

Grand County Motorized Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2026

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The meeting was held at the Grand Center and called to order by Clif Koontz at 12:35 pm.

Members in attendance:

Payton Blasco, BLM

Ben Carswell, Utahrapator State Park

Dave Hellman, ATV Rep

Brian Martinez, Grand County Commission Liaison (left at 2:00)

Mark Pope, 4x4 Rep

Keltain Reece-Sullivan, GCATT (left at 2:08)

Scott Solle, GCSAR (arrived at 1:30)

Anna Sprout, Steward Moab

Jeff Stevens, Vice Chair

Zane Taylor, Motorcycle Rep

Guests in attendance:

A. Approval of Minutes

Mark Pope made a motion to approve the March 5, 2026 minutes, Zane Taylor seconded, motion passed unanimously. The April 16, 2026 minutes will be provided for review at the June meeting.

B. Citizens to be Heard

none

C. Updates from MTC Stakeholder Representatives and Executive Committee

Payton Blasco said that the BLM met with cooperators on May 20th regarding the Dolores River TMP. The BLM anticipates releasing a Labyrinth Rims TMP decision in June or July. For National Public Lands Day, Mark Pope will lead a RR4W project in addition to whatever project the MTC takes on.

Ben Carswell said that Utah has standardized its state logo to be the same for all agencies. A one-year warranty is expiring on some facilities in Utahrapator State Park. They installed a new vault toilet on Willow Springs Road. They're going through planning to improve the trail up to the dinosaur quarry. The park is testing out same-day reservations, while it's still an option for visitors to book up to four months in advance. Ben and Brad Walker have become certified in water treatment.

Zane Taylor cleared all singletrack in Upper Twomile. He pointed out that the OnX app incorrectly displays these routes as being limited to non-motorized use.

Keltain Reece-Sullivan said that he'll move back to Oregon in June, and may do Grand County work remotely for a short period. On May 19th, he'll do OHV driver training for Alex Mudler on Fins and Things. On the 20th, he'll join the GCATT non-motorized trail crew to demonstrate Griphoist work for the DOR crew on Sovereign Trail. The Griphoist comes from GCATT, and Clif pointed out that RWR has a larger Griphoist from the Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative, which is available to borrow.

Anna Sprout said that Steward Moab joined the BLM and Utah Office of Tourism at Mill Creek for an Adventure Safely campaign.

Brian Martinez added that the Utah Office of Tourism advertised this opportunity for other groups such as Steward Moab and Utah State Parks to distribute Adventure Safely materials, which the county commission officially supports. Brian said that the county plans to provide the northwest corner of the solid waste office for the DOR trail crew's tools/trailers/vehicles, and the DOR can erect a shade structure there. The county and DOR's MOU is moving along. They're currently waiting for the DOR attorneys to finish reviewing grants so they can start reviewing the MOU, but the DOR and Grand County have consensus along with San Juan County.

Scott Solle said that GCSAR is getting Can Am UTVs modified by John Marshall. They responded to an e-bike that caught fire near hot tubs on Hell's Revenge. Calls are on par from last year, and they're coming from a mix of group types.

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

Keltain said that the RTP grant for trail-related materials was approved, and will begin by September. The DOR crew will start its season in Utahraptor State Park. Park Manager Brad Walker may approach the MTC to determine the intended difficulty of trails within the system. Regarding the mapping app of needed trail work, MTC members can use the live link to view descriptions and photos that have been added. Mark said on the mapping app he'll add the need for paint on Arth's Rim as new points because he and other non-paid subscribers can't merge with existing points. Keltain replied that he'll merge them.

Brian said he'll find out whether RTP materials will be stored at the Road Department or the Recycle Center.

Keltain said that, after Utahraptor, the DOR trail crew will go to Upper Twomile, La Sal Pass, Dorry Canyon, and other locations suggested by Brian Murdock. An entire hitch could be spent on Aspen Ridge to improve drainage, and Alex seems experienced in leading such work. Alex is also interested in operating a mini-excavator. Fall work may include routes in the Labyrinth Rims TMA because the TMP may be done by then.

For lithium mining on a SITLA section, a primitive road will be graded from Cotter Mine Road past the sand hill about three-quarters of the way to the Monitor and Merrimac buttes. Since the road improvement could draw in more campers, Clif asked if that area is open to camping, but Payton replied that it's limited to designated campsites.

Keltain displayed trail-work sites on the mapping app, and he'll email the link to view these spots. He hopes Utahraptor State Park will embrace the approach of establishing alternate/bypass lines so that Sovereign Trail can still provide challenging obstacles for experts while being accessible to intermediate riders. Keltain also displayed a spreadsheet of the DOR crew's schedule, and each project lists the onsite person for them to meet.

E. Scheduling Trail Projects

Jeff, Payton, and Dave will attend the May 16th rake & ride in Pritchett Canyon.

Keltain suggested doing a rake & ride on Steel Bender southeast of Dragon Tail to block motorcycle tracks that climb from the wash up the hill. Clif suggested waiting for cooler weather in September.

Anna said that Steward Moab will host a spill-kit assembly day in mid-June. The Family RV Association donated \$2,500 for one thousand kits. Based on feedback of the Utah OHV Advisory Council, Steward Moab will either hire another Trail Ambassador, extend the work season, or extend the project into another year. If they extend the work season, their vehicle will need air conditioning to operate in summer and heat to operate in winter. Clif asked if the OHV Advisory Council would allow some of the education to be off the trail like developing content for social media. Anna replied that she thinks it'd be fine so long as it connects with OHV users.

Mark suggested having Trail Ambassadors stage at Mill Canyon Road and Cotter Mine Road (across from the Chevron station). Ann replied that they have limited vehicles to go that far out of town, but it may be possible. She added that people can make vehicle donations to nonprofits like Steward Moab. Clif asked about having Trail Ambassadors on other popular trails like Chicken Corners. Anna replied that, if the MTC would like Steward Moab to work in San Juan County, the MTC should ask the county.

F. Adjournment

Clif adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm and thanked everyone for participating.