ERNEST F. KUHLMAN	COMMISSIONER WAGES	1986.91
DD	HEATHER A. MACDOUGALL	AD-AS-TR DEPUTY WAGES	2338.77
DD	JOHN A. JACOBS	SHERIFF DUPTY WAGES	1591.15
DD	JON L. GULLION	SHERIFF DUPTY WAGES	722.67
DD	KERI METZLER	CORONER WAGES	899.32
DD	KIMBERLY A. BUCK	ASSESSOR WAGES	3316.85
DD	KRISTINA L. RHOADES	SOCIAL SERVICE WAGES	2275.85
DD	LADONNA L. JARAMILLO	COUNTY CLERK WAGES	3305.72
DD	LOIS MACKENZIE	NURSE ASSISTANT WAGES	1362.23
DD	REBECCA B. JOYCE	COUNTY NURSE WAGES	3562.57
DD	REBECCA J. RHOADES	CUSTODIAN WAGES	1055.78
DD	STEPHEN W. LOWRANCE	UNDERSHERIFF WAGES	3885.73
22873	EVELYN V. ARCHULETA	DEPUTY CLERK WAGES	1359.34
22874	FRED W. CANFIELD	SHOVELING WAGES	433.40
22875	JUAN RAMIREZ	SHOVELING WAGES	802.68
22876	SCOTT L. FETCHENHIER	COMMISSIONER WAGES	2029.91
22877	TOMMY WIPF	VETS OFFICER WAGES	69.24
22878	WILLIAM A. TOOKEY	ADMINISTRATOR WAGES	4546.00
22879	CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL TAXES WITHHELD	20907.76
22880	CITIZENS STATE BANK	STATE TAXES WITHHELD	3380.00
22881	GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY	GROUP RETIREMENT	6565.08
22882	SAN JUAN COUNTY	APRIL 21 H S A SAVINGS	1550.00
22883	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH	MEDICAL INSURANCE	17742.04

22884 KANSAS CITY LIFE	DENTAL & LIFE INSURANCE	1063.50
22885 AMWINS GROUP BENEFITS	VISION INSURANCE	161.75
22886 AFLAC	INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE	177.10
22887 VISA	BILLS	3082.70
22888 ERNEST F. KUHLMAN	REIMB SUPPLEMENTAL	192.50
22889 DR. JOEL, INC	SET UP ARCHIVE DATA BASE	95.00
22890 STATE OF COLORADO DPA	RENEWALS-TITLE-REG	42.81
22891 WEX BANK	SHERIFFS FUEL	973.34
22892 ALEXANDER CLARK PRINTING	PARKING CITATIONS	434.11
22893 JANN SMITH	TOXICOLOGY TESTINGS	882.00
22894 ROBERT GARDINER	ADMINISTRATIVE WORK	115.00
22895 FRANCI LEE	CLEANING/COVID TESTING	1344.00
22896 BRANDI BLAKLEY	REIMB SUPPLIES	139.95
22897 KERI METZLER	REIMB CLASSES	529.00
22898 ARTHUR J. DONOVAN	REIMB MILAGE	87.58
22899 DENNIS R. GOLBRICHT	SERVICES RENDERED	3777.50
22900 SILVERTON AMBULANCE	APR. 21 MONTHLY PAYMENT	7200.00
22901 SILVERTON AMBULANCE	APR 21 MONTHLY PAYMENT	38333.33
22902 SILVERTON FIRE AUTHORITY	2ND QTR PAYMENT	9393.00
22903 SILVERTON HARDWARE	NURSE-CUST SUPPLIES	63.82
22904 ARCSEARCH CORPORATION	ANNUAL FEE MAR-DEC 21	3660.83
22905 FORETHOUGHT.NET	BILLS	759.39
22906 SAN MIGUEL POWER	BILLS	3776.84
22907 SILVERTON LP GAS	TANK FILL UPS	1176.76
22908 SILVERTO GROCERY	SUPPLIES	81.10
22909 VERIZON	SHERIFFS FUEL	117.02
22910 VOID		
22911 HEATHER A. MACDOUGALL	REIMB POSTAGE	9.35
22912 CIC	ASSESSORS BILL	990.00
22913 SILVERTON STANDARD	NURSES BILL	254.08
22914 TOWN OF SILVERTON	W/S THRU 06-30-21	1037.06
22915 PUEBLO CO INFO SYSTEMS	TREASURERS BILL	744.00
22916 SILVERTON STANDARD	CLERKS RENEWAL	24.00
22917 VISA	COMMUNICATIONS BILL	49.82
22918 CENTURY LINK	SHERIFFS BILL	77.40
22919 DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS	SHERIFFS BILL	1.66
22920 DEANNE GALLEGOS	APRIL 21 BILL	2079.36
22921 LA PLATA DETENTION	APRIL 21 JAIL BILL	520.00
22922 IMAGENET CONSULTING	SHERIFFS BILL	105.48
22923 JASON EBELHEISER	COVID FILMING	1200.00
22924 CAMERON CROWELL	MAR-APRIL 21 COVID TESTING	602.55
22925 DR. JOEL, INC	NURSE COMPUTER FIX	118.75
22926 SJC HISTORICAL SOCIETY	REIMB LAMP POSTS	1570.00
22927 SILVERTON FIRE AUTHORITY	REIMB	17132.66
TOTAL GENERAL		248887.91

ROAD

6579 BLOWN AWAY SNOW REMOVAL	2 MONTHS SNOW REMOVAL	2700.00
DD DAVID L. ANDREWS	ROAD FOREMAN WAGES	3594.47
DD LOUIS K. GIRODO	ROAD OVERSEER WAGES	4413.31
DD MICHAEL C. MAXFIELD	ROAD OPERATOR WAGES	3467.81
6580 CITIZENS STATE BANK	FEDERAL TAXES WITHHELD	4231.10
6581 CITIZENS STATE BANK	STATE TAXES WITHHELD	654.00
6582 GREAT-WEST LIFE & ANNUITY	APRIL 21 GROUP RETIREMENT	946.08
6583 SAN JUAN COUNTY	APRIL 21 H S A SAVINGS	200.00
6584 ROCKY MOUNTAIN HEALTH PLAN	MEDICAL INSURANCE	2294.96
6585 KANSAS CITY LIFE	DENTAL & LIFE INSURANCE	248.20
6586 AMWINS GROUP BENEFITS, INC	VISION INSURANCE	38.03
6587 AFLAC	INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE	62.01
6588 VISA	BILL	235.40
6589 SILVERTON HARDWARE	BILL	7.99
6590 VOID		
6591 SAN MIGUEL POWER	BILLS	247.71
6592 SILVERTON LP GAS	TANK FILL UPS	1201.40
6593 TOWN OF SILVERTON	W/S THRU 6-30-21	566.01
6594 LAWSON PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	222.56
6595 ALSCO AMERICAN INDUST	BILL	103.50
6596 FOUR CORNERS WELDING	KOX-MAC	45.00
6597 SILVER SAN JUAN	FUEL	4466.25
6598 CENTURY LINK	BILL	152.55
TOTAL ROAD		30098.34

GENERAL	248887.91
ROAD	30098.34
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	278986.25

WERE ALLOWED SETTLEMENT IN FULL BY ORDER OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

SCOTT L. FETCHENHIER, CHAIRMAN

ERNEST F. KUHLMAN, COMMISSIONER

AUSTIN LASHLEY, COMMISSIOER

LADONNA L. JARAMILLO, CLERK

SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021
AT 5:00 P.M.

A work session was held to discuss the proposed revised flood plain documents.

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Scott Fetchenhier. Present were Commissioner Austin Lashley, and Administrator William Tookey. Commissioner Kuhlman attended via Zoom. The general public attended via Zoom.

Commissioner Kuhlman moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021 with the corrections as requested by Commissioners Fetchenhier and Lashley. Commissioner Lashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

The Commissioners reviewed the letter that the CAG had submitted to the EPA addressing their concerns with the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund. The Commissioners raised the concern of the EPA not using local contractors and their limiting local spending.

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming meet and greet with CDOT and identified topics of local concern for discussion. The issues included safety at the "Y" intersection, pedestrian safety on the Cement Creek Bridge on Greene St., winter recreation parking, avalanche safety and information and fire danger messaging.

Jim Donovan was present to discuss the proposed Evacuation and Re-Entry Plan and wildfire preparedness.

