

## Grand County Trail Mix Committee

February 10, 2026 at 11 a.m. Grand Center, 182 N. 500 W., Moab, Utah 84532

Cool, cloudy, noisy chipper and chainsaws in the trees.

Persian Love Cake provided by Samantha.

1. **Meeting called to order** at 11:03 a.m. by Brendon Cameron.
1. **Attendance** (actual and virtual): 25 people + one baby

Anna Sprout (GCATT), Brad Walker (State Parks), Brendon Cameron (Chair), Colin Topper (City Council), Dave Wilson (At Large), David Glover (Biking), Emily Lessner (Active Transportation), Evan Smiley (GCATT), Jacques Hadler (Grand County), Johnathan Duthrow (SEUHD), Kathy Grossman (Secretary), Katie Stevens (BLM), Kirstin Peterson (Skiing), Kya Marienfeld and baby Arthur (Hiking), Lucas Blake, Mark Howe (At Large), Melissa Jolissaint (SAR), Neil Herbert, Patrick Trim (City Parks), Sam Hodges (NPS), Samantha Derbyshire (Vice Chair), Stephen Schultz (Equestrian), Tim Rau (At Large), Wallace Loud, and Zane Taylor.

A separate attendance spreadsheet is prepared by Samantha Derbyshire.

**3. Guests.** None.

**4. Approval of (January 13, 2026) Minutes.** Missing attendance in the minutes. Brendon will send out attendance with future meeting minutes. Kathy had been including attendance within the minutes, though she appreciates Samantha's extra spreadsheet since names aren't always heard clearly. Approved with addition of attendance.

**5. Citizens to be Heard.** None today.

**6. Action Items.**

- **Vote of support** GCATT TRP Grant Proposals. RTP grants fund trail crews. What do we want to sell the state? Change in use patterns, more use on popular trails. Neutral things that will change with e-bikes, will impact hiking and other non-motorized trails. Hidden Valley needs more love. On county agenda for first meeting in March. Today's vote would count at either meeting. Motion to support GCATT TRP grant proposal, seconded, will send to commission administration.
- **Vote on approval** of E-Bike Class 1 Etiquette Document: "New Power, Same Respect: Welcoming Class 1 E-Bikes in Moab." Jacques: Chair called for creation of outdoor recreation subcommittee, met on the 9th, first thing on priority list was doing something just like this. Brian Martinez wants to get this out ASAP, out to Office of Tourism. Samantha: intent was to all get on the same page, educate everyone. Class 1 e-bikes, plus other classes, other e-machines: giving those riders something to bite into, list of places where they can ride, coming up with a unified message. Kya: add to the "What's Permitted" section, list a couple trails, Sovereign Trails, Slickrock, Poison Spider. E-bike pamphlet already created could be used for Class 2, etc., a resource already exists. State Parks are just Class 1. Colin: just be focussed on Class 1s, be specific, We approve it and take it to the county. Brendon feels comfortable supporting this document. Could Brian work with the motorized community, saying "See motorized info sheet." Is there a go-to sheet for motorized?
- Anna: Hesitant to make hard and fast rules, exceptions to rules create user conflict, everything on here is ultimately a recommendation. At least add, proactively communicate with uphill and downhill users. Ask questions. David Glover: headphones can be dangerous, came from Fruita. SAR: biggest issues are people getting in over their heads: be prepared, know your boundaries; know your own limits. Don't ride a trail with your e-bike that you wouldn't feel comfortable riding on a regular bike, over your skill level. Stephen: don't over-estimate your ability. Use abbreviation for Forest Service *after* spelling it out. **Does not apply to US Forest Service** could be all in bold.
- Anything more we could add for next meeting, amendments? David Glover: people make new trails when going around features they can't ride. Protect crust, never create ride-arounds, dismount to prevent trail damage. Brendon comfortable with that language. Take out opinions, some language already in there. Many points on doc applicable to *all* riders. It's about behavior, not necessarily the kind of bike you have, keep things neutral, so no one feels singled out. Intent is the habit of courtesy.
- Samantha went over edits: rewording yield early and often to include actively communicate with uphill/downhill riders or "with other riders." What is the standard practice? Proactively communicate with uphill/downhill riders, you're expected to uphold that practice. Don't want to empower conflict. Evan: many of these decisions are split-second; advocate for a rule with the ask that they communicate. Default is that downhill defers to uphill. David: use bells for communication. Ride predictably. Patrick: also value in saying

standard practice suggests yielding to uphill riders. Samantha: trying to keep it to one page. When climbing, be prepared to pause. Kya: communication aspect applies to everything. Patrick: pass respectfully to allow for uphill users to maintain momentum. Evan: don't create a new trail to pass. With all those changes, motion to approve bike etiquette sheet to distribute, seconded, approved.

