

Grand County Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 4, 2026

APPROVED July 9, 2026

The meeting was held at the Grand Center and called to order by Clif Koontz at 12:32 pm.

Members in attendance:

Payton Blasco, BLM

Ben Carswell, Utahraptor State Park

Clif Koontz, Chair

John Marshall, GCSAR

Alex Mudler, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, SE Region Trail Crew Supervisor

Mark Pope, 4x4 Rep

Jeff Stevens, Vice Chair

Zane Taylor, Motorcycle Rep

Kathy Tustanowski, Secretary

Guests in attendance:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mark Pope made a motion to approve the April 16, 2026 minutes, Zane Taylor seconded, motion passed unanimously. The May 2026 minutes will be provided for review at the July meeting.

B. Citizens to be Heard

None

C. Updates from MTC Stakeholder Representatives and Executive Committee

Clif shared that Jen Jones will not be attending but wanted to announce that the Potash Road Resurfacing project will be starting with completion expected by the end of July. This could impact access to some trailheads.

John Marshal shared that with donations and state reimbursement funds GCSAR has purchased two new Can Ams.

Payton shared that effective July 6 seasonal campground closures will begin and last through the fall. He provided additional details about the Potash Road, State Route 279, and possible delays. Last month work was completed on Pritchett and possible solutions for Down and Dirty were identified. He recently visited the east end of Kane Creek to look at some problems with dispersed camping and braiding. He suggested it would be a could candidate for a Rake and Ride for further evaluation. John asked

about it being located in San Juan County and Clif explained the circumstances that would warrant contacting the county to involve them.

Alex Mudler shared that the trail crew finished their second week of work in Utahrapator State Park which included closing off off-trail tracks and painting. Clif was with them yesterday and stated it is a good crew. They are currently ahead of schedule.

Ben Carswell started by thanking Alex for the work the trail crew completed. A few upcoming activities at Utahrapator State Park include Astrofest and the Scorpion Hunt in addition to the Cycling Association being in the park this week. Brad will be out of the park for a couple of weeks. A new backup generator is being purchased for the water treatment plant.

Mark Pope shared that next Tuesday they will be scoping work to be done on Metal Masher and entering it into the database. He completed a recent entry on a washout near Klondike and Salt Valley but included corrupted images so will need to correct his entry. He also noted a section on the south portion of Kane Creek, south of Hamburger Hill, that has an overhang encroaching the route, needs to be entered into the database.

Zane Taylor shared that the state forest trails on Two Mile are all clear. Trails in the Blue Mountains are open. He still needs to install the survey/database app for entry of data. He attended the SPEAR meeting this week.

Clif thanked Ben for scouting on short notice at Terry's Tunnel, near Dalton Wells Road, on motorized single track. He passed along that Maddie is sorry to miss today's meeting and that Keltain's last day was last week. Keltain accomplished a lot in a short time frame. Clif encouraged everyone to keep entering information on the mapping app Survey123.

D. Commenting on Worksites for Division of Outdoor Recreation Trail Crew

The crew will continue with the plan of working in the La Sals and then Abajos and review information updated in the mapping app. Mark asked about the process and used the example of, if an item has been identified, can RR4W do the work and if so who do they contact? Clif stated that significant items should be coordinated with Keltain's replacement, the new OHV Coordinator position. Mark indicated they would be willing to take on the first big ledge on Poison Spider. It was also suggested to run it past Alex Mudler on the state trail crew. BLM will still need to be contacted as the approval process is still required by the land managers. In addition, significant items still need to be brought forward to the Motorized Trails Committee. Alex added that they will be working on the burn scar in the Upper Lower Two Mile area and signage in Trinity Canyon. He asked the MTC to start thinking about work to be done in the fall and Clif said prioritization needs to be done.

E. Scheduling Trail Projects

Clif reported that Anna Sprout is doing a spill kit volunteer day on June 17 and 18 from 8:30 to 2:30 at the Steward Moab office at the Community Resource Center.

Nothing else was scheduled as Clif will be out of town most of June. Something in the mountains will be scheduled in July.

John mentioned the new sign at Hells Revenge was damaged recently and it is now missing, the Hard Way/Easy Way sign. Photo Rock at the Abyss is now gone. Clif will follow up with Maddie to get John added to the survey/database. Mark offered to enter it for now.

F. Introducing Utah Cultural Site Stewardship Program (<https://ushpo.utah.gov/publicarchaeology/ucss/>)

Mark Pope provided an overview of the program. The state has a limited number of archaeologists but a large number of archeological sites. They help with monitoring the sites, and over 400 volunteers are utilized. Training is being provided to recruit more volunteers. Mark will be participating in the upcoming training to be held July 15 and 16 at the RR4W Clubhouse. The training includes a field trip. Payton also shared that a volunteer is assigned a group of sites to monitor and the volunteers have proven to be very helpful. A discussion took place about someone volunteering representing themselves or a group such as the MTC or RR4W. Mark referred to the link provided on the agenda and encouraged everyone to watch the video about the program.

G. Adjournment

Clif adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm and thanked everyone for participating.