A Public Hearing was held to consider a Colorado Liquor Retail License Application for The Lift at Cascade, LLC. The applicants Christina Doffermayre and Madeline Denden informed the Commissioners that they had 24 years of restaurant management experience and that the business would be a family friendly restaurant that would serve alcohol. Members of the public raised the concerns of driving safety and the number of liquor establishments already located within a 5-mile area. Other members of the public spoke in support of the proposed business and felt it would be a great asset to Cascade Village. After giving everyone an opportunity to make their comments and to question the applicant, Chairman Fetchenhier closed the public hearing at 7:57 P.M. Commissioner Fetchenhier then recused himself from the discussion and vote because he owns a couple of property parcels at Cascade Village. Commissioner Lashley moved to approve the liquor license as submitted. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed with Lashley and Kuhlman voting yes and Fetchenhier abstaining.

Fire Chief Gilbert Archuleta was present to request additional funding to complete the mezzanine. Commissioner Lashley moved to approve an additional \$5000 be appropriated to the mezzanine project. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

At the request of Region 9, it was the consensus of the Commissioners to submit a letter of support for a regional Rural Colorado COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Resiliency Planning Grant.

A proposed Memorandum of Understanding between San Juan Basin Public Health and San Juan County Public Health was presented to the Commissioners. After considerable discussion Commissioner Lashley moved to approve the MOU as presented. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to meet with SJBPH prior to the renewal of the MOU to determine exactly what services they were providing to San Juan County.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman

Ladonna L. Jaramillo, County Clerk



Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

San Juan County Residents Vaccination Stats

1 message

SJC CO Office of Emergency Managment <pio@sanjuancolorado.us>

Tue, May 11, 2021 at 2:01 PM

Reply-To: pio@sanjuancolorado.us

To: administrator@sanjuancolorado.us



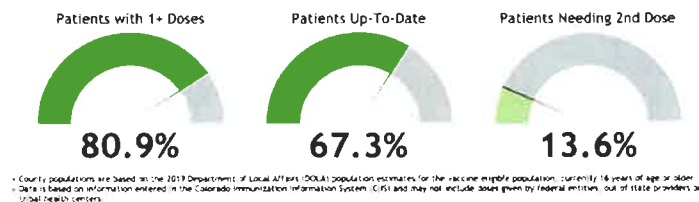
San Juan County, Colorado
5/11/2021

**San Juan County
currently has 67.3%
of our residents
fully vaccinated,**

and 13.6% of residents need the 2nd dose.

San Juan County COVID-19 Vaccination Status

Every County has a goal of having 75% of their eligible population immunized by 7/4/2021



Silverton CO: San Juan County Public Health announces that we have 67.3% of our residents fully vaccinated from COVID-19. San Juan County has the highest community participation rate in the entire State of Colorado. "Patients up to date" indicates those residents who are fully vaccinated and have received both doses while 13.6% of residents need the second dose.

Find detailed Vaccine data by County here: [Vaccine data | Colorado COVID-19 Updates](#)

Benefits of being fully vaccinated:

- If you are exposed to COVID-19, you no longer have to quarantine or miss any work
- If you are indoors with others who are vaccinated, you no longer need to wear a mask
- If you are wanting to travel outside the country, you will not have to quarantine upon arrival or return
- If you have senior citizens in your life, you can feel confident spending time with them in person

San Juan County Public Health currently offers the two-dose Moderna vaccine and the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine on Tuesday's each week. Getting a vaccine here in San Juan County is easily accessible and easily scheduled. SJCPH urges everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Please call 970 387-0242 or call/text 970-919-0130 to schedule an appointment or book online: [San Juan County website](#).

You may also call or text if you need COVID-19 testing, Monday-Thursday mornings.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared the first coronavirus vaccine for emergency use in children as young as 12 for the Pfizer vaccine. The State of Colorado is expected to approve for use by May 12, 2021.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting: covid19.colorado.gov.

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To sign up for the updates from the Office of Emergency Management and San Juan County Public Health, email pio@sanjuancolorado.us to get on the email list. Make sure to sign up for emergency alerts through Nixle for San Juan County.
Text 81433 to 888-777.

Thank you.

DeAnne Gallegos
Public Information Officer
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Martha Johnson, Director
2/28/2021

Date 4/13/2021

Vendor	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Amount
LA PLATA COUNTY DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES						
	Check	01/15/2021	11554		-SPLIT-	190.00
OFFICE DEPOT						
	Check	02/28/2021	11558	Order # 148256335-001	500.100 EXPENSE-Administration	282.04
SAN JUAN COUNTY						
	Check	01/31/2021	11559	Jan 2021 K. Rhoades	-SPLIT-	3,891.75
SILVERTON FAMILY LEARNING CENTER						
	Check	01/15/2021	11555	Invoice 1621	500.150 EXPENSE-Colorado Works	5,693.86
Silverton Public Schools						
	Check	01/15/2021	11556		500.150 EXPENSE-Colorado Works	11,000.00
TOTAL						<u><u>\$ 20,857.65</u></u>

I, MARTHA JOHNSON, Director of Social Services of San Juan County of Colorado, hereby certify that the payments listed above are available for inspection and have been paid to the payees listed.

Martha Johnson
MARTHA JOHNSON

5-6-2021

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Scott Fetchenhier

**San Juan County Social Services
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2021**

	TOTAL			
	Jan 21	Feb 21	Jan - Dec 21	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
400.010 Property Tax Current	1,827.60	1,827.60	3,655.20	12,900.00
400.020 Specific Ownership tax	105.58	105.58	211.16	850.00
400.030 Delinquent Property Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
400.040 Penalties/Int on Tax	0.03	0.03	0.06	24.00
400.100 REVENUE-Administration	3,377.38	3,171.40	6,548.78	70,000.00
400.110 REVENUE-Adult Protectio	0.00	33.42	33.42	3,202.00
400.120 REVENUE-Child Care	5,975.17	267.90	6,243.07	8,390.00
400.130 REVENUE-Child Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	990.00
400.140 REVENUE-Child Welfare	850.52	379.41	1,229.93	23,506.00
400.145 REVENUE-CSGB Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
400.150 REVENUE-Colorado Works	10,865.94	284.08	11,150.02	52,093.00
400.160 REVENUE-Core Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	23,254.00
400.180 REVENUE-EOC	0.00	0.00	0.00	
400.200 REVENUE-LEAP	122.47	166.34	288.81	1,500.00
400.210 REVENUE-OAP	77.24	73.10	150.34	1,700.00
400.220 REVENUE-Program Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
Total Income	25,201.93	8,308.86	33,510.79	199,983.00
Expense				
500.100 EXPENSE-Administration	4,824.23	5,161.11	9,985.34	82,000.00
500.110 EXPENSE-Adult Protectio	75.00	0.00	75.00	4,000.00
500.120 EXPENSE-Child Care	79.75	79.75	159.50	9,300.00
500.130 EXPENSE-Child Support	1.36	0.00	1.36	1,500.00
500.140 EXPENSE-Child Welfare	188.58	0.00	188.58	26,000.00
500.145 EXPENSE-CSGB Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
500.150 EXPENSE-Colorado Works	16,727.72	482.72	17,210.44	58,000.00
500.160 EXPENSE-Core Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00	24,000.00
500.180 EXPENSE-Income Maint	0.00	119.38	119.38	
500.200 EXPENSE-LEAP	122.50	166.34	288.84	1,500.00
500.210 EXPENSE-OAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
600.100 RMS-Administration	1,379.02	1,203.28	2,582.30	
600.110 RMS-Adult Protection	-76.78	-41.77	-118.55	
600.120 RMS-Child Care	0.00	-269.32	-269.32	
600.140 RMS-Child Welfare	-845.57	-472.73	-1,318.30	
600.150 RMS-Colorado Works	-379.43	-346.36	-725.79	
600.210 RMS-OAP	-77.24	-73.10	-150.34	
Total Expense	24,019.14	8,009.30	32,028.44	209,300.00
Net Ordinary Income	1,182.79	299.56	1,482.35	-9,317.00
Net Income	1,182.79	299.56	1,482.35	-9,317.00

