



Building Trails to a Healthier Community

Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance

Annual Report 2019-2020



VVMTA
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Our Mission is to maintain, educate, advocate for, & build sustainable non-motorized soft surface trails while conserving the natural environment of Eagle County & our public lands.

Our Vision is the creation of a sustainable multi-use soft surface trail network connecting communities & neighborhoods from Vail Pass to Basalt. We promote stewardship of our public lands, sustainable trail building practices, & a balance between recreation & conservation.

The VVMTA maintains that trails contribute to the quality of life & economic vitality of the community.

Our Efforts include managing trail advocacy programs, coordinating & training volunteers, educating outdoor recreational users, organizing events, & contributing our talents, guidance & time to support local land managers in various soft surface trail initiatives.

Dear Community,

2020 was a challenging year but also an exciting one. Without a doubt, it was the busiest and most successful year yet for the VVMTA. Almost overnight, we were confined to our homes and seemingly separated from our friends, family, and normal lives. Trails and access to our public lands quickly became a necessary escape not for only regular trail users but also for many new and excited trail users.

Trails are more important than ever and will continue to be into the future. They are an economic driver for our community, increase our quality of life, and improve our mental and physical health. We will continue to encourage you to get outside and enjoy nature. But we also recognize that it is also more important than ever to care for our trails and plan for the future. With your help, we will continue to prioritize stewardship, a balance between recreation and conservation, and sustainable trail planning and building practices.

The pandemic forced us to delay the start of the Wildlife Trail Ambassador (WTA) and Adopt A Trail (AAT) programs to June. In a normal year these programs have in-person training and volunteers are out on our trails and at our trailheads in April and May. However, you, our volunteers, showed up in full force despite the pandemic! Our 69 AAT teams and 750 volunteers still managed to contribute over 2,500 hours of trail maintenance on the 61 trails adopted.

In partnership with the Town of Minturn and after almost four years of planning, fundraising, and community support, we finally broke ground on the Minturn Bike Park. Thanks to the over \$50,000 you contributed, \$47,000 from the Town of Minturn, \$88,000 from VVMTA reserve funds, and over \$500,000 of in-kind contributions, Phase 1 and 2A opened on August 29th. It was breathtaking to see the amount of use by all ages, demographics, backgrounds, and skill levels. In fact, the bike park was averaging over 1,000 rides per day in September.

The VVMTA Trail Crew and Hardscrabble Trails Coalition had a successful and busy year as well. In the Spring, the VVMTA and HTC completed the final 0.75 miles of the new Hillbilly Trail in East Eagle. Additionally, the HTC reached into their pockets and successfully fundraised over \$11,000 to

hire Momentum Trail Concepts to build the new Will's Thrill Trail.

To wrap up the trail season in Eagle, the VVMTA and HTC partnered with Eagle County Open Space to help build and open the 3 Sisters Trail. It is the first trail built and opened in the Brush Creek Valley Ranch & Open Space which will lead to other strategic trail connections in 2021 and into the future.

Additionally, the VVMTA partnered with the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District and successfully received a \$75,000 grant from the National Forest Foundation to hire McGill Trails to complete the final portion of reroutes on Cougar Ridge. After four years of reroutes on Cougar Ridge, it is finished and the final product is nothing short of incredible.

We also took the lead and advocated hard for Holy Cross Energy and the Town of Avon to mitigate the impact of the new service roads created in the West Avon Preserve. We had many meetings, planned new trail alignments, worked with environmental biologists and the Eagle Valley Land Trust. Funding was confirmed from Holy Cross Energy, Berry Creek Metro District, and Town of Avon to hire Momentum Trail Concepts to build new singletrack trails off of the service roads and preserve a high quality trail experience.

Finally, on top of all of the trail work we continued to educate trail users and advocate for the sustainability of our trails. We launched the VVMTA Trail Conditions page which now has over 800 members sharing information about what trails are muddy, under seasonal closures, have trees down, and more.

We could not have performed any of this work without you and are incredibly grateful for your generous support. Whether you volunteer your time or donate, thank you for all you do for us and our trails.

