

# **Trail Mix Committee Agenda**

**Tuesday, April 13 2021**

**11:00 AM** via conference call

Per Executive Order 2020-5 issued by Governor Gary R. Herbert on March 18, 2020, this meeting will be conducted electronically. An anchor location will not be provided.

conference call: 435-259-4138 : select Line 1 : password is "123456"

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
- 3. Trail Mix business**
  - Discussion and approval of new County resolution
- 4. BLM Report – Katie Stevens, Jennifer Jones**
- 5. Forest Service Report – Brian Murdock, Zachary Lowe**
- 6. Trail Report – Maddie Logowitz, Tyson Swasey**
  - Approval of letter of support for RTP grant
  - Approval of new trail on Amasa Back
- 7. County Report – Jacques Hadler**
  - Discussion of paved path changes on a trial basis
- 8. City Report – Cory Shurtleff**
- 9. Biking Report - Colin Topper**
- 10. Climbing/Canyoneering Report – Brett Sutteer**
- 11. Equestrian Report – Stephen Schultz**
- 12. Hiking Report – Marc Thomas**
- 13. Trail Running Report – Justin Ricks**
- 14. Ski Report – Kirstin Peterson**
- 15. Citizens to be heard**

To have your comments considered for the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the electronic meeting, please email your comments (as plain text only, no attachments) to:

[MoabTrailMix@gmail.com](mailto:MoabTrailMix@gmail.com)

Comments must be received by 9:00 AM April 13. Please limit them to 400 words.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BYLAWS OF THE GRAND COUNTY TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Grand County Commission is authorized under §17-27a-102(b) to enact all ordinances, resolutions, and rules and may enter into other forms of land use controls and development agreements that the county considers necessary;

**WHEREAS**, non-motorized trail are an important part of Grand County's past and future for the economic impact of tourism and the quality of life of residents;

**WHEREAS**, since September 12, 2000, the Trail Mix Committee, as an advisory committee of the County, has been involved in the planning and development of trails in Grand County;

**WHEREAS**, the previously named Grand County Council adopted the Bylaws of the Trail Mix Committee via Resolution No. 2889 (2009) on April 7, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the County now desires to clarify various provisions, including those related to member residency requirements, member removal, and officer positions;

**NOW THEREFORE**, : the Grand County Commission hereby adopts the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Trail Mix Committee as follows:

*See Exhibit A*

This Resolution was duly and regularly introduced and passed by vote at a regular meeting of the Grand County Commission, State of Utah, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

GRAND COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary McGann, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Quinn Hall, Clerk/Auditor

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS  
OF THE  
GRAND COUNTY TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE**

**Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Grand County Trail Mix Committee, a committee of Grand County created pursuant to Grand County Resolution No. \_\_\_\_.

**Article II. Responsibilities and Authority**

Pursuant to Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, The Trail Mix Committee (the “Committee”) is an advisory body to the Grand County Commission without authority to speak for or represent the County. Specifically, the Committee is hereby authorized to:

- a. Provide the Commission with facts, opinions, advice, and recommendations on issues related to non-motorized trails;
- b. Promote education of and cooperation among all trail users;
- c. Assist the County Planning Commission in developing the Grand County Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan updates;
- d. Work on implementing the Grand County Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan;
- e. Collaborate with motorized user groups, including the County Motorized Trail Committee, regarding trail issues within Grand County;
- f. Organize and complete work projects to develop and maintain trails;
- g. Work with private property owners to promote and maintain historic trail access and acquire trail easements with approval from the County Commission;
- h. Work with land managers of various agencies to promote trail use and development;
- i. Handle other trail related issues delegated to it by the Commission; and
- j. Assist the County’s non-profit grant recipients on the expenditures of grant funds to ensure that the County-appropriated funds are efficiently used for the development of trails for Grand County residents and visitors.

**Article III. Members**

**Section 1.** The Trail Mix Committee (The Committee) shall be comprised of full-time Grand County and San Juan Residents and representatives from local, state and federal stakeholders who are interested in non-motorized trail development in the area, including but not limited to:

- a. US Forest Service
- b. Bureau of Land Management
- c. National Park Service
- d. State Parks
- e. School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)
- f. Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- g. Moab Trails Alliance (MTA)
- h. Grand County Commission

- i. City of Moab
- j. Grand County Active Trails and Transportation Department
- k. Members of the General Public

**Section 2. Participation:** In addition to the Stakeholder Representatives listed above, Grand County encourages participation from non-profit organizations that promote non-motorized trails, the City of Moab, the Grand County Motorized Trails Committee, Planning Commission, Recreation Special Service District, Transportation Special Service District, San Juan County, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO), and the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. Individuals associated with these entities shall be treated like the general public and may become Members by regularly attending Committee meetings.