2/28/2021
State Fiscal Year

	Allocation	Expenditures	Remaining	% Remaining	% of Fiscal Year Remaining
APS Admin	2,003	42	1,961	98%	33%
APS Client	2,000	0	2,000	100%	33%
CDHS County Admin	80,762	17,273	63,490	79%	33%
Child Care	9,347	2,285	7,062	76%	33%
Child Welfare 100%	2,432	119	2,313	95%	33%
Child Welfare 80/20	26,003	4,476	21,527	83%	33%
Child Welfare PRTF	1,171	0	1,171	100%	33%
Colorado Works	44,697	18,956	25,741	58%	33%
CORE 100%	16,276	16,000	276	2%	33%
CORE 80/20	8,724	0	8,724	100%	33%
HCPF Enhanced	37,799	10,477	27,321	72%	33%
HCPF Regular	20,532	2,514	18,018	88%	42%
LEAP Outreach	337	471	-134	-40%	42% Trending High - ok Statewide
SEAP	374	0	374	100%	42%
SNAP Incentive	97	97	0	0%	
Grand Total	252,748	72,710	180,038		

Trending High - OK - spend 1st

42% Trending High - ok Statewide



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 Martha Johnson, Director
 3/31/2021

Date 5/4/2021

Vendor	Type	Date	Num	Memo	Split	Amount
La Plata County	Check	03/31/2021	11565		-SPLIT-	3,425.77
Rhoades, Krissy	Check	03/24/2021	11563		500.100 EXPENSE-Administration	123.20
San Juan Cty	Check	03/31/2021	11564		-SPLIT-	4,357.18
TOTAL						\$ 7,906.15

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Scott Fetchenhier

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400.020 Specific Ownership tax	105.58	105.58	105.58	316.74	850.00
400.030 Delinquent Property Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
400.040 Penalties/Int on Tax	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.09	24.00
400.100 REVENUE-Administration	3,377.38	9,375.72	3,670.39	16,423.49	70,000.00
400.110 REVENUE-Adult Protectio	0.00	100.26	-31.10	69.16	3,202.00
400.120 REVENUE-Child Care	5,975.17	644.20	162.34	6,781.71	8,390.00
400.130 REVENUE-Child Support	0.00	0.00	109.44	109.44	990.00
400.140 REVENUE-Child Welfare	850.52	1,138.23	309.11	2,297.86	23,506.00
400.145 REVENUE-CSGB Grant	0.00	0.00	539.37	539.37	1,000.00
400.150 REVENUE-Colorado Works	10,865.94	-24.82	-133.44	10,707.68	52,093.00
400.160 REVENUE-Core Services	2,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00	23,254.00
400.180 REVENUE-EOC	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	
400.200 REVENUE-LEAP	122.47	499.02	78.36	699.85	1,500.00
400.210 REVENUE-OAP	77.24	219.30	158.62	455.16	1,700.00
400.220 REVENUE-Program Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	550.00
Total Income	25,201.93	19,885.12	8,996.30	54,083.35	199,983.00
Expense					
500.100 EXPENSE-Administration	4,824.23	5,161.11	5,273.67	15,259.01	82,000.00
500.110 EXPENSE-Adult Protectio	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	4,000.00
500.120 EXPENSE-Child Care	79.75	79.75	0.00	159.50	9,300.00
500.130 EXPENSE-Child Support	1.36	0.00	165.82	167.18	1,500.00
500.140 EXPENSE-Child Welfare	188.58	0.00	0.00	188.58	26,000.00
500.145 EXPENSE-CSGB Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
500.150 EXPENSE-Colorado Works	16,727.72	482.72	85.34	17,295.78	58,000.00
500.160 EXPENSE-Core Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	6,000.00	24,000.00
500.180 EXPENSE-Income Maint	0.00	119.38	302.95	422.33	0.00
500.200 EXPENSE-LEAP	122.50	166.34	78.37	367.21	1,500.00
500.210 EXPENSE-OAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
600.100 RMS-Administration	1,379.02	3,609.84	1,169.14	6,158.00	0.00
600.110 RMS-Adult Protection	-76.78	-125.31	-51.69	-253.78	0.00
600.120 RMS-Child Care	0.00	-807.96	-242.09	-1,050.05	0.00
600.140 RMS-Child Welfare	-845.57	-1,418.19	-385.18	-2,648.94	0.00
600.150 RMS-Colorado Works	-379.43	-1,039.08	-331.56	-1,750.07	0.00
600.210 RMS-OAP	-77.24	-219.30	-158.62	-455.16	0.00
Total Expense	24,019.14	8,009.30	7,906.15	39,934.59	209,300.00
Net Income	1,182.79	11,875.82	1,090.15	14,148.76	-9,317.00

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<u>Program</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	<u>% of Fiscal Year</u>	
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APS Admin	2,003	3	2,000	100%	25%
APS Client	2,000	0	2,000	100%	25%
CDHS County Admin	80,762	19,330	61,433	76%	25%
Child Care	9,347	2,527	6,820	73%	25%
Child Welfare 100%	2,432	124	2,308	95%	25%
Child Welfare 80/20	26,003	4,856	21,147	81%	25%
Child Welfare PRTF	1,171	0	1,171	100%	25%
Colorado Works	44,697	20,250	24,447	55%	25%
CORE 100%	16,276	18,000	-1,724	-11%	25% Trending High
CORE 80/20	8,724	0	8,724	100%	25%
CW Educational Stability	193	0	193	100%	25%
HCPF Enhanced	37,799	12,360	25,439	67%	25%
HCPF Regular	20,532	2,859	17,673	86%	25%
LEAP Outreach	337	550	-213	-63%	25% Trending High
SEAP	374	0	374	100%	25%
SNAP Incentive	97	97	0	0%	
Grand Total	252,748	80,955	171,793	1059%	

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Subject: Request to Rescind the Minnie Gulch Motorized Trail Authorization in the Silverton Travel Management Plan (STMP)

Dear Director Connell,

We write to request that you use your discretion to rescind the authorization for motorized use in the Minnie Gulch valley and withdraw that portion of the STMP.¹ In approving motorized trail construction, then-Gunnison Field Office (GFO) Manager Elijah Waters ignored the advice of his staff archaeologist. Instead, as is documented in emails obtained under the FOIA, he granted the wish of motorized user groups who, along with a construction contractor, had already pre-decisionally surveyed a motorized trail route on the ground.

San Juan County opposes constructing a new motorized trail in Minnie Gulch for several reasons. First, we are concerned about the damage that will be done to the tundra and are concerned that motorized use would result in braided trails, erosion, and other environmental damage. Moreover, the County has an interest in maintaining some areas and trails within the County as non-motorized, as we have repeatedly heard from our constituents that this is important. Finally, the County suffers financial impacts from motorized use in Minnie Gulch, due to an expected increased need for Search and Rescue, operations of the County Sheriff's Department, and the Alpine Ranger Program due to increased activity—indeed more dangerous, motorized activities—in Minnie Gulch.

The Minnie Gulch valley is a pristine alpine environment in San Juan County. See Ex. 1. It contains a trail that is an important remnant of indigenous Ute Indian travel routes through the San Juan Mountains. In the STMP of September 21, 2020, the GFO allowed a new trail for motorized use to be cut in the tundra through Minnie

¹ As you know, BLM has the authority to rescind a decision, whether or not it has been challenged. *E.g.*, BLM withdrew a decision that had been appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (“IBLA”) after appellants pointed out errors in BLM’s review and approval process. *Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance*, IBLA 2020-356 (Sept. 30, 2020) (granting BLM’s motion to vacate and remand a decision to approve nearly 20,000 acres of clearcutting in Utah).

Further, Secretarial Order 3395 and the March 19, 2021 memorandum from the Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals (“ASLM”) describe categories of decisions for which ASLM review is required prior to taking final action. Two categories apply to the Minnie Gulch decision: NEPA analysis related to pending litigation where it may impact (1) lands with wilderness characteristics and (2) lands with special designations. Minnie Gulch qualifies as lands with wilderness characteristics and is adjacent to the Handies Peak Wilderness Study Area. Moreover, the approval will impact lands with special designations, namely the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. Thus, using your discretion to rescind the approval to construct a new, motorized trail in Minnie Gulch is particularly appropriate because of the higher level of scrutiny this Administration applies to decisions with certain characteristics,

Gulch valley.² BLM archaeologists agreed with local tribes that motorized use would cause adverse effects on cultural resources in the area.³ The Environmental Assessment conceded that “impacts from construction and motorized use of a new route would compromise the integrity of the cultural landscape and setting which would adversely affect the Ute Trail” in Minnie Gulch and that a “singletrack motorized use would cause an increase in soil loss that can accelerate down-cutting within a segment of Ute Trail and can unearth fragile prehistoric features within historic properties.”⁴ However, the final decision ignored the recommendations of BLM staff (with whom the SHPO concurred) that Minnie Gulch remain non-motorized to avoid adverse effects on cultural resources.⁵

Argument

The decision to open the Minnie Gulch valley to motorized use is the result of impermissible coordination between GFO staff and motorized recreation advocates. While BLM is working on a NEPA document, regulations preclude the agency from making any decisions that limit the scope of available alternatives.⁶ The extensive coordination between BLM and the motorized user groups reveals that the decision to create a new motorized trail in Minnie Gulch was all but finalized before publication of the final EA, which limited BLM’s consideration of alternatives. You should rescind the decision to prevent impermissible political influence from outside groups to push the BLM to a decision that contradicted its own internal assessments and violated legal requirements.