Sincerely,



Ernest Saeger
Executive Director



Board of Directors & Staff

Jamie Malin President

Jamie is a co-founder of the VVMTA, successful business owner, & has an unwavering passion for our trails & public lands.



Kat Sedillo Vice President

Kat has been a part of the VVMTA since its early days, has called the Vail Valley her home for over two decades, is a marketing guru, & knows that trails don't just happen – trail fairies are real!



Casey Wyse Treasurer

Casey is a business manager & accounting whiz by trade, & an even better trail crew leader & trail builder by night, providing hundreds of volunteer hours on our trails on an annual basis.



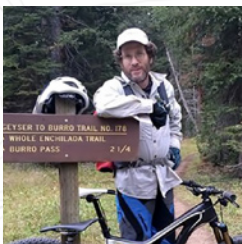
Ernest Saeger Executive Director

Ernest has been the Executive Director since April 2019, bringing his extensive experience in the nonprofit, government, & private sectors, as well as his deep love for the outdoors.



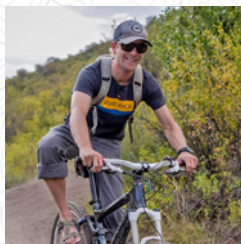
Mark Luzar Board Member

Mark is a successful retired microelectronics mercenary who has pivoted from a computer screen to providing his passion, trail building expertise, & overall sense of laughter to our trail crew.



Bill Hoblitzell Board Member

Bill is an environmental scientist & brings his GIS expertise, trail planning savvy, & good pizza to the VVMTA. He has an extensive background in natural resource management & planning.



Pete Seibert Jr. Board Member

Pete is a staple of our community's history & heavily involved in local committees & boards. He brings his passion for the mountains & connections to our community to help further our mission.



Michelle Wolfe Adopt A Trail / Ambassador Coordinator

Michelle is an X-ray & MRI technologist, but her true passion is working with our community of volunteers, creating stewards of our trails, & growing the Adopt A Trail & Wildlife Trail Ambassador programs.



Brian Rodine Board Member

Brian is a lover of all the mountains have to offer. He spends his work days advocating for backcountry education with the Friends of CAIC & brings his experience in the nonprofit marketing & communications world.



Fritz Bratschie Board Member

Fritz has long worked as an Environmental Sustainability Manager in Eagle County. He serves on local nonprofit boards & committees, but when out of the office, you will find him on his bike or hunting on our public lands.



Robert Tadlock Board Member & HTC President

Robert is the President of the Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC), a software engineer, & jack-of-all-trades. On any given day, he's either riding his dirt bike or touring the Colorado backcountry on his backpacking bike.



Lee Rimel Board Emeritus

Lee is a mentor & a relentless advocate for trails, outdoor recreation, & our public lands. He has been instrumental in shaping (literally in the dirt & in councils' chambers) the trails we are lucky to have & love in our backyard.



Trails are more important than ever...

Trails provide a much needed escape and improve our physical and mental health. They enhance our quality of life and provide a significant economic impact for our community. They are, in short, why we live, work, and play here.

We encourage you to get outside, exercise, and enjoy nature. But we need to ensure our trails and public lands are sustainable. We continue to promote and maintain a balance between recreation opportunities and conservation needs.

Our local population and trail use has been increasing and was accelerated due to the pandemic. Looking into the future, these trends will only continue and now it is more important than ever to care for our trails, educate trail users, and provide sustainable recreation opportunities.



"Every time I talk with a congressional staffer, I tell them 'if you don't think public lands are important to this country, you need to get out here and see what's going on right now,' just to reinforce the fact that we need to invest in these things. The Latin translation for recreate is re-create, to restore. And that's what we are seeing. People are seeking restoration on their public lands. It's a challenge, sure, but it's a beautiful thing to see."

Scott Fitzwilliams

White River National Forest
Supervisor

"This past summer was so busy. We're probably anticipating that next summer as well. I think we all realize the public has really discovered outdoor recreation."

Leanne Veldhuis

District Ranger, Eagle-Holy Cross
Ranger District of White River
National Forest



"The recreation economy is one of those economies that we see as a renewable and sustainable resource, but there's a level of stewardship that goes along with that. We gotta be proactive in terms of maintaining that balance, to keep what's special about Colorado truly special."