**Section 3. Vacancies:** Vacancies in the Committee shall be filled within ninety (90) days of resignation or death of a Member by a majority vote of the remaining Committee Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. In filling a vacancy, the Committee shall select an individual who meets the qualifications and requirements of Utah Statute § 17-52a-403(b) and (c).

**Section 4. Removal:** Either a majority of Committee Officers or the County Commission may request the resignation of a Committee Member for cause, including poor attendance and/or ethical considerations.

**Section 5. Compensation:** Members may not be compensated by the County for serving on the Committee; provided, however, that any employee of an entity that is a Member of Committee, including a County employee, may be entitled to the employee's regular wages paid by their employer for time spent performing Committee work as a result of appointment or consent by the employee's Supervisor. Members may be reimbursed by the County for actual expenses associated with Committee business pursuant to County policy.

#### **Article IV. Officers**

**Section 1. Officers:** The Committee shall elect at the first meeting of every year a Chair, and Vice-Chair. The Chair, after majority approval from the Committee, may appoint a Secretary. Officers may serve for successive one-year terms without limit.

**Section 2. Chair:** The Chair shall be the presiding officer of each meeting. The Chair shall be responsible to call meetings, set the agenda, and conduct the meetings.

**Section 3. Vice Chair:** The Vice-Chair shall assist the Chair in the discharge of the duties of the Chair and shall fulfill the duties of the Chair in the Chair's absence.

**Section 4. Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep all minutes of the meetings and send copies to all Committee Members. The Secretary shall assist the Chair in preparing an agenda for the meetings, posting notices, approving minutes of all Committee meetings, and keeping necessary records to help the Committee perform its function. Once the Committee has approved the

minutes, the Secretary shall forward the official signed copy of the minutes to the County Clerk/ Auditor and Council Administrator for retention and publication to Grand County website.

## **Article V. Meetings**

**Section 1.** Quorum: Nine (9) Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Committee. If at any meeting of Committee Members, there be less than a quorum present, the majority of those present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present.

**Section 2.** Action: The affirmative vote of a majority of the Committee Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee.

**Section 3.** Voting: Each Stakeholder Representative shall designate a representative to attend and participate as its voting Member. Members of the general public may vote when they attend at least three of six consecutive meetings (including the current meeting) and meet the criteria as a full-time resident of Grand or San Juan County. Voting eligibility shall be verified by the Chair at each meeting upon review of past attendance and residency records.

**Section 4.** Regular Meetings: The Committee shall meet monthly and shall publish and advertise a schedule with dates, meeting times, and the location of regular meetings at least on an annual basis.

**Section 5.** Open Meetings: The Committee Member meetings shall be in compliance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Statute §§ 52-4-101 et seq.

**Section 6.** Electronic Meetings: One or more Members may participate in public meetings by means of electronic communication in accordance with Grand County Resolution #2944 and Utah Statute § 52-4-207, so long as a quorum of the Committee is present at the anchor location. Any form of telecommunication may be used, as long as it allows for real-time interaction in the way of discussions, questions and answers, and voting.

**Section 7.** Special Meetings and Emergency Meetings: Special meetings and emergency meetings may be called by the Chair and shall be in compliance with Utah Statute § 17-53-205 and the Open and Public Meetings Act.

**Section 8.** Notice and Agenda: The Secretary shall provide public notice of each meeting in accordance with Utah Statute § 52-4-202.

## **Article VI. Parliamentary Authority**

The COMMITTEE shall use Robert's Rules of Order when conducting its business, which business shall be considered, as far as practicable, in the following order:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Citizens to be Heard
- d. Action Items

- e. Discussion Items
- f. Future Considerations
- g. Closed Session(s) if necessary
- h. Adjournment

## **Article VII. Subcommittees**

**Section 1.** Subcommittees: The Committee may form subcommittees during any public meeting and shall exist until the subcommittee’s purpose has been met or the subcommittee is otherwise deemed no longer necessary. Each subcommittee shall report to the Committee Chair.

