



Emery County
Trail's Committee

November 4, 2025 8:00 AM



Attendance: Les Wilberg, Terri Bennett, Rod Player, Don Bennett, Steven Jeffery, Brett White, Jim Jennings, AnnDee Mead, Camie Bell, Jordan Leonard, Ed Geary, Ray Peterson

Welcome Chairman: Les Wilberg

1. Approval of Minutes: October 2025. Corrections brought up and noted. Motion to approve with corrections made by Terri, seconded by Rod. Motion passed.

2. Committee Members

- **Discussion of projects/events/concerns-**

Steven reported that the dirt road into Grime's Wash might be in need of some repair, they've had some climbers get towed out. They are thinking of installing a sign to communicate that it is a 4x4 road. The climbing trails are holding up well and they are looking forward to putting in the new parking lot soon. They are still working on improving parking habits among climbers. Discussion on some coordination with locals organizing summer camps and the idea of local tours for climbers. Discussion on OHV tours and insurance complications. Discussion on the parking lot and what the project might need to be successful.

Rod brought up the county's general plan with an idea to consider repurposing abandoned ditches and canals into walking and biking trails. He would like to look into this as an option to add amenities to the area. Discussion on the advantages and challenges of doing so. Discussion on having these areas be multi-functional for flood control and recreation, as well as the absence of liability issues. Discussion on how the general plan might word the topic in a better way.

Don brought up a point that it would be beneficial to work projects, to know what kind of vehicles are traveling those areas and how they are holding up. Pictures could also be useful to help plan and prepare for effective work.

Terri reported some water on Little's Creek Trail. It's been holding, but there are some places that will need culverts. She also brought up Lacy's trail course project and a recent meet-up and walking the course to plan upcoming work. They also had some kids from Carbon come and ride it. The consensus was that there's a lot of potential, but still a lot of work needed. There are also concerns that there isn't a local team to support and help upkeep the trail system. AnnDee asked the committee to help spread the word to the public community to utilize this asset which will be beneficial to the community and to trail quality. Les mentioned interest from San Rafael Middle School on providing a track for local kids to start riding.

Les reported looking at the culvert trail. The area has seen serious flooding and will require maintenance soon. Discussion on planning that project for this month on the 17th-18th, and how to get into the area. Discussion on how to improve the trail and previous work that's been done.

AnnDee provided an update on the map updates. IT created the updated map version for the BLM to review, and the covers have been designed. As soon as the BLM is operating we should be able to get them pushed through and printed.

Discussion on a county grader and its availability, and some areas that need to be graded including the road by the airstrip. There is a list being compiled including main roads on the desert, suggestions can be passed to Jim and Ryan.

Brett reported that the Dirt Bike Rally dates are set for next year, April 23-25. They've had 8 reports of pilots landing at Sagebrush. They've gotten some good feedback, mostly very positive. Discussion on a couple small problem spots and how they might be improved. He also brought up a future project on the Seeley property and trust up East Mountain. Discussion on grading the road there and maintaining it from then on.

3. Discuss Reports of the Following:

a. BLM- Jaydon reported that much of the BLM rec staff has been put to on-call status and are able to work on projects that are funded by fee and grant money. They are still restricted in other ways but are authorized to send park rangers to maintain bathrooms and work on some permitted events. They were able to have a presence at the recent event in Green River and another race coming up in Goblin Valley. They have some grant funding available for trails work so they will be able to participate in some upcoming work projects. Discussion on pushing off the culvert project at Goblin Valley and establishing a new date for that and the Temple Mountain-Lone Tree area project. Discussion on which area should take precedence and/or the possibility of splitting forces, as well as the need to gather more information to make an informed decision. Jim brought up the upcoming visit from a group from Colorado coming in the next couple weeks to work on the mountain and the desert to work on single track trails. The State Crew will be working with them, as well as working independently on Dry Wash and Dairy Trail. Whiskey Wash will be worked on toward the end of November.

Discussion on an issue found in the interim between a downhill mountain biking event in St. George and a similar event a week later in Green River. During that week there have been instances of riding off-trail on hills around Green River that shouldn't be ridden on. This is happening outside of the event so it's hard to monitor and address via the event coordinators, but the BLM has spoken to the event coordinators and law enforcement to make plans to avoid this issue and land damage in the future.

Discussion on similar issues near Factory Butte and hotspots for off road activity.

b. Forest Service-

c. State Agencies-

d. Commission-

e. Travel Bureau and Public Lands- AnnDee brought up finding a better way to let people report problem areas and project suggestions, Les mentioned reaching out to a group in Cleveland that rides regularly and letting them know to pass along pictures and input. Brett also mentioned communicating similarly with the clients from his business. Discussion on how to streamline this input. We will also be looking for board members for the Trails Committee, Travel Board, and Museum Board.

4. Adjourn.

No December meeting- Happy Holidays, see you next year!

Council - Les Wilberg, Terri Bennett, Rod Player, Don Bennett, Robin Hunt, Steven Jeffery, Brett White

Staff – Keven Jensen, Jim Jennings, AnnDee Mead, Camie Bell

Next Trails Meeting: January 6, 2026