OHV User Groups Planning and Coordination with Contractors

The Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) and San Juan Trail Riders (SJTR) (“OHV user groups”) had the idea to create a motorized trail through Minnie Gulch, spent years planning the project, developed a construction plan with a private trail construction contractor, and actively lobbied the BLM to support their proposal. In August 2019 - over a year before the final EA and six months before the preliminary EA - these groups surveyed the potential trail with a private contractor, who stated that he was “primarily recommending two (2) adjustments of the existing trail ... once the trail is re-designated for multiple use.”⁷

After committing extensive resources to the project, the OHV user groups were determined to add this motorized trail to their map. In their view, concerns from tribes about the legally insufficient consultation on impact to cultural resources were “last minute tactics that are now being initiate[d] by certain anti access groups.”⁸ They argued that BLM should consider “[t]he work and money all ready [*sic*] spent in support of the project, and the re hab [*sic*] cost of repairing the Minnie trail” and ignore the concerns from local tribes.⁹ By the time the final EA was under consideration, some TPA members had “been working on the Minnie project for the past 2 years” and questioned why progress was not to their satisfaction.¹⁰

Pre-Decision Coordination Between BLM and OHV User Groups

² The STMP Decision Record was signed on September 21, 2020. San Juan Citizens Alliance and the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County filed a timely appeal of the decision. Notice of Appeal, No. IBLA-2021-0016 (Oct. 19, 2020). That appeal and a petition for stay of the decision to allow motorized access in Minnie Gulch are pending. Petition for Stay, No. IBLA-2021-0016 (Apr. 27, 2021)

³ BLM Section 106 Concurrence Letter to Colorado SHPO (Jan. 8, 2020) (“Concurrence Letter”).

⁴ Final EA, AR 7.03-19 at 59.

⁵ See Concurrence Letter (recommending that Minnie Gulch remain non-motorized).

⁶ See 40 C.F.R. Part 1500.

⁷ Letter from Casey McLellan, McStone Aggregates, to Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance, and Allen Christy, San Juan Trail Riders (Aug. 26, 2019), AR 6.02-13.

⁸ E-mail from Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance, to Suzanne Copping, BLM (Feb. 19, 2020, 06:26 PM), AR 3.06-4

⁹ E-mail from Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance, to Suzanne Copping, BLM (Feb. 19, 2020, 06:26 PM), AR 3.06-4.

¹⁰ E-mail from Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance, to Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Manager (Aug. 20, 2020, 08:47 AM), AR4.01.12-85

The extensive communications between BLM and the OHV user groups over the two years prior to the release of the EA show a coordinated effort to develop a plan, design a route, and secure access – everything short of committing to the decision in writing. BLM staff relied on the plan generated by the contractor working with the OHV user groups as the starting point for their proposed routing of the Minnie Gulch trail.¹¹ Additionally, after we, San Juan County, raised concerns about potential right of way issues, BLM staff advised the OHV user groups on their best course of action.¹² TPA reacted by calling the County actions “a form of black mail,” and said they “would like to know what the BLM is going to do about that.”¹³ BLM staff then planned a meeting with representatives of the OHV user groups that they explicitly wanted to be a “small group” because “its critical that the discussions don’t get out.”¹⁴ Less than two weeks after that meeting, TPA staff informed the BLM that they had secured approval from both landowners that were necessary to allow access.¹⁵

After BLM re-opened public comment on the preliminary EA, BLM staff personally explained how OHV user groups could help BLM.¹⁶ The next day, a BLM staff member wrote that “I have been in touch with Don from TPA on this issue almost daily. I am going down to Durango to further discuss it with the San Juan Trail Riders. STJR [*sic*] and TPA are upset but still actively engaged....”¹⁷

Post-Decision Relationship Between BLM and OHV User Groups

The actions of BLM and the OHV user groups after the decision was finalized show collaboration with the goal of creating a motorized trail in Minnie Gulch, where the decision was a mere formality. Shortly after finalizing the decision, BLM directly requested help from the OHV user groups: “We've got a lot of things going on, and with Jim being gone we are down two rec planners. If you guys could GPS and mark some proposed routes that would help a lot.”¹⁸ Less than two weeks later the OHV user groups responded with a report: “The work you requested for a proposed routing of a new Minnie Gulch multi-use trail was completed last Thursday October 8th by our project team. The proposed trail building contractor Mr. Casey McClelland participated as a part of the team. There were 28 working man hours, 8 travel hours, 200 pin flags, 40 stakes and associated flagging utilized to complete the task.”¹⁹ Within days of the decision, the OHV user groups, along with the contractor with whom they had begun work more than eighteen months prior, were engaged in on the ground field work at the request of BLM staff.

Conclusion

The decision to create a motorized trail in Minnie Gulch should be rescinded. BLM failed to comply with its legal obligation to rely on the assessment of its own staff that motorized use would have an adverse impact on the cultural resources of the Minnie Gulch area, and to independently analyze the impacts of the different alternatives. Instead, the BLM engaged in extensive coordination with OHV user groups that were actively pursuing this specific trail for years and, in the process, ignored the mandates of NEPA and the NHPA, as described in our appeal of the decision. We respectfully request that you use your discretion to rescind the GFO’s approval of constructing and opening a new motorized trail in Minnie Gulch, which will protect

¹¹ E-mail from Andrew Welsh, BLM, to Rachel Miller, BLM (Sept. 5, 2019, 09:18 AM), AR 4.01.12-89.

¹² E-mail from Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Office, to Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance (July 16, 2019, 11:04 AM), AR 04.01.12-66.

¹³ E-mail from Don Riggle, Trails Preservation Alliance, to Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Office (July 16, 2019, 04:31 PM), AR 04.01.12-66.

¹⁴ E-mail from Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Office, to Andrew Welsh and Stuart Schneider, BLM (July 17, 2019, 08:05 AM), 04.01.12-67.

¹⁵ E-mail from Andrew Welsh, BLM, to Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Office (July 29, 2019, 12:41 PM), 04.01.12-72.

¹⁶ E-mail from Andrew Welsh, BLM, to Allen Christy, San Juan Trail Riders (Dec. 4, 2019, 03:30 PM), AR 3.06-5.

¹⁷ Internal E-mail from Andrew Welsh, BLM (Dec. 5, 2019, 12:55 PM), AR 4.01.10-27.

¹⁸ E-mail from Elijah Waters, Gunnison Field Manager, to Don Riggle, Trail Preservation Alliance (Sept. 29, 2020, 05:15 PM) (FOIA Request at 19).

¹⁹ E-mail from Allen Christy, San Juan Trail Riders, to Kristi Murphy, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, and Jim Lovelace, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner (Oct. 11, 2020 06:28 PM) (FOIA Request at 30).

important cultural resources and ensure that the Minnie Gulch valley remains the pristine natural resource that Coloradans have enjoyed for centuries.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT 1



Minnie Gulch in summer (used with permission).

(<https://debravanwinegarden.blogspot.com/2014/07/half-peak-13841-hourglass-summit.html>)

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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San Juan Citizens Alliance,)	IBLA 2021-016
San Juan County Board of Commissioners))	
Appellants)	Appeal of Colorado BLM
v.)	Gunnison Field Office
)	Silverton Travel Management Plan
)	DOI-BLM-CO-F070-2019-0008-EA
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT)	
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Respondent.)	

BLM's OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR STAY

Under 43 C.F.R. § 4.21(b)(3), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) files this opposition to the Petition for Stay filed by San Juan Citizens Alliance (SJCA) and the San Juan County Board of Commissioners (County)(collectively Appellants), in the above captioned appeal. Appellants have appealed the September 21, 2020 decision by the Gunnison Colorado BLM Field Office approving the Silverton Travel Management Plan, particularly Component 2 of the decision, which authorizes a change in designation to allow motorized singletrack travel on a new 1.6 mile segment of trail to be constructed in Minnie Gulch.