**Section 2.** Executive Subcommittee: The Committee Executive Subcommittee is hereby established to: set policy, goals and direction for the Committee with input from Committee Members; establish priorities for the development and implementation of the Grand County Non-Motorized Trails Master Plan with input from Committee Members. The Committee shall appoint the members of the Executive Subcommittee at its organizational meeting and each January thereafter. The Executive Subcommittee shall be comprised of a minimum of five members, including the Committee Chair, Committee Vice-Chair, and representation from—but not limited to—Moab Trails Alliance Representative (MTA), and representation from the biking, hiking, equestrian, skiing, climbing and canyoneering, and trail running user groups from Committee membership.

**Section 3.** Meetings: Subcommittee meetings are not subject to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act as subcommittees shall not constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting Committee business and may be conducted via phone, email, or similar electronic means of communication.

**Section 4.** Additional Subcommittees: The Officers may form and appoint additional subcommittees to study issues as deemed necessary. These Subcommittees shall make recommendations to the Trail Mix Committee.

## **Article VIII. Amendment of Bylaws**

These Amended and Restated Bylaws shall supersede and replace in their entirety all prior Bylaws of the Committee. Any amendment hereto shall be in writing and approved by the Grand County Commission.

The above Amended and Restated Bylaws were duly and regularly introduced and passed at a Regular Meeting of the Trail Mix Committee on \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Committee Members.

TRAIL MIX COMMITTEE ATTEST:

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, Chair

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, Secretary



Grand County Trail Mix  
P.O.Box 373  
Moab, Utah 84532

April 10 2021

Dear Recreational Trails Program Grant Committee:

The Grand County Trail Mix Advisory Committee would like to give our full support to this application for the Recreational Trails Program grant.

Trail Mix is composed of representatives from the non-motorized trail user communities and local land management agencies and is the advisory body to the Grand County Active Transportation and Trails Division (GCATT). With the generous support of past RTP grants, Trail Mix has facilitated the development of world-class recreation opportunities that have become an essential component of the local economy and provide enrichment to the local community.

The requested funding will support needed, ongoing maintenance efforts on the trails. In 2020, trail maintenance efforts were disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Long-time volunteers were unable to participate and volunteers events, which are a crucial part of operations, were canceled. At the same time, trail use not only continued but in late 2020 it intensified to never before seen levels. This funding would help GCATT catch up on backlogged maintenance issues at the same time as they keep up with newly created ones.

The partnership that Trail Mix has had with RTP has been a huge success and created facilities enjoyed by Utah residents and visitors from around the world. Thank you for your continuing support of Grand County's trails!