Tim Mauck

Deputy Executive, Department of Natural
Resources

Programs

Adopt A Trail

The Adopt A Trail (AAT) program completed its fifth successful year & grew to 69 local businesses, teams, & organizations adopting 61 trails in 2020. These 750 volunteers performed over 2,500 hours of volunteer trail maintenance across all public lands in Eagle County. AAT volunteers are the ones improving & caring for the trails we all know & love in our community.



Wildlife Trail Ambassadors

Wildlife Trail Ambassador (WTA) volunteers continue to have an on the ground impact protecting wildlife in Eagle County. They continue to position themselves at trailheads with seasonal wildlife closures & prevent trail users from entering these closed trails. These volunteers are vital to protecting wildlife during critical times of the year including harsh winters & the spring calving season.



VVMTA Trail Crew

The VVMTA Trail Crew volunteers continued to host volunteer trail work nights on Wednesday nights weekly. The VVMTA Trail Crew tackles more challenging & technical projects such as new trail builds, trail reroutes, switchbacks, stream crossings, & more. In 2020, over 250 volunteers provided over 1,000 hours of their time to improve our trails & public lands!

Trail Conditions

To help our community & guests understand what trails are open, dry, & to collect inventory of trail work that needs to be accomplished, the VVMTA launched the VVMTA Trail Conditions Facebook group. This group already has over 800 members providing updated trail conditions so we all can “know before we go” & have a great trail experience!

Trail Etiquette / LNT Principles

Part of our mission is to educate all trail users on proper trail etiquette which ensures a great experience for all & to minimize our impact on public lands. We continue to communicate “Leave No Trace” (LNT) Principles through various channels such as the radio & newspaper, & most importantly, on the ground at trailheads where we can contact trail users directly.

Pandemic / Responsible Recreation

It was evident that trail use increased during the pandemic, which is great! Trail use was a necessary escape to improve our physical & mental health. However, to ensure our trails & public lands were not closed, we provided Responsible Recreation guidelines for trail users to follow for both their safety & the safety of others.

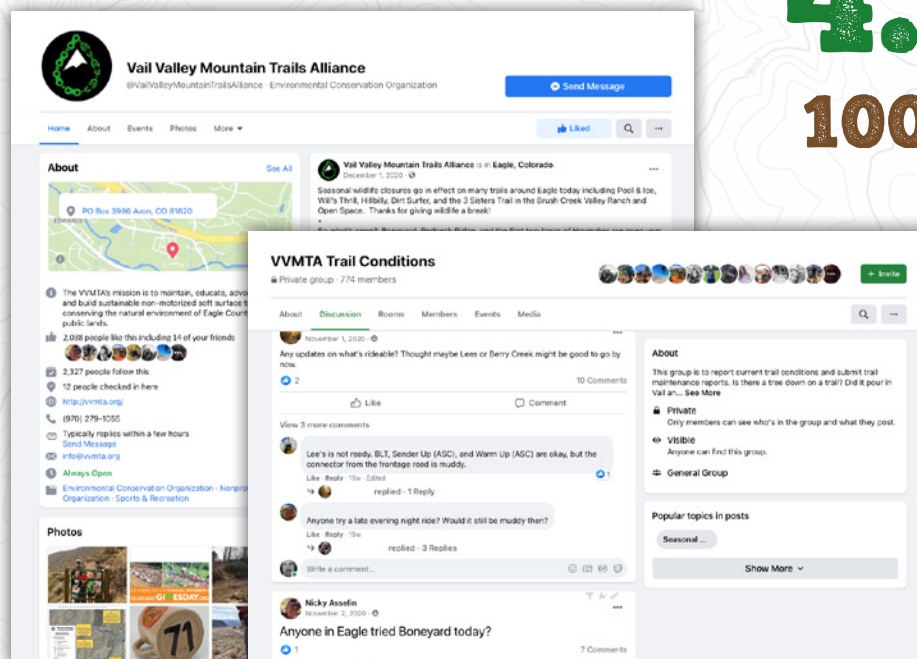
VVMTA Trail Crew 2020 by the numbers:

267 Volunteers created
4.5 Miles of new trail
1000+ hours

...and the first ever

Women Only

trail crew in Eagle County!