On November 3, 2020, the Board docketed this appeal as IBLA-2021-016. Appellants filed their statement of reasons on December 16, 2020. In another appeal of the Silverton Travel Management Plan decision, docketed as IBLA 2020-017, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers briefing was completed on February 2, 2021. Appellants previously requested the Board to consolidate IBLA 2021-016 and -017, but on December 11, 2020, the Board denied the motion, finding that consolidation was not

appropriate at that time. BLM took no position on the motion to consolidate. BLM then filed its answer on February 16, 2021. On March 9, 2021, Appellants filed a reply to BLM's answer. Then, on April 27, 2021, Appellants filed a petition for stay arguing that "BLM's decision to construct and open a new trail in Minnie Gulch to motorized use will result in irreparable and immediate harm absent a stay."¹ Appellants argue that "irreparable harm is now imminent as construction could begin as soon as July 1, 2021"² Appellants repeat the arguments from their statement of reasons, and include a new declaration from Dr. Tim Seastedt, a professor and researcher from the University of Colorado and researcher with the Institute of Alpine and Arctic Research, to provide his expert opinion on the impacts of the proposed new trail segment. However, Dr. Seastedt admits he has not visited the Minnie Gulch area.³ Dr. Seastedt also did not provide any comments on the environmental assessment during the public comment period in 2019. Based on the attached declaration of BLM Acting Field Manager Brady Owens, BLM has stated that it must complete several tasks before any construction or ground disturbing activities in Minnie Gulch take place. Because these planned activities have not yet taken place, BLM does not consider it likely that any construction would occur before October 2021, or the summer of 2022. Given this, as the following discussion shows, Appellants have failed to meet their obligation to demonstrate the likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if a stay is not granted, and therefore their request for stay should be denied.

¹ Petition for Stay at 20.

² *Id.* at 1.

³ Seastedt declaration paragraph 7.

BACKGROUND

The background of the Silverton Travel Management Plan (STMP) was previously described in BLM's Answer and BLM incorporates that discussion as if set forth fully herein. Appellants raised two issues on appeal, claiming BLM violated the National Historic Preservation Act by failing to consult, and that the decision "fails to conform to the relevant Resource Management Plan ("RMP") and fails to properly analyze impacts of the proposal to allow motorized use in Minnie Gulch."⁴ In its answer, BLM described why its decision to authorize the new 1.6 mile trail segment complied with the NHPA and FLPMA. BLM also explained that the County does not have standing under the doctrine of *parens patriae* to appeal to the Board on behalf of its citizens. Now, in their Petition for Stay Appellants contend that "post decision emails demonstrate BLM's intent to move forward quickly with trail construction this summer once the trail is surveyed and snow conditions permit construction."⁵ However BLM's Acting Field Manager has stated that given the number of tasks BLM must complete before construction can begin, construction is not likely until October 2021 at the earliest and more likely will take place in the summer of 2022.⁶

STANDARD OF REVIEW

Under the Board's regulations, an appellant seeking a stay must show sufficient justification based on four criteria "(1) the relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (2) the likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (3) the

⁴ Statement of reasons at 1.

⁵ Petition for Stay at 7.

⁶ Owens Declaration paragraph 11.

likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and (4) whether the public interest favors granting a stay.”⁷ . Appellants bear the burden of showing, by a preponderance of evidence, that a stay is warranted by satisfying each of these criteria.⁸ To "establish the preponderance of the evidence means to prove that something is more likely so than not so; in other words, the ‘preponderance of the evidence’ means such evidence, when considered and compared with that opposed to it, has more convincing force and produces in your minds belief that what is sought to be proved is more likely to be true than not true.”⁹ Failure to satisfy any one of these criteria justifies denial of the request for stay.¹⁰ As the discussion below shows, because BLM is not likely to begin any construction until October 2021 at the earliest, Appellants’ claims of immediate and irreparable harm are not likely and therefore the petition for stay should be denied.

DISCUSSION

Appellants Have Not Demonstrated That A Stay Is Warranted

BLM has previously addressed the merits of the appeal in its Answer and rather than repeat those arguments, it focuses on the third criterion -- immediate and irreparable harm. As the Record of Decision for the STMP stated, "This route will be built on the slopes above the Ute Trail", and the "alternate alignment" would be subject

⁷ 43 C.F.R. § 4.21(b).

⁸ *Id.*, see also, 43 C.F.R. § 4.21(b)(2); *Colorado Environmental Coalition*, 135 IBLA 356, 358 (1996) (“As in all cases where a stay is sought, the burden to show there is reason for a stay to issue rests with the party seeking the stay.”).

⁹ *South-East Coal Co. v. Consolidation Coal Co.*, 434 F.2d 767, 778 (6th Cir. 1970) quoted in *Thunderbird Oil Corp.*, 91 IBLA 195, 201 (1986). See also, *Harry Ptasynski*, 107 IBLA 197, 201 (1989).

¹⁰ *Oregon Natural Desert Association*, 176 IBLA 371, 377 n.6 (2009); *Wyoming Outdoor Council*, 156 IBLA 377, 383 (2002).

to the "project design features detailed in Appendix E." Appendix E states that "All new trail construction [associated with the re-route] would be designed to avoid historic properties."¹¹ BLM also required that the re-route would first involve selection of an on the ground alignment where the footprint of the trail would be inventoried for cultural resources prior to any construction. Appellants point to a post record communication where the Trails Preservation Alliance and San Juan Trails Riders have marked a proposed alignment in September 2020¹² but ignore all of the remaining work BLM will do to ensure that proposed alignment avoids historic properties and eliminates direct impacts to historic properties.

As Acting Field Manager Brady Owens explained in his attached declaration "While the general area for the re-route of trail 2TE has been proposed, an exact trail alignment has not yet been identified. The final alignment of the trail will be contingent upon on-the-ground field visits that are expected to take place during the summer field season of 2021 by BLM specialists, including a qualified archaeologist, and in coordination with stakeholders."¹³ None of these field visits have yet taken place, they are expected to until after snowmelt, and BLM has not scheduled any of these visits yet.

Mr. Owens also describes that once the field visits take place, BLM will then execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BLM, SHPO, and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation.¹⁴ This MOA will require an inventory of historic artifacts to be completed before any

¹¹ ROD at 87.

¹² Petition for Stay at 7.

¹³ Owens Declaration paragraph 7.

¹⁴ Id. paragraph 8.

ground disturbance or trail construction occurs. The MOA has not yet been executed and is not expected to be signed until the field visits and consultation with tribes have taken place. Given the uncertainty over the timing of the MOA, Appellants have not shown that construction is “imminent” to warrant the imposition of a stay.

Finally, Mr. Owens states that “no construction within Minnie Gulch will begin before completion of SHPO consultation regarding a determination of effect and the completion of mitigation identified in the MOA between BLM, SHPO, and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation.”¹⁵ This proposed mitigation, consisting of an ethnographic study, has not yet been completed. Given the procedural activities and field visits that remain to occur before any ground disturbance or construction begins, there is little likelihood of immediate harm.

Appellants arguments about likelihood of success on the merits simply restate the arguments that have been made in their statement of reasons and addressed in BLM’s answer. Appellants contention that “BLM violated the State Protocol, the ACHP regulations, and Section 106 of the NHPA, putting historic and cultural resources in danger of irreversible harm”¹⁶ is incorrect given BLM’s commitment to completing the tasks identified in Mr. Owens’ declaration before any ground disturbance or construction begins. This approach had been described in BLM’s answer, but Appellants’ ignore BLM’s proposed process and instead point to post-decision emails obtained through their FOIA request to support their contention that “motorized user

¹⁵ Id. paragraph 9.

¹⁶ Petition for Stay at 13.

groups” have placed “significant pressure” on BLM “to open Minnie Gulch to motorized use”¹⁷ Appellants have made their preference to prevent motorized singletrack use in Minnie Gulch clear through their appeal and subsequent petition for stay, but have failed to show that BLM’s desire to “move forward quickly” means that construction activities would take place any sooner than October 2021 at the earliest as indicated by Mr. Owens’ declaration.

CONCLUSION

The Silverton Travel Management Area has long served as a destination for public land users with mountain scenery, heritage resources, and legendary network of mountain roads providing a unique recreational experience for a growing number of visitors. As Silverton transitioned from an extractive resource economy based on mining and shifted to tourism as an economic driver, this shift initiated the proposals considered in the STMP. BLM has acknowledged that expanding trail opportunities can be met with opposition because of perceived impacts.¹⁸ And SJCA, on behalf of its members has made its opposition clear. But as the previous discussion shows, Appellants would prefer that BLM not provide for the motorized singletrack use the Minnie Gulch Trail once it is re-routed. But that opposition does not give rise to the violations of the NHPA, NEPA and FLPMA that Appellants allege.¹⁹ And because construction will not begin until BLM completes site specific surveys, tribal

¹⁷ Id. at 6.