## 7. Discussion Items

- Kathy leaving us. March 10th meeting will be her last. She hopes her newest grandson (in Salt Lake City) may someday hike and bike trails in Moab knowing his grandmother helped build and maintain them. Email sent out, anyone interested in secretarial position, contact Samantha or Brendon.
- *Moab Happenings* TM article due to [info@moabhappenings.com](mailto:info@moabhappenings.com) by the 20th/month. Kathy: sending things in sooner (like the 17th/month) gives layout masters more time to get things right.
- "Best Day Ever" Screening during Spruce Up, Friday April 10th, 7 p.m. Was going to be part of opening Mud Springs, but now say they'll do it April 10. Evan has theater booked. Steward Moab is taking on the planning in partnership with Kelly Rush. Film screening, then panel answering questions, ideally done by 9 p.m. Trying not to put a big load on the committee. Sam spearheading all of the fun stuff. Evan: trail work project help for adaptive users, from the rider's eye on that project. Treated as a fundraiser.
- Spring Spruce Up Planning (Committee). April 10, 11th. Evan: people still thinking about it. Landmark will donate all the T-shirts. Not doing the night-before pizza thing. All day April 11, Saturday. Start chatting about making this turn out great. Volunteers. Faith? Emily? Colin, Brendon, Samantha. Mark Howe. Kirstin.
- Bike Bus Report Out. Colin Jacques, Brendon, Colin. Made a Bike Bus proto run: group of students riding to school together, ten kids, 20 with adults. Put information together, publicize, aim to start beginning of April, every Friday a riding group, maybe some parents will want to take it over. Start at Bowling Alley/Cinema Court apartments, through Hecla neighborhood, "bus stop" at Rotary Park, Bike Skills park, on to HMK. Many people who saw them excited. People might drop their kids off so they can ride last segment together to school. Bike bus stops, little shelter, bike rack. Bike buses taking off, in Salt Lake 100s of kids involved. Getting kids out, on their bikes, before they sit for hours in class. Kids spend so little time outside in unstructured time. Hope to provide a way to go against that, giving visibility.
- Utah Open Meetings Training & Discussion (Send email). Thanks for sending in screen shots or doc showing you completed this.
- Steward Moab. RTP Grant, also applying, but it's different: 95% goes to trail work, 5% to education. They're applying to education. Saturday, Valentine's Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: first fundraising event, Cactus Jack's, donate and CJ's will match it dollar for dollar. Trail Ambassadors starting up in March, back out on trails and, as needed, mountain biking. A father who built adaptive equipment for his daughter will present. Seeking underwriters for further episodes of Back from Beyond podcast. Also "Desert Is Different" two-hour course helps guide process for visiting desert.
- Public Lands Day 2026. September 26, have some time to plan.
- Fred Wilkinson Memorial, March 27–28th, Horsethief Campground. Evan: Maddie spearheading that, looking for help. Campsite reserved. Anyone interested, contact Maddie, Scott and Sharon, group rides to see some of Fred's work. Camp out at Horsethief Group Site. 100-mile Rim Ride 2010, illegally organized by Fred, but will redo that route legally this time. Brutal! On the 21st, 6 a.m. Could just ride part of it, or a relay option, a group ride, not a race.
- Work Wednesday. March 4. Potential: Hidden Valley, pretty decent shape, trail crew might be back by then, not sure. Evan might require extra help. Light duty, drainage, couple of hours. Meet 4 p.m. at the trailhead. MMBA also doing trail work. April is Bike Polo.

## 8. Member Reports

**GCATT** (Evan Smiley). Maddie's gone, things are quiet. Keri can't accept a bike for her little daughter Juniper, it's a conflict. Suggestion to take money collected given to a fund for kid/s who needs help getting a bike. Kya's Arthur could also loan Juniper his Strider.

**BLM** (Katie Stevens). Looking forward to getting work done on our trails. Stephen: Bijou Equestrian Trail has couple small problems, not clear where to go, some signage would direct people. Sign for Mary Jane, need a small reroute away from quicksand. Stephen will send map ideas for getting people to the trailhead. Getting the world-class Onion Creek horse trails up to snuff, trail can be a bit confusing.

**Forest Service** (Brian Murdock). Absent.

**SAR** (MelissaJolissaint). Seven calls this year: for winter, that's lot.

**Health Department** (Jonathan Duthrow). Poo app up and running.

**Sand Flats** (Matthew Olding). Revenue (?) up 1.24% over 2024. Working on motorized trail projects, Fins n Things.

**Chair** (Brendon Cameron). We all need to get outside more. Thank you all for your part in doing that.

**Vice Chair** (Samantha Derbyshire). Sorry to see Kathy go. Shuttles may need to start.

**Secretary** (Kathy Grossman). Listened to "Overdue Hiker" podcast: Fantastic! Could see equipment stores featuring these podcasts, showcasing items that will help in difficult situations talked about.

**Biking** (David Glover). March 1 e-bikes being allowed, sign-ups for group rides.

**Roped Activities** (Faith Dickey). Working on Spring Spruce Up project.

**Equestrian** (Stephen Schultz) Spring Spruce Up focusing on Onion Creek corrals, need to re-mark some trails around Professor Creek and Onion Creek. Marti working with BLM. New Backcountry Horsemen President, meeting with Monticello Office, project in Bears Ears.