Wildlife Trail Ambassadors 2019-2020

Amanda Zinn

Amy Rogers

Becky Kennedy

Ben Kullman

Christie Fletcher

Deb Dieter

Debbie Bolon-Feeney

Doug Werner

Ellen Miller

Hailee Rustad

Jamison Hunt

Joan Strand

Katharine Cremonese

Lisa Currey

Marc Benchimol

Martha Milberry

Martin Strand

Mary Pierik

Michelle Wolffe

Molly Ansfield

Nicky Asselin

Patricia Barrere

Rebecca White

Rob LeVine

Sheila Foss

Tony Mauro

WTA

2019-2020 by the numbers:

Volunteered
80+
hours

Interacted
with over
400
people

Observed
35
people on
closed trails

Adopt A Trail Teams

Team Name

Trail Name

Land Manager

Trail adopters since 2016

Alpine Bank	Half Nelson	USFS
AXIS Sports Medicine	Stone Creek/Paulie's	USFS
Colorado Trail Foundation	Colorado Trail	USFS
Crosstraining Fitness of Vail	Cross Creek	USFS
Eagle Summit Wilderness Alliance	Deluge Lake	USFS
EagleVail Metro District	EagleVail Trail	USFS
East West Partners	North Trail	USFS
Edwards Rotary Club	Eastern Hillside	USFS
Eagle River Water & Sanitation District	Gore Creek	USFS
Hardscrabble Trails Coalition	Sawmill	USFS
Marriott Streamside	North Trail	USFS
Michael Dunahay & Associates	Grouse Lake	USFS
Pedal Power	Buffehr Creek	USFS
RA Nelson	Son of Middle Creek	USFS
Singletree Community	Mesquite	USFS
Singletree Community POA	Knob Hill	USFS
Slifer Smith & Frampton	Two Elk (West)	USFS
Sonnenalp Hotel	Cougar Ridge	USFS
The Kind Bikes & Skis	Berry Creek	USFS
Town of Vail Employees	North Trail	USFS
Vail Club 50	East Lake Creek	USFS
Vail Mountain School	Booth Lake	USFS
Vail Public Safety	North Trail	USFS
Vail Recreation District	North Trail	USFS
Walking Mountains Science Center	Buck Creek	USFS

Trail adopters since 2017

Double Diamond Ski & Bike Shop	Pool and Ice Rink	BLM
FORM Attainment Studio	Wild West Ridge	Town of Avon
Mountain Pedaler	Redneck Ridge	BLM
Sonnenalp Club	Lower WAP	Town of Avon
Vail Mountain Employees	Saddleridge	Town of Avon
Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy	Mini Mile	Town of Minturn
Vail Spinners and Skinners & TWTH	Upper WAP	Town of Avon
Wyse Family	Wyse Way	Town of Avon

Team Name

Trail Name

Land Manager

Trail adopters since 2018

BG Buildingworks	Pitkin	USFS
BluSky Restoration	Haymaker	Town of Eagle
Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Association	Green Gate	USFS
GØAT Training	Lost Lake	USFS
Howard Head Sports Medicine	Bighorn	USFS
Rocky Mountain Sport Riders	Green Gate	USFS
Shaeffer Hyde	Squaw Creek	USFS
Town of Minturn	Mini Mile	Town of Minturn
Vail Mountain Coffee & Tea	West Grouse Creek	USFS
Venture Sports	Game Creek	USFS
Wells Fargo	Brown's Loop	USFS

Trail adopters since 2019

BluBird MTB Instruction	Extra Credit	Town of Eagle
Elevated Dental	Martin Creek	USFS
Endorphin	School House Rock	BLM/Eagle
High Gear Cyclery	Lee's Way	Town of Avon
Manor Vail Lodge	Two Elk (East)	USFS
Moontime Cyclery	BLT	Town of Avon
Mountain Trekkers	McKenzie Gulch	USFS
R & H Mechanical	Abrams Ridge	BLM/Eagle
Yeti's Grind	LOV Connection	Town of Eagle

