



Short-Term Projects 2026-2027 Grant Cycle Project Idea Worksheet

Please **thoroughly** review the project criteria at cwc.utah.gov before submitting your application. Then complete this worksheet and the questions found at the bottom of this page (and letter of support, if applicable) and send it to Sam Kilpack at samantha@cwc.utah.gov no later than **February 10, 2026**.

Name of the project:	SR-224 Wildlife Connectivity & Safety Project – Phase 2: Implementation Readiness & Targeted Mitigation; this application specifically addresses the documentation of wildlife movements using camera traps for ten months, indicating changes in seasonal movements compared to daily movements of a variety of species.
Location of the project:	State Route 224 (SR-224), Park City, Utah Primary focus: Mile Markers 7–9, Summit County
Are you applying as an individual, or an organization? (Please list the name of the organization, if applicable)	Organization: Save People Save Wildlife (SPSW) 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization: EIN 81-1361876 www.savepeoplesavewildlife.org
Project contact person:	Erin Ferguson, Executive Director
Project contact email address:	info@savepeoplesavewildlife.org
Project category (check all that apply) <i>*Please note your project is not required to encompass more than one category and will not be evaluated based on number of boxes checked</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> x Transportation and transit <input type="checkbox"/> x Environmental protection <input type="checkbox"/> x Recreation stewardship <input type="checkbox"/> x Economic sustainability
What is the project's expected start date?	January 2026
What is the project's expected completion date?	October 2026
What is the estimated total cost of the project?	\$165,000
How much are you requesting from the CWC?	\$20,000
Have you reviewed your project with the appropriate authorities as outlined in the eligibility requirements , and received their support or approval? If so, please list the name, agency, and position of each person you have spoken to.	Yes. This project builds directly on the Rock Design Associates (RDA) Phase 1 SR-224 Wildlife Assessment , completed September 2025, and has involved coordination and consultation with local stakeholders, wildlife professionals, and transportation partners. Ongoing coordination is planned with UDOT, pertinent data sharing with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Summit County, and Park City Municipal Corporation as implementation advances.
Does your project require any permits, and do you have those permits in-hand?	Yes, we have a CUP from DWR for the WMA along SR 224. We have permission to place one camera on Park City property.
Do you have the above-mentioned permits in-hand?	Yes
Does your project require a NEPA?	No
IF YES: Has the NEPA been completed already, or can the NEPA and the project both be completed by June 2026?	



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I have carefully reviewed this application for accuracy and completeness. I understand that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

☒ Yes

Please use the space below to respond to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your idea. How will it implement transportation and transit solutions, protect the ecosystems that originate in the Central Wasatch, steward recreational access, and/or sustain the economic viability of the project area?

Save People Save Wildlife (SPSW) seeks funding to advance the **SR-224 Wildlife Connectivity & Safety Project** in Park City, Utah—one of the most dangerous roadways in the state for wildlife-vehicle collisions. Along this short but heavily traveled corridor, collisions involving deer, elk, and moose occur with alarming frequency. In a single recent year, SPSW volunteers documented **48 wildlife fatalities**, including **40 mule deer, 4 elk, 3 moose, and 1 coyote**.

This project advances transportation safety by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions that place drivers, passengers, and emergency responders at risk. According to UDOT data, a wildlife-related crash involving a moose averages **\$48,664** in taxpayer costs, an elk **\$27,658**, and a deer **\$10,468**, with fatal or serious-injury crashes now exceeding **\$4 million per incident**.

In 2026, SPSW will move from assessment to action, guided by the **Rock Design Associates Phase 1 SR-224 Wildlife Report**. Funding will support the pursuit of implementation-ready, site-specific mitigation measures, but the first step is wildlife movement monitoring.

The project protects Central Wasatch ecosystems by preserving wildlife movement patterns, reducing mortality, and maintaining ecological connectivity across a critical mountain corridor. It stewards recreational access by improving safety for residents and visitors traveling to trails, ski areas, and open spaces, and supports economic sustainability by reducing costly crashes, roadway closures, and emergency responses that disrupt Park City's tourism-driven economy—particularly as the community prepares for the **2034 Winter Olympic Games**.

2. Does this idea result in other benefits to the Central Wasatch and its users beyond what you have described above?

Yes. Beyond reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions, this project strengthens regional resilience, public awareness, and long-term planning capacity. By integrating ecological data, transportation safety, and community values, the project creates a shared understanding of how people and wildlife coexist in the Wasatch.

The work supports emergency responders by reducing traumatic incidents, improves visitor experience by minimizing accident-related congestion, and reinforces Park City's identity as a community committed to environmental stewardship and public safety. Importantly, the project establishes a replicable, phased framework that can inform similar efforts across other high-risk corridors in the Wasatch and throughout Utah.

By transforming a corridor of repeated loss into a model of prevention and shared responsibility, this project delivers lasting benefits for people, wildlife, and the landscapes that define the Wasatch.



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