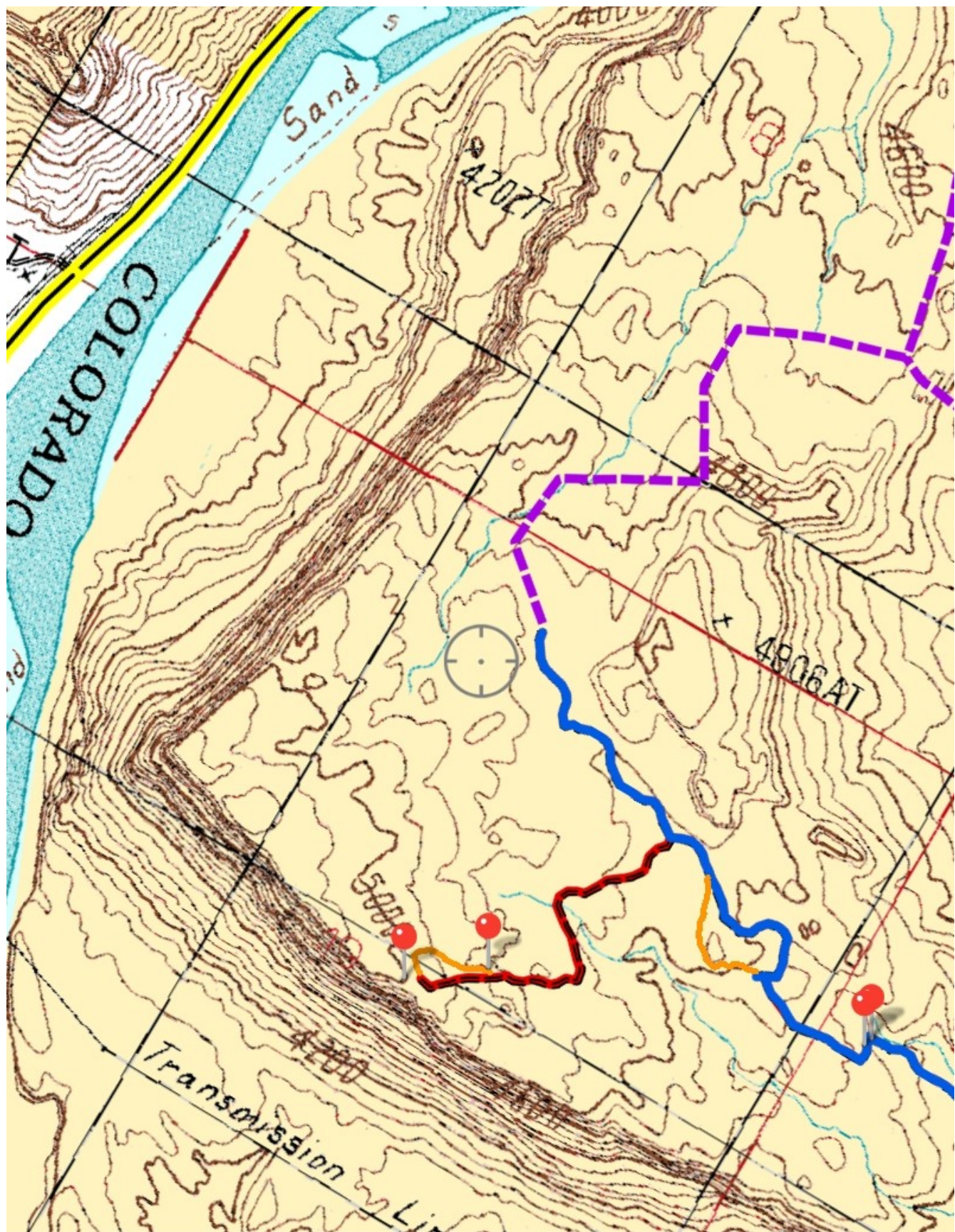


## **Amasa Back - Legalizing Short Trail Section**

This section of singletrack in question is off the Amasa Back 4x4 road, between the Jackson Trail turn and the start of Pothole Arch trail.

This piece of trail has been the known route for MTBs for 20 plus years and I believe would be challenging to close given the alternative. It was painted white at some point many years ago, I believed for motorcycles as this section of Jeep road is extra technical, and the last time the Pothole Arch trail was painted, 4-5 years ago, this section was painted light blue and it has stuck very well. If its not light blue, then yes someone has repainted it, but last I saw it, paint still looked good. Given the minimal impact and history of this short trail it would be nice if it was legalized and properly signed. The jeep road at this point goes up a few ledges, drops down into a hole, only to climb back up and out a very steep rocky hill.