Trail adopters since 2020

All Points North Lodge	Everkrisp West	USFS
Arrowhead	Arrowhead Trails	Vail Resorts/Arrowhead
Battle Mountain Cross Country	Lower WAP	Town of Avon
Bonfire Brewing	Haymaker	Town of Eagle
Brush Creek Dusters	Bailey	BLM
Comerford State Farm Insurance	Mayer Gulch	Town of Eagle
Eagle County Dept. of Human Services	Riddle	Town of Eagle
Equilibrium Physical Therapy	Stone Creek/Paulie's	USFS
Homestead	Homestead 'L'	Eagle County Open Space
QuietKat Electric Bikes	Elk Drop	BLM
Sendy Sauce	Hillbilly	BLM
Team Boneyard	Boneyard	BLM
The Cycle Effect	Turniphead	Town of Eagle
Vail Jr Cycling	Saddleridge	Town of Avon
Vail Summit Orthopaedics & Neurosurgery	North Trail & Son of Middle Creek	USFS
Walking Mountains Science Center	Overlook Trail	Town of Avon



Adopt A Trail
2020 by the
numbers:

69 Teams
adopted
61 Trails

Over

750 Volunteers worked

2539 Hours
worth over **\$75k**



230 Miles
210 Trees
cleared

Removed
190
lbs of trash



Projects

Minturn Bike Park

The Minturn Bike Park is the biggest undertaking to date for the VVMTA. On a daily basis, we were blown away by the amount of community support & involvement contributed to this project. We broke ground in May 2020 & officially opened the bike park on August 29th. Once it opened, it was truly incredible to see the amount of kids, families, & people of all ages enjoying it. It was averaging over 1,000 rides per day!

We were lucky to have the community's support to build it & spent over \$88,000 of our own reserve funds to complete Phase 1 & 2A. The Town of Minturn kicked in \$47,000 for Phase 2A & we put the \$50,000 we raised from our community in 2019 towards the project.



[Watch the Minturn Bike Park Community Build Story on YouTube >>>](#)

Donations & support to complete the final phase are still needed. The final phase will cost \$75,000 & includes five new trails including a dual slalom course, bike repair station, water fountain, shade structure, & more. Please contact us to learn how you can support the final phase & completion of this community asset.



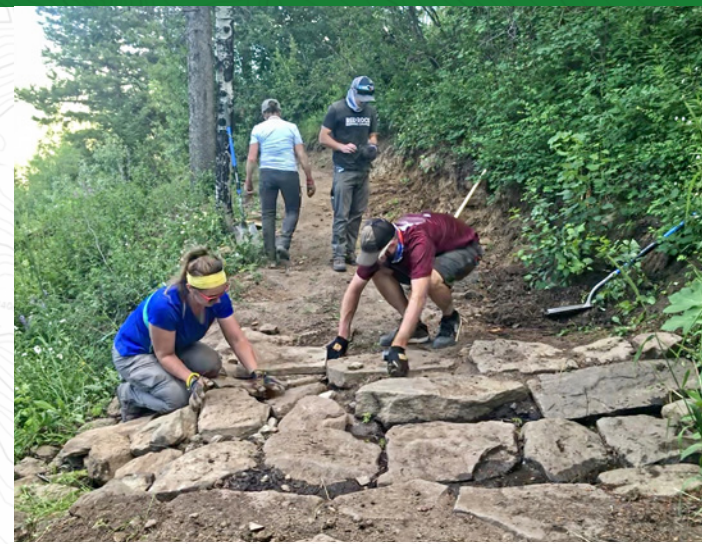


Projects

Everkrisp Trail

After 7 years of lobbying, planning, & fundraising, the VVMTA opened the Everkrisp Trail in July of 2019. It is the first new trail on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District in over a decade. The Everkrisp Trail already has a lasting impact on our community; opening Whiskey Creek legally to bikes, connecting the communities of Minturn & EagleVail, & acting as the catalyst for the creation of the Wildlife Trail Ambassador program.

This intermediate 4-mile trail was built utilizing thousands of volunteer hours & the VVMTA mini excavator for less than \$50,000. This trail would have cost over \$125,000 for a professional trail builder to complete! It is now enjoyed by thousands of hikers, mountain bikers, & trail runners every year when it is open from June 21 to November 22.



