



Outdoor Recreation Initiative Prioritization Sheet - 2023

Significant Scope: Projects are expected to have a regionally significant scope. With the Division of Outdoor Recreation offering funding programs covering all types of outdoor recreation, Outdoor Recreation Initiative projects should be large enough in scope that existing grants cannot cover the project costs.

Benefit to Local Utah Communities: With the expectation that federal partners will be active participants, projects should have the support of the local region and be of clear benefit to Utahns.

Addresses Overcrowding: Considering the recreation experience, projects should attempt to solve overcrowding issues through expanded infrastructural offerings to increase asset capacity, or through disbursement in adjacent areas or within the same area.

Addresses the Underserved: Whether population type or activity type, projects should look to support underserved communities.

Cross-Jurisdictional: Through state involvement as facilitator, projects suffering from complexities of cross-jurisdictional planning and management will benefit from the State's active role in project management, procurement, contracting, and on-the-ground support through the Outdoor Recreation Initiative.

Addresses backlogged maintenance: Restoration projects of significant sizes on public land including state, federal and local, that cannot be supported by existing Division of Outdoor Recreation funding programs.

Shovel-ready: Planned projects that can be completed in a timely manner.

Aligns with the Outdoor Adventure Commission Strategic Plan: Projects should look to follow state investment guidelines established in this strategic plan: **1.** Build and support collaborative processes. **2.** Increase the economic and health benefits generated by outdoor recreation. **3.** Improve awareness and education about safe and responsible recreation. **4.** Increase access to outdoor recreation while protecting natural and scenic landscapes.

NOTES:

Calf Creek Recreation Site Improvements (BLM)

Completing the link on the SR-128 Colorado River Scenic Byway(BLM)

McCoy Flats Campground Project (BLM)

Iron County Mountain Bike Trails Project (BLM)

House on Fire Access Improvements (BLM)

UAC Machine Learning Project (UAC)

Guacamole Mesa NEPA Support (ZRC)

**Experiential Corridor for the Zion National Park
Discovery Center (Zion Forever Project)**

**Complete design and NEPA compliance for
transportation connectivity between East Zion and
US-89 (Kane County)**

Kanab to Best Friends Trail (Kane County)