¹⁸ DOI-BLM-CO-F070-2019-0008-EA, FONSI page 2.

¹⁹ See, e.g. *Powder River Basin Resource Council*, 180 IBLA 1, 13 (2010) (“The fact that the appellant has a differing opinion about likely environmental impacts or prefers that BLM take another course of action does not show that BLM violated the procedural requirements of NEPA.”); See also, *Kevin Kane*, 195 IBLA 17, 20-21 (2019), citations omitted.

consultation, signs the MOA and implements mitigation, Appellants have not met their burden to demonstrate that a stay is warranted.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of May, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 5th day of May, 2021, in accordance with 43 C.F.R. § 4.401(c), and the Board's COVID-19 guidance that paper copies will not be accepted during the pandemic, a true and correct copy of the foregoing *BLM's Opposition to Petition for Stay* was transmitted for delivery via e-mail to the following:

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DECLARATION OF BRADY OWENS

I, Brady Owens, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 declare as follows:

1. I am currently the Acting Field Manager for the Bureau of Land Management's Colorado Gunnison Field Office. I have been employed by BLM since January 1, 2013 in a number of staff and supervisory positions.
2. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 2005 and a Graduate Certificate in Resource Interpretation in 2012, both from Stephen F. Austin State University.
3. My statements in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge and experience as the Acting Field Manager for the Gunnison Field Office, and on information made available to me in that capacity by other BLM employees under my supervision.
4. BLM consulted with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and conducted a Class III inventory of all existing routes not previously designated and routes with a change in authorized use.
5. BLM conducted government-to-government consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation at face to face meetings in April and October of 2019, and during field trips to the area in August and October of 2019, and via Zoom with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe tribal council in July 2020, to consider the Tribes' concerns during route evaluations and route designations and identify approaches to avoid and mitigate identified impacts.

6. BLM has not yet identified the location for the re-route of trail 2TE beyond what is stated in the Decision Record “This alternate route will avoid the Ute Trail located in the Minnie Gulch Valley and cross the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail at a perpendicular angle. This route will be built on the slopes above the Ute Trail and BLM will direct all uses to use this new trail.”
7. While the general area for the re-route of trail 2TE has been proposed, an exact trail alignment has not yet been identified. The final alignment of the trail will be contingent upon on-the-ground field visits that are expected to take place during the summer field season of 2021 by BLM specialists, including a qualified archaeologist, and in coordination with stakeholders.
8. No construction within Minnie Gulch will begin prior to identifying the on the ground re-route of the Minnie Gulch trails for motorized singletrack travel, and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between BLM, SHPO, and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation. Before any ground disturbance begins the MOA will be signed as required by the 2014 State Protocol Agreement between SHPO and BLM.
9. No construction within Minnie Gulch will begin before completion of SHPO consultation regarding a determination of effect and the completion of mitigation identified in the MOA between BLM, SHPO, and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation.
10. No construction within Minnie Gulch will begin prior to a Class III inventory conducted by a qualified archaeologist, or otherwise meeting requirements in the MOA between BLM, SHPO, and the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian Tribe of the Ouray and Uintah Reservation.
11. Given the number of tasks that remain to be completed before any construction or ground disturbing activities in Minnie Gulch take place, BLM does not consider it likely that this work would occur before October of 2021 or the summer of 2022.

I declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, under penalty of perjury, that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

BRADY OWENS

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Lodging Tax

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 % Change	5 yr. Average
January	1,083.78	35.05	126.80	885.93	3,729.44	543.94	-85.41%
February	7,581.19	10,406.98	8,318.23	10,816.00	14,088.47	20,282.97	43.97%
March	1,544.89	786.00	3,097.25	145.07	454.00	660.00	45.37%
April	195.49	1,543.39	2,002.98	33.00	-	1,489.56	0.00%
May	7,263.06	13,776.57	11,375.54	17,612.98	14,069.00	30,651.70	117.87%
June	4,849.00	1,094.30	1,356.34	952.07	300.40		-68.45%
July	1,394.08	309.00	2,702.84	170.21	573.00		236.64%
August	9,590.21	10,799.07	11,477.00	14,372.43	13,978.56		-2.74%
September	1,354.94	5,661.40	7,956.78	2,738.12	139.00		-94.92%
October	3,733.58	2,632.10	666.79	2,848.73	780.48		-72.60%
November	39,304.00	38,017.00	43,574.04	47,263.00	58,396.70		23.56%
December	1,011.00	2,839.96	2,029.95	1,790.37	1,918.52		-5.00%
Total	78,905.22	87,900.82	94,684.54	99,627.91	108,427.57	53,628.17	8.83%

Year to Date 17,668.41 26,547.99 24,920.80 29,492.98 32,340.91 53,628.17

May 5, 2021

Sent via email to: dgolbricht@animas.net; admin@sanjuancolorado.us

San Juan County Board of County Commissioners
c/o Dennis Golbricht, Esq., County Attorney
1557 Greene St
PO Box 466
Silverton, CO 81433

Re: CORA Request Related to the Silverton Travel Management Plan (BLM NEPA No. DOI-BLM-CO-F070-2019-0008-EA)

Dear Mr. Golbricht:

We represent Trails Preservation Alliance, a 501(c)(3) public charity organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing single track motorcycle trail riding. We are submitting this records request pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act (C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1, *et seq.* (“CORA”). The specific documents and/or records requested (“Requested Documents”) consist of the following:

Any and all written transcripts or any tape recording, video recording, or Zoom recordings; any and all meeting minutes, meeting agendas, transcripts of meetings, or reports; and any and all written and/or electronic correspondence, notes, memoranda, drafts, or other materials, including but not limited to electronic mail, social media, phone or text messages on official or personal phones or computers, with regard to the Silverton Travel Management Plan (BLM NEPA No. DOI-BLM-CO-F070-2019-0008-EA), between the dates of September 21, 2020 up to and including the date of this request, between or among any or all of the following persons or entities:

- Representatives, consultants, agents, members of or counsel for the San Juan County Board of County Commissioners;
- The Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) Gunnison Field Office;
- Representatives, consultants, agents of or counsel for the Ute Mountain Ute;
- Representatives, consultants, agents of or counsel for the Southern Ute Tribe;
- Representatives, consultants, agents, members of or counsel for San Juan Citizens Alliance; and
- Representatives, consultants, agents, members of or counsel for Backcountry Horsemen and Anglers.

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If the Requested Documents are in electronic form or can be scanned and sent by email, we request to receive the Requested Documents solely by electronic means. If the Requested Documents cannot be transmitted electronically, and any anticipated charges will total less than \$200.00, please mail the copies of the records to us with an itemized invoice. If the anticipated charges will be in excess of \$200.00, or if your office requires prepayment for copies, please contact us first before processing our request.

If you deny this request for records in whole or in part, we ask that you provide a written statement of the reasons for the denial that cites the law or regulation that you rely on for each record withheld. If any of the requested records are in active use, in storage, or otherwise unavailable at this time, we request that you set a date and hour when the records will be available for inspection.

If you have any questions about the request, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to your timely response. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this CORA request.

Sincerely,

HOLSINGER LAW, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Holsinger', written over a horizontal line.