Cougar Ridge Reroute

Cougar Ridge reroutes have been a project in the making for over four years. The VVMTA planned the reroutes with the Forest Service & hosted multiple volunteer trail work days with partners such as Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado (VOC). In 2017 & 2018, the lower 1.5 miles were rerouted completely by volunteers. Finally, in 2020 the VVMTA secured a grant from the National Forest Foundation to hire a professional trail builder to complete 1.75-mile reroutes on the upper steep, wide, & eroded trail. Cougar Ridge reroutes were officially complete in October of 2020 & the feedback from hikers & mountain bikers has been outstanding. The 5-mile trail now provides a great experience coming down from Vail Mountain or going up to Lionshead Rock!



North Trail Reroute

The VVMTA secured a grant from the National Forest Foundation & in partnership with the Forest Service, hired a professional trail builder to complete a 1.5-mile reroute of the North Trail. The furthest West section of the North Trail ending at the Davos trailhead was steep, eroded, & unsustainable. McGill Trails, hired & managed by the VVMTA, completed the reroute & opened a flowy, fun, & sustainable trail in July of 2019 for hikers & mountain bikers to enjoy!



Projects

Will's Thrill

Will's Thrill is a one-of-a-kind trail on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands that does not exist anywhere else in the West. It is a progressive trail with optional lines including drops, gaps, & big tabletop jumps. The Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) committed reserve funds and were able to raise over \$11,000 via a GoFundMe campaign. After combining with additional funding from the VVMTA, hired Eagle-based Momentum Trail Concepts to complete the build. This downhill biking-only trail will draw mountain bikers from far & wide to test their riding ability & progression.



Hillbilly Trail

In partnership with the HTC, the VVMTA coordinated volunteer trail work days in the fall of 2019 & spring of 2020 to officially open this new connecting trail in Eagle. The 1.5-mile trail is a great addition to the popular & growing trail system in East Eagle & provides a great option to add on miles. In the future, this trail will be a key piece to the larger growth & expansion of trails in the East Eagle Special Recreation Management Area.



West Avon Preserve

The VVMTA was the driving organization behind the creation of the West Avon Preserve in 2014. We continued to fill that role in 2020 & strongly advocated for the re-establishment of impacted trails from Holy Cross Energy's powerline work in the spring. We spent countless hours driving the conversations with the Town of Avon, Holy Cross Energy, & the Singletree community. We successfully had over \$65,000 allocated to the trails being rebuilt & completed in December 2020 by local trail builder Momentum Trail Concepts.



3 Sisters Trail

The 3 Sisters Trail is the first trail to be built in the Brush Creek Valley Ranch & Open Space. In partnership with Eagle County Open Space, the VVMTA & HTC's volunteer trail crews put in over 120 hours of trail work to get this trail open in late September. The VVMTA also led youth corps from the International Youth Conservation Coalition and educated Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to help get the trail built. This trail is one step towards creating a strategic connection between the East Eagle trail system & the Eagle Ranch loops.



Strategic Partnerships

Hardscrabble Trails Coalition

The VVMTA & Hardscrabble Trails Coalition (HTC) entered into a partnership in 2020 to create “One Valley Wide” trails organization. Combining our resources, membership, & passion will improve trails & public lands across our entire community.



Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable

The VVMTA is an active member of the Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable (CWR) specifically representing the recreation community.

The VVMTA is involved in multiple committees on the CWR including Habitat Management, Education/Outreach, Recreation, & Fundraising. The purpose of the CWR is to gather a group of diverse stakeholders in the valley to understand & address issues facing wildlife populations.

Together we will identify a shared vision & realistic actions to protect regional wildlife, while also ensuring that these actions are supported by the community as a whole.



Eagle Valley Outdoor Stewardship Coalition

The VVMTA is a founding member & part of the Leadership Committee of the Eagle Valley Outdoor Stewardship Coalition (EVOSC). The purpose of the coalition is to build relationships & partnerships for efficient management of public lands & outdoor recreation.

Other Leadership Committee members include Eagle Valley Land Trust, Walking Mountains Science Center, Eagle County Open Space, The US Forest Service, & the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

EVOSC is made up of over fifteen partner organizations that have a specific scope & mission related to outdoor recreation, safety, & stewardship.