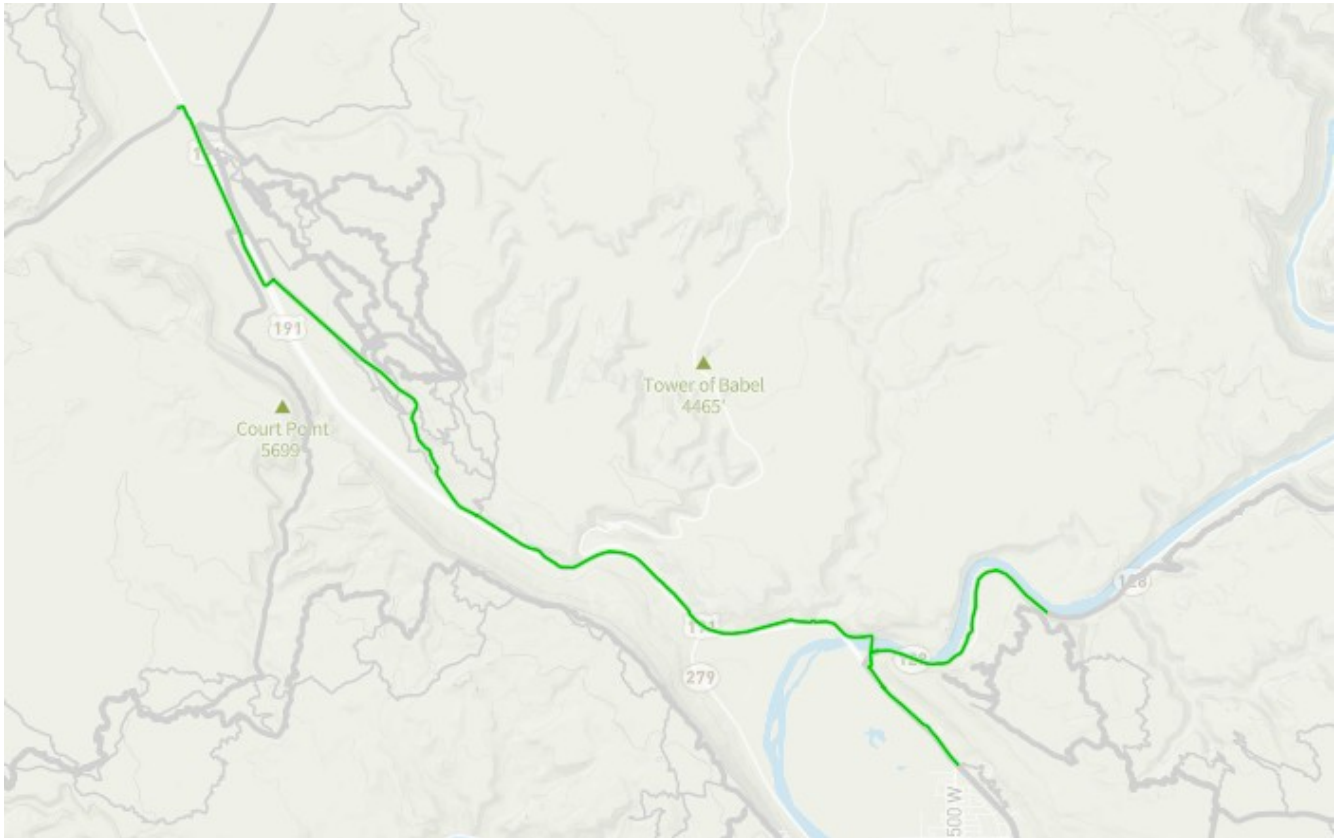
On the below map, the section in question is the orange section on the right side, a small diversion from the blue jeep road. (The section in orange on the left near the lookout is not being considered).



## Proposal to open paved paths north of town to e-bikes

The paved paths on the North side of Moab include:

1. The path on the east side of US 191, from 500W up to Lions Park and the river
2. The path between UT 128 and the Colorado River, east of Lions Park
3. The path on the east side of US 191, from the river north past the Arches entrance to UT 313
4. The short spur from the pathway to the Arches Visitor Center



These paths are owned or managed by multiple different agencies, including:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Arches National Park
- United States Department of Energy
- State of Utah
- Grand County
- City of Moab
- Private ownership
- and potentially others

The proposal is to open these pathways to Class 1 e-bikes for a one-year trial.

## Details:

The proposal would have the following restrictions and caveats:

- The paved pathways mentioned would be opened up on a trial basis only, for a one-year period only.
- The pathways would be opened to Class 1 ebikes only; i.e. bikes must have no throttle, must be 750 watts or lower, and must not provide assistance over 20 MPH.
- The speed limit of 15 MPH on the pathway will still be in effect and will be enforced.
- ALL pathway land owners and land managers must approve of this proposal before it may begin. If any owner/manager revokes their approval the trial period will immediately end.
- Progress of the trial basis will be reviewed every three months. Evidence of abuse - including but not limited to user conflicts, ebike class violations, speed violations, vandalism, and any increase of illegal e-bike use at the Brand Trails, will be considered.
- After one year the pathways would revert to a no-ebike policy unless specifically authorized by all involved land owners and managers.
- There will be no other change in ebike restrictions within Grand County considered by any agency during the one-year trial period.
- Signage will be installed at all pathway entrances explaining in detail what is legally allowed and what is not.
- Signage will be installed at all access points to the Brand Trails explaining specifically that ebikes are NOT permitted on any singletrack trails.