Kent Holsinger, Attorney

cc: Don Riggle, Director of Operations, Trails Preservation Alliance

County Sales Tax

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change	Syr. Average
January	5,959.36	6,799.02	4,970.71	7,799.87	6,854.79	16,712.63	143.81%	8,627.40
February	14,491.56	15,080.08	13,859.09	12,885.86	22,860.78	19,999.27	-12.52%	16,937.02
March	8,627.43	10,000.08	11,861.72	11,246.33	14,595.18	16,419.27	12.50%	12,824.52
April	9,804.86	11,323.27	10,399.61	8,857.05	15,280.29	15,820.09	3.53%	12,336.06
May	13,024.22	13,990.92	16,321.32	19,708.91	12,778.47	24,773.54	93.87%	17,514.63
June	5,819.62	7,552.19	4,601.13	5,827.74	9,946.40		70.67%	6,749.42
July	22,946.78	7,682.30	5,985.49	6,206.92	17,737.22		185.77%	12,111.74
August	11,781.46	13,949.50	6,568.03	13,486.95	10,921.79		-19.02%	11,341.55
September	15,042.34	21,634.93	9,579.78	22,429.05	21,745.79		-3.05%	18,086.38
October	12,955.34	16,769.39	11,057.45	13,774.16	18,726.14		35.95%	14,656.50
November	13,548.66	-4,182.80	11,187.78	15,070.58	17,785.19		18.01%	9,822.54
December	6,497.13	4,750.60	5,273.24	7,547.72	17,476.46		-5.00%	5,888.17
Total	140,498.76	125,349.48	111,665.35	144,841.14	186,708.50	93,724.80	28.91%	128,151.67
Year to Date	51,907.43	57,193.38	57,412.45	60,498.02	72,369.51	93,724.80	29.51%	

Emergency Services Sales Tax

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change	5-Year Ave.
January	5,343.03	5,622.78	5,693.58	22,652.17	22,081.29	35,711.05	61.73%	18,352.17
February	9,368.55	10,692.95	9,500.78	20,193.73	38,888.47	40,698.37	4.65%	23,994.86
March	7,022.72	7,037.70	8,924.66	28,148.22	30,899.33	39,182.99	26.81%	22,838.58
April	8,989.30	8,265.99	22,040.87	52,719.27	32,992.58	39,057.87	18.38%	31,015.31
May	11,187.66	11,429.96	23,915.42	32,415.46	28,328.62	53,200.57	87.80%	29,858.01
June	7,002.03	6,362.70	13,364.73	17,201.80	20,323.77		18.15%	12,851.01
July	16,350.76	12,960.82	36,977.68	35,279.36	29,408.23		-16.64%	26,195.37
August	28,294.88	29,968.07	54,297.30	74,723.11	62,795.11		-15.96%	50,015.69
September	42,058.55	45,477.85	100,795.88	126,269.99	120,650.92		-4.45%	70,827.33
October	31,447.71	33,384.56	82,850.46	103,635.85	108,852.60		5.03%	56,650.11
November	33,410.55	39,818.53	88,859.04	101,380.60	107,416.93		5.95%	59,078.46
December	21,352.56	14,380.35	34,697.06	45,399.97	63,130.77		-5.00%	25,661.42
Total	221,828.31	225,402.27	481,917.46	660,019.53	665,768.62	207,850.85	0.87%	194,457.80
Year to Date	41,911.25	43,049.38	70,075.30	156,128.85	153,190.29	207,850.85	35.68%	

Town Sales Tax

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change	5-Year Ave.
January	15,412.76	15,692.10	17,803.62	17,777.51	28,417.92	40,332.32	41.93%	24,004.69
February	22,982.62	27,691.72	24,144.03	26,379.98	39,259.76	45,122.36	14.93%	32,519.57
March	19,463.45	18,150.71	23,836.90	33,717.73	34,763.49	46,171.74	32.82%	31,328.12
April	26,152.34	21,740.67	24,868.07	75,356.86	37,422.14	46,581.33	24.48%	41,193.82
May	31,726.42	31,728.94	21,945.84	32,071.64	24,839.85	60,352.89	142.97%	34,187.83
June	22,188.51	17,898.60	17,527.63	21,650.46	22,518.84		4.01%	20,356.81
July	42,456.28	44,161.00	53,182.66	50,243.72	29,239.56		-41.80%	43,856.64
August	101,398.06	105,922.79	80,166.62	105,875.94	90,106.11		-14.89%	96,693.90
September	153,191.88	160,276.49	151,431.83	179,274.96	170,982.30		-4.63%	157,480.82
October	112,835.51	116,768.86	121,288.07	151,774.01	155,155.28		2.23%	123,618.60
November	120,093.55	163,456.93	130,755.88	146,395.83	153,802.89		5.06%	134,981.62
December	78,913.11	52,770.79	50,151.94	64,974.75	83,368.79		-5.00%	58,196.60
TOTAL	746,814.49	776,259.60	717,103.10	905,493.39	869,876.93	238,560.64	-3.93%	670,005.77
Year to Date	115,737.59	115,004.14	112,598.47	185,303.72	164,703.16	238,560.64	44.84%	

	Lodging Tax									
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change	5 yr. Average		
January	1,083.78	35.05	126.80	885.93	3,729.44	543.94	-85.41%	1,064.23		
February	7,581.19	10,406.98	8,318.23	10,816.00	14,088.47	20,282.97	43.97%	12,782.53		
March	1,544.89	786.00	3,097.25	145.07	454.00	660.00	45.37%	1,028.46		
April	195.49	1,543.39	2,002.98	33.00	-	1,489.56	0.00%	1,013.79		
May	7,263.06	13,776.57	11,375.54	17,612.98	14,069.00	30,651.70	117.87%	17,497.16		
June	4,849.00	1,094.30	1,356.34	952.07	300.40		-68.45%	1,710.42		
July	1,394.08	309.00	2,702.84	170.21	573.00		236.64%	1,029.83		
August	9,590.21	10,799.07	11,477.00	14,372.43	13,978.56		-2.74%	10,758.36		
September	1,354.94	5,661.40	7,956.78	2,738.12	139.00		-94.92%	3,770.81		
October	3,733.58	2,632.10	666.79	2,848.73	780.48		-72.60%	2,167.27		
November	39,304.00	38,017.00	43,574.04	47,263.00	58,396.70		23.56%	39,678.68		
December	1,011.00	2,839.96	2,029.95	1,790.37	1,918.52		-5.00%	1,995.60		
Total	78,905.22	87,900.82	94,684.54	99,627.91	108,427.57	53,628.17	8.83%	88,853.80		
Year to Date	17,668.41	26,547.99	24,920.80	29,492.98	32,340.91	53,628.17				



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SAN JUAN COUNTY

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Date: May 8, 2021.

For: May 12 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

From: Town/County Planning Director.

Regarding: Some of the Planning Department Work During the Past Two Weeks.

Recent County Projects:

- The County Commissioners had a special work session about new floodplain maps on August 28. Any questions/comments from the Commissioners or public can be sent to the Planning Department. The Planning Department collects/forwards any local comments to FEMA. See coloradohazardmapping.com
- I am reviewing a County Improvement Permit Application for a proposed residence, septic system, and associated improvements, on the Shrine Road, on a vacant lot in an existing County subdivision.
- A site visit will occur at a group of vacant mining claims on Ophir Pass Road on May 17.
- A site visit will occur at the Gold Spur Mill Site on Cunningham Creek on May 20.
- Several vacant claims on CR 20/20A recently changed hands, with approximately six land owners interested in applying for County Improvement Permit Applications within the next few years.
- The Town/County Building Inspector and Town/County Planning Director have been receiving a lot of inquires on the various County regulations, mining claims, RV camping, cabins, and septic systems.
- An application was received for a proposed gate/fence on the edge of Town on a Kendall Mountain claim.
- Mining claims for sale have been generating some inquiries, such as claims in Minnehaha Basin, at the Buffalo Boy, near Treasure Mountain, around Howardsville, and along CR 2.
- A new landowner along with several consultants is preparing an application for a proposed cabin, septic system, and associated improvements on CR 2 near the Mayflower Mill.
- A County special events permit application is being processed for the Bent Elbow Poker Run.
- An inquiry was received for resurrecting the plans for a proposed subdivision at Durango Mountain Resort.
- A new landowner is applying to construct a proposed residence in the Know Your Neighbor Subdivision.
- Cascade Village has requested a County sign permit application to redo the Highway entrance signage.
- An established horseback riding outfitter near Purgatory is relocating their route, and applying for a new County special use permit.
- Outdoor events are being set up, previously approved by the Commissioners, at the Columbine Roadhouse.

- Previously approved, proposed townhomes at Cascade Village may be constructed this summer.
- A fall mining reclamation project is being planned by the State, and documents were submitted this week.
- I have been receiving calls about some proposed and existing access/easement/road issues at Howardsville.
- I am getting a lot of inquiries from applicants preparing Improvement Permit applications, for proposed cabins on mining claims, but very few actual County applications are being completed or submitted.
- The Building Inspector and I are getting many calls/ and emails where our reply includes the County regulations limiting camping/RVs on mining claims to 20 days maximum total per year, and/or that landowners are required to have a rather extensive septic leachfield, not just a proposed composting/incinerating toilet.