These partner organizations facilitate discussions on a needs basis & then use these conversations to best serve the community regarding matters of outdoor recreation, local wildlife, & public lands.



Public Partnerships

The VVMTA supports & advises all local land managers to ensure recreation opportunities & our public lands are being used as our community desires. We are in constant communication with town councils, elected officials, & decision makers advocating for sustainable recreation opportunities.

Our public partners include:

- Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District, U.S. Forest Service
- Colorado River Valley Field Office, Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Eagle County
- Eagle County Open Space
- Town of Avon
- Town of Eagle
- Town of Minturn
- Town of Red Cliff
- Town of Vail
- Berry Creek Metro District
- EagleVail Community
- Homestead HOA
- Singletree Community
- Vail Resorts

In Appreciation to our Generous Donors

We rely on your donations and support to further our mission of improving trails in Eagle County. No matter what amount, every donation makes a difference and goes right back into our trails and public lands. Thank you to those who have supported us this past year!

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Neal Henzler
Nicole Heiden
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Tanya Walker
Team Rubber Chicken
Terry Armistead
Terry Marcum
The Hoblitzell Family
The Lee Family
The O'Kelly's
The Saul Family
Tia & Lee Macke
Tim Halbakken
Timothy McCabe
Todd Robison
Todd Scholl
Todd Wyscarver
Tom Cartwright
Tom Dosch
Tom Pohl
Tom Schlader
Tony Mauro
Tori Lord
Tracy Tutag
Trent Parks
Trueblood Family
TS3D
Turmel Family
Vit Blamar
Weathers Family
WestCade
William Balzano
William Powell
William Wright

Businesses & Organizations

Platinum Level (\$5,000+)

Eagle County
East West Partners
Gallegos Corporation
Holy Cross Energy
Mountain Recreation
National Forest Foundation
People for Bikes
Shop & Hop
Town of Avon
Town of Eagle
Town of Minturn
Town of Vail
Vail Valley Surgery Center
Xcel Energy
Zehren and Associates

Gold Level (\$2,500+)

High Gear Cyclery
Moontime Cyclery
Vail Board of Realtors
Vail Health
Vail Recreation District
Vail Tax & Accounting
Venture Sports

Silver Level (\$1,000+)

Berry Creek Metro District
Kroger / City Market
Community Rewards
Pedal Power
Singletree Community
Slifer Smith & Frampton
Foundation
Sunrise Minturn
Superfly Carpentry
Team Player Productions
The Kind Bikes and Skis

Bronze Level (\$500+)

Alpine Collision
Alpine Engineering Inc.
Bonfire Brewing
Burke Harrington
Construction
Lathram Financial Group
Ski Town All-Stars
The Cycle Effect
Vanlife Customs

In-Kind Donors

Active Energies Solar, LLC
Boneyard
Dave & Matt Vans
First Chair Designs
FlowRide Concepts
McGill Trails
Momentum Trail Concepts
Mountain Organic
Landscaping & Irrigation
United Rentals
Vail Brewing Company
Vail Honeywagon
Yellowbelly
Yeti's Grind

2019-2020 Financials

As a responsible and trusted nonprofit, our purpose is to put your money back into projects and programs that better our community. Many of our projects expand beyond our annual fiscal year. This is due to the nature of planning, gaining approvals, and executing projects on public lands.

This process, depending on the land manager and scope, can take 2-7+ years. This requires us to build up our reserves some years in order to have the resources required to execute a project when it is shovel-ready.

How did we do it all?

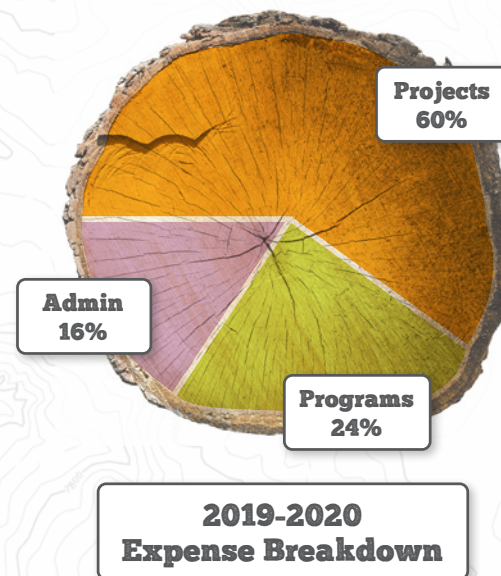
We are extremely efficient with limited resources. The vast majority of the grants and funding we obtain go directly into on-the-ground projects and programs which we leverage with our network of dedicated volunteers.