**Hiking** (Kya Marienfeld) No updates.

**Trail Running** (Matthew Olding). 2025: 19 running events; 2026: 20 events. Arches Ultra, 720 finishers.

**Skiing** (Kirstin Peterson) We might get some snow this week, we'll take anything we can get. Grooming still happening.

**Active Transportation** (Emily Lessner). Etiquette signs, super simple (travel right, pass left, etc.). Kids on e-bikes, put messaging out. Patrick: has a map of proposed signage, looking at locations.

**NPS** (Sam Hodges). Hiring seasonals, installing gate on White Rim, unlocked, a visual barrier signifying no ATVs, requiring day-use permit. Will be out there five weekends in a row checking how things go. Bike access in Arches, getting ideas. No updates about Timed Entry, being reviewed by Department of Interior. Work on North Wash Boat Ramp, maybe a temporary boat ramp, will be closed while they're doing maintenance. Hope to have it open by end of April. At least it won't be delayed by high water.

**At Large. Dave Wilson.** 14 years ago on a walk in San Francisco with his brother noticed excrement, and they had a poo app, helped them know where to locate porta-potties.

**Tim Rau.** Somebody's been cutting switchbacks on Pipe Dream. Has fixed them twice, but may need trail lining.

**Mark Howe.** Transplanted a bunch of native plants at Anonymous Park. Metal kiosk could have signs for etiquette info. Will be a Spring Spruce Up site on April 11. More benches, work stations, more kiosks.

**Colin Topper.** Utah House Bill 381 (2026), titled "[Electric Mobility Device Amendments](#)," less restrictive on e-bike users. Repeals existing e-bike restrictions. Online training, helmet requirements. Moab Police Department excited about this new one, easier to enforce. Still confusion over what is an e-bike, technology moving fast.

**Tim Schall.** Absent.

**State Parks** (Brad Walker). Report a Poo a serious thing. Met about state park trail opportunities, including singletrack options. Gearing up, reservations filling up quick.

**County** (Jacques Hadler). Mill Creek pathway a very long process, working on acquisitions, involving up to 36 different property owners. Trail crew affected by hiring freeze. Timed Entry decision pushed to April 30. Ways to improve biking into Arches. Continue to meet monthly. Winter is an awesome time for road biking, fewer tourists.

**City** (Patrick Trim). Rotary Park gabion baskets (flexible, permeable, wire-mesh containers) mostly done, then will be backfilled, hope to open parkway through the park by end of February, though landscaping may continue.

**9. Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, **March 10, 2026 at 11 a.m.**

Attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Jan 13	Feb 10
Andrea Brand	SFRA		
Anna Rehkopf	BLM		
Anna Sprout	Steward Moab	1	1
Ben Carswell	Utah Raptor S.P.		
Bill Winfield	GC Commission		
Brad Walker	Utah Raptor S.P.	1	1
Brendon Cameron	Chair	1	1
Brett Sutteer			
Brian Martinez	GC Commision		
Brian Murdock	US Forest Service	1	
Cody Mckinney	GC Road Dept		
Colin Topper	At Large	1	1
Dave Wilson	At Large	1	1
David Glover	Bike Rep		1
David Olsen			
Diago Velasquez			
Doug McLaughlin			
Drew Allred			
Ellie Swanson			
Emily Lessner	Active Transport Rep	1	1
Eran Howarth	BLM		
Eric Johnson	GCATT		
Evan Smiley	GCATT	1	1
Faith Dickey	Roped Activities Rep	1	
Gene Hamilton			
Jacques Hadler	Grand County Rep	1	1
Jeff Lefevbre			
Jen Jones	BLM		
Joe Stern			
Johnathan Dutrow	SEUHD	1	1
Juni Brawer	SUWA		
Kathy Grossman	Secretary		1

Katie Murphy	Masterplan Master		
Katie Stevens	BLM	1	1
Keri Nelson	BLM		
Kevin Dwyer			
Kirstin Peterson	Skiing Rep	1	1
Kya Marienfeld	Hiking Rep	1	1
Lily Gowens		1	
Lucas Blake			1
Madeline Logowitz	GCATT	1	
Mark Howe	At Large	1	1
Marti Bauer	Equestrian Co-Rep	1	
Matt Olding	Trail Running Rep, SFRA		
Megan Blackwelder	State Parks		
Melissa Nerone	GCSAR		1
Mickey Smith			
Mike Thomas	Bike Fiend		
Mike Steed			
Nate Ament	NPS		
Neal Herbert		1	1
Patrick Trim	Moab City Rep	1	1
Pete Kauffman			
Reid Bakken			
Sam Hodges	NPS		1
Sam VanWetter		1	
Samantha Debshire	Vice Chair		1
Scott Escott			
Scott Newton	Poison Spider		
Scott Solle	GCSAR	1	
Sharon Hogan			
Stephen Schultz	Equestrian Rep		1
Stephen Stocks	GC Attorney		
Steve Young a.k.a. T Berry	NPS		
Theresa King			
Tim Rau	At Large		1
Tim Schall	At Large	1	

Tim Smith	State Parks		
Tom Rowe		1	
Tyson Swasey	GCATT		
Zach Ahrens	DWR		
Zach Lowe	US Forest Service		
Zane Taylor		1	1

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