Recent Town Projects:

- The Town Board recently adopted a new Vacation Rental Ordinance.
- The Town Board recently adopted an Ordinance establishing an Architectural Review Overlay District (AROD District) along Greene Street and at the wye.
- The Town Board is adopting a new Ordinance extending the 10 year time limit to 25 years, for neighbor reimbursements of a portion of the costs paid by homeowners/developers who extend infrastructure.
- Proposed Murphy Residence, 14th and Bluff, Avalanche Hazard District, Slope Hazard Overlay District, Public Hearing at May 10 Town Board
- Proposed R. Residence, 8th and Bluff, Slope Hazard District, Proposed Infrastructure, Wetlands Issues.
- Proposed M. Residence, 8th and Snowden, Slope, Infrastructure, Wetlands.
- Proposed P. Residence, 12th and Bluff, Slope, Infrastructure.
- Proposed V. Residence, 10th and Bluff, Avalanche, Wetlands, Infrastructure.
- Proposed B. Four-plex, 5th and Reese, Recently Rezoned and may be Resubdivided into mini-Lots.
- Proposed W. Eight-plex, 14th and Cement, Proposed Condos/PUD.
- Proposed C. Residences, Caretaker Units, and B&Bs, 13th and Cement, Avalanche, Floodplain.
- Proposed Storage Units and Tiny Homes, 7th and Snowden, Rezoning, Wetlands, Infrastructure.
- Proposed R. Residence, 5th and Keystone, Infrastructure, Slope, Rezoning.
- Proposed W. Residence, 14th and Cement, Avalanche, Adjacent Land Owner Inquiries.
- Proposed ADU, 14th and Reese, Use Subject to Review Application.
- Proposed Vacation Rental, 11th and Reese, Awaiting Adjacent Land Owner Comments.
- Proposed Vacation Rental, 14th and Cement, First on the Proposed Vacation Rental Waiting List.
- Historic District Construction, 14th and Greene, Fences are Exempt from Review
- Historic District Construction, 14th and Greene, Ongoing Internal Demolition/Repairs.
- Proposed Historic Building Façade Changes, 12th and Greene, Upcoming Restoration/Addition
- Historic Building Façade Changes, 13th and Greene, Exempt Routine Maintenance, Post Fire Doors/Windows.
- Proposed Affordable and/or Attainable Housing, 5th Street, Possible Rezoning.
- Proposed Resubdivision and Wetlands, 19th to 20th, Cement to Animas, Awaiting Legal Papers.
- Proposed Residence, Adjacent to Memorial Park, 17th and Greene, Infrastructure, AROD District.
- Proposed Marijuana Store, 10th and Greene, Town M.J License, Sign Permit, AROD District.
- Proposed Generator and Fuel Tank, 4th and Cement, Avalanche, Lease on Town Owned Land.
- Proposed L. Residence and Home Based Business, 12th and Mineral, Avalanche, Floodplain.
- Proposed G. Structures, 14th and Cement, Floodplain, Infrastructure, Wetlands.

- Proposed Duplexes, 8th and Cement, ED Zone Uses Subject to Review.
- Proposed Condos, 6th and Greene, Grading & Drainage, Infrastructure, Wetlands, AROD District
- The Town Interim Administrator has been completing a DOLA Grant Application, to request State funding to hire a consulting agency, to rapidly update portions of the Town of Silverton Municipal Code. Updating the zoning regulations in the Municipal Code would be a benefit to existing Town citizens, because zoning regulations can be used by the Town Staff and Board to reduce the anticipated adverse impacts of upcoming proposed development. The County Administrator kindly provided some assistance on the DOLA grant application questions, and the Planning Director provided some of the grant application text this week, for Town Interim Administrator Edwards.
- A recent topic of discussion has been the Town Avalanche Hazard Overlay District regulations and the associated maps adopted in 2005. The Town Board had a special meeting about that topic last week, some inquiries from the public, as well as a recent CORA citizen request for documents.
- The Town staff and Board have been working on concepts for how to create some additional affordable/employee housing, and OHV issues as well as two upcoming citizen OHV petitions.
- The Town Board is ready to interview a select few of those who applied to be the new Town Attorney and the new Town Administrator.
- The Town/County Planning Director and Town/County Building Inspector are writing a new job description, and have one applicant to interview, for the Town Planning Department clerical part time trainee position.
- The Town Board had a special work session about our new floodplain maps on August 26.
- The Town Board (along with its many various Committees) has been meeting several times per week, due to an abundance of important local issues. The Board/Committee meeting agendas/packets are posted on the Town website.
- Town Staff acquired and set up new equipment, so that the Town Hall meeting room can support “hybrid” meetings now, with the Town Board currently meeting in-person, and a limited amount of in-person citizens in attendance (please call ahead if you plan to attend in-person), while the Town Board meetings are also interfacing on Zoom for those who prefer virtual attendance.
- Town staff meets weekly on Thursdays under the guidance of Interim Town Administrator Edwards.
- The Town Master Plan Committee meeting on the night of April 27 was cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- The Town staff has been working on checking/correcting water billing, water meters, and refuse billing, and updating utility billing contact information.
- Town Planning Director and Town Deputy Clerk are working together on preparing the Minutes for two recent Town Meetings.
- Molas Lake camping advance reservations are at an all time high, indicating we are likely to see a busy tourism season this summer.
- Town staff is also working on these projects: various funding sources for a new bathroom facility on Blair Street at Columbine Park; plans to replace the old wooden deck at the Kendall Mountain Rec. Center; completion of a CDOT grant application for proposed Blair Street streetscape improvements; upcoming special events, races, and music events; outdoor dining street barricades; farmers market; Kendall Mountain Rec. Center signage; the transfer station contract renewal; bear aware campaign, cemetery work, covid mask signage, and other summer preparations.
- County Commissioners and citizens can contact the Town/County Planning Department with any planning related questions at ladair@silverton.co.us or (970) 946-9408.

SAN JUAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

Monthly Road Maintenance Report

APRIL 2021

County road #2 To Eureka, snow removal, rock and tree removal and grading and spot repairs and road patrols.

1-772G grader/plow, 8 hours.

2-772G grader/plow, 11 hours.

936 loader, 2 hours.

Pickup trucks, 12 hours.

County road #110 Gladstone, snow, ice and rock removal. Grading and spot repairs to settled culverts and soft spots. Deal with ski area parking. Do some minor ditching.

1-772G grader/plow, 13 hours.

2-772G grader/plow, 5 hours.

936 loader, 4 hours.

Pickup trucks, 23 hours.

County road #2 to Animas Forks, snow and avalanche removal and rock and tree removal. Open to Animas Forks 4/16/21. Below average snow.

D6T tractor, 28 hours.

936 loader, 2 hours,

Pickup truck, 6 hours.

Peterbilt truck, 2 hours haul tractor.

County road #5 Cinnamon Pass, snow removal, opened to the top on 4/29/21. Snow was very sugar and corn snow. Had to reopen top part from drifting snow.

D6T tractor, 23 hours. Pickup truck, 4 hours.

County road #8 Ophir Pass, snow removal, rock and tree removal. Snow depths about 1/3 of average year this early opening. Opened to the top 4/23/21.

D6N tractor, 40 hours.

Pickup trucks, 7 hours.

Peterbilt truck, haul tractor, 2 hours.

County road #100 Quiet Road, Columbine Lake trail access. Snow and tree removal.

D6N tractor, 4 hours.

County Road #25 Eureka Gulch, snow and rock removal to upper Ransom mine road.

D6T tractor, 4 hours.

County road #4 Cunningham Gulch, grade lower end and rock removal.

1-772G grader, 4 hours.

936 loader, 1 hour.

Pickup trucks, 1 hour.

County road #4A Upper Cunningham Gulch to Mine Tour, grading, rock removal and spot repair.

1-772G grader, 3 hours.

936 loader, 1 hour.

Pickup truck, 1 hour.

County road #20A Aspen/ Blair Gulch, opened road to CR- 20A-20 intersection. Snow removal and tree removal. Snow grooming makes this road very icy!

D6N tractor, 6 hours.

County Road #7 South Mineral to gate closure opened 4/5/21.

2-772G grader, 4 hours. Pickup trucks, 2 hours.

**Anvil Mt. / Smelter, grading and snow removal,
1-772G grader, 2 hours.**

Equipment and shop maintenance and repairs, 46 hours.

County road #34 Cemetery Road, grade and fill deep holes. Cut and clean ditch. WE will grader the entire road in May since the Town won't

1-772G grader, 2 hours.

**County road #1 Lime Creek, check road and snow removal efforts.
Rock removal.**

Chevy Pickup, 2 hours.

River road rock and snow removal, 936 loader 2 hours.