Revenue

Category	2019	2019 %	2020	2020 %
Grants	\$89,453	38%	\$107,820	37%
Campaigns / Projects	\$50,247	22%	\$60,513	21%
Government	\$25,954	11%	\$43,650	15%
Individual	\$13,175	6%	\$45,180	16%
Corporate	\$24,000	10%	\$23,100	8%
Foundations	\$12,150	5%	\$4,500	2%
Other	\$17,972	8%	\$3,496	1%
Total	\$232,951		\$288,259	

Expenses

Category	2019	2019 %	2020	2020 %
Projects	\$52,266	34%	\$260,033	71%
General Operating	\$58,847	38%	\$65,245	18%
Programs	\$44,390	28%	\$41,602	11%
Total	\$155,503		\$366,880	

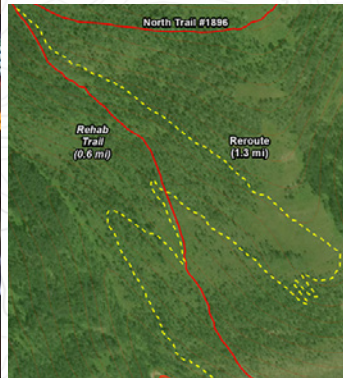


Where We're Going: 2021 & Beyond

We need your support to secure the resources required to sustain increasing trail use and plan and execute new sustainable trails. To do this, we plan to...

- Hire a full-time seasonal professional trail crew to improve and maintain our existing trails and public lands
- Plan and implement new sustainable trail systems such as Meadow Mountain, Berry Creek, and strategic community connections
- Retain, recruit, and train volunteer trail stewards through the Adopt A Trail, Trail Crew, and Wildlife Trail Ambassador programs
- Protect and support wildlife populations through sustainable trail planning and education and outreach efforts
- Educate trail users on proper etiquette and "Leave No Trace" principles
- Advocate for local, state, and federal policy that support our trails and community

(with people like our US Congressman Joe Neguse, shown with VVMTA & IMBA leaders at right >)



How can you help?

Donate

Financial contributions to the VVMTA provide the financial resources required for us to continue, improve, & create programs & projects that benefit our trails, our public lands, & most of all, our community. What's it take to do all this?

- \$50 = 1 new tool for volunteers to maintain our trails
- \$100 = 3 hours of volunteer trail maintenance to clear trees & close social trails
- \$250 = 50 feet of new trail
- \$500 = New seasonal wildlife closure gate with educational signage
- \$1,000 = Training for 5 new volunteer trail crew leaders
- \$5,000 = 3 trail counters & game cameras to monitor and collect data
- \$10,000 = Tools, training, & supplies for all 69 volunteer Adopt A Trail teams
- \$15,000 = Adopt & support 1 Trail Conservation Crew member for a full season
- \$25,000 = 1 mile of new, sustainable, multi-use trail

Join our Business Partnership Program

We support those who support our trails & the VVMTA. Choose a partnership level that makes an impact for our trails & drives trail users to your business.

To learn more, visit www.vvmta.org/donate

Become a VVMTA member

Trails don't just happen. Be a part of a local movement that builds, protects & maintains high quality trail experiences. Join & support one county-wide trails organization that supports the VVMTA & Hardscrabble Trails Coalition.

To learn more, visit www.vvmta.org/join

Volunteer

Volunteers are our bread & butter! Join our growing 900+ local trail stewards. Get involved in our Adopt A Trail program, become a Wildlife Trail Ambassador, or come dig trail with the VVMTA Trail Crew.

To learn more, visit www.vvmta.org/volunteer



VVMTA
Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance

The Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) is a nonprofit 501c3 & the leading trail advocacy organization in Eagle County.

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