

Grand County Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026
APPROVED February 12, 2026

The meeting was held at the Grand Center and called to order by Clif Koontz at 12:34 pm and started with introductions.

Members in attendance:

Andrea Brand, Sand Flats Recreation Area (left 2:30)
Ben Carswell, Utahraptor State Park
Dave Hellman, 4x4 Rep
Jennifer Jones, BLM (arrived 12:41, left 2:30)
Clif Koontz, Chair
Madeline Logowitz, GCATT (left at 2:20)
Mark Pope, Red Rock 4-Wheelers
Keltain Reece-Sullivan, GCATT
Scott Solle, Grand County Search and Rescue (arrived 12:43)
Anna Sprout, Steward Moab (arrived 12:44)
Jeff Stevens, Vice Chair
Zane Taylor, Motorcycle Rep
Carson Trader, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, SE Region Trail Crew Supervisor
Kathy Tustanowski, Secretary

Guests in attendance:

Rika Ballard, Portal Offroad Tours
Jason James, Portal Offroad Tours
Stephen Stocks, Grand County Attorney (left at 1:56)

A. Approval of Minutes

Mark Pope made a motion to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes, Zane Taylor seconded, motion passed unanimously.

B. Citizens to be Heard

None

C. Electing MTC Officers and Executive Committee Members

Clif has heard back from current representatives except Jason Taylor. Nick Oldham will no longer be able to serve as the UTV/ATV Rep. It was proposed that Dave Hellman become the UTV/ATV Rep and Mark Pope take the 4x4 Rep position. The Treasurer will remain vacant and voted on at a later time. A motion to carry forward the current

roster with the above referenced changes was made by Jeff Stevens, seconded by Dave Hellman. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussing prospective Grant Proposals

Clif stated there are a variety of grants out there we can submit to, most are due in March and April. He asked: what needs funding, who can apply, who can match. Madeline clarified that in the past GCATT has focused on non-motorized RTP grants and BLM motorized RTP grants, and that BLM grants typically cover BLM labor and materials. After much discussion it was determined that items needing funding are: trail counters, signs, materials, fencing, paint, more project planning, maintenance of heavy equipment, and equipment operators. Numerous examples were discussed of what is already in progress; like BLM working with Tread Lightly and CNHA on kiosk replacements, and where work is needed. Due to multiple agencies being involved leveraging of funds is possible, it is a matter of determining who can develop and lead the projects on the ground.

Anna stated that Steward Moab will not be applying to the motorized RTP grant and also provided an update on the new nonprofit as far as staffing and the development of funding avenues. Questions were asked about how staffing will be allocated. Areas are selected by the highest contact rates in the past taking into consideration overlap using Hell's Revenge as an example. Trail Ambassadors are able to perform light maintenance duties in addition to visitor contacts. A model is being developed for volunteer Motorized Ambassadors. It hasn't been determined if they will be able to work independently or not. Currently volunteers can ride in the UTV with a Steward Moab paid Ambassador, but first there is a required 2 hour Communication Exercise. Jason James asked about incentives and benefits for volunteers and what role local clubs can play in supporting the program. Anna and James will meet to discuss the matter.

Discussion on projects to be funded included a variety of locations and needs. From Sovereign Trail System, Poison Spider, Top of the World, etc. Keltain will be working on a master list to include 'shovel ready' projects. Keltain provided an overview of the ArcGIS field maps he is developing. It will have two interfaces: one for land managers and one for data collectors trained to facilitate this sort of crowd sourcing. It will require uploading of images, GPS coordinates and description of issue.

Carson shared that there will probably not be a second crew this year but there will be more state employees based in Moab to work on motorized trails. Their funds are for salaries and some tools, not materials. Housing was brought up as a need for the state crew as well as storage for any equipment and materials purchased thru grant funds or other sources. Some storage space may be available at BLM and on county property.

As for matching funds, OHVR grants such as the one funding Keltain's position can count as match toward RTP grants, and the volunteer hours of visiting-group projects should be utilized as match. It was agreed that GCATT will apply for RTP grant funds for sign and fencing materials. Keltain will be coordinating this submission. Ride with

Respect will apply for RTP grant funds for more project planning and heavy equipment work with Clif coordinating submission. A draft letter of support and draft proposals will be presented to the MTC at February 2026 meeting.

E. Scheduling Trail Projects

Clif asked what needs to be done before busy season. Work on Hell's Revenge on the ramp before the dinosaur track can be done instead of monthly Rake and Ride. Andrea says it is ok, the paleontologist will be onsite on January 27 to review it. Sand Flats staff will drill holes for post and cable fencing. This is scheduled for January 31, meet at 10 am at the Hell's Revenge entrance.

Keltain said that Mark had reported there is a rock fall blocking Buttes and Towers.

Mark indicated Sevenmile Rim needs Paint. This is scheduled as a Rake and Ride on February 21, 10 am meet at Mill Canyon.

Mark shared that he helped draft a Paint Guide a couple of years ago and would like to see it established to use as a tool to coach and train people. Jen also stated she is open to ideas to improve the process. Andrea suggested use of reflective flaps like those used on road surfaces. Clif requested suggestions be sent to him as some field testing of what options are out there will be needed.

F. Updates from MTC Stakeholder Representatives and Executive Committee

Dave Hellman reported that some carsonite posts near the top of Moab Rim are down. He will be checking out Poison Spider this weekend.

Zane Taylor would like to get dates scheduled to work on singletrack trails. Scheduled for March 7, 10 am meet time at Utahraptor State Park headquarters.

Scott Solle shared they will be picking up new UTVs and other equipment. Will also be purchasing two new snowmobiles.

Ben Carswell shared the construction punch list is completed. Work continues on Russian Thistle removal. Staffing is reduced until March. Signage is being worked on. The Volunteer Pass specific to Utahraptor State Park is still being finalized.

Anna Sprout shared the Moab Guide Summit is being held on March 11 and 12. The MTC will have a table at the Grand Center location on March 12 in coordination with Keltain. She went over the status of the new nonprofit and invited everyone to attend the fundraiser on February 14 at Cactus Jacks when the new logo will be revealed.

Mark Pope shared that the buck and rail fencing at Determination Towers is collapsing. It is approximately 800 feet long comprised of 16 foot sections. Tread Lightly completed some work on it several years ago. Suggests a plan is needed to replace it and could possibly be a good Spring Spruce Up project. Question is what are we going to do and would like to make a recommendation to BLM. Suggests it be an agenda item at February meeting. Red Rock 4-Wheelers received an approval from BLM for work on Lockhart Basin Road for rock work after Chicken Corners. Would like to get this on the schedule when Payton is back to work. Jeep will be doing a stewardship project on Fins for Easter Jeep Safari (Dave mentioned a breakover that needs to be chiseled down).

Keltain Reece-Sullivan shared that he is working the project mapping system and will be working with Clif on the grant proposals.

G. Adjournment

Clif adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm and thanked everyone for participating and noted the March meeting will be held on March 5.