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To: Utah Outdoor Recreation Committee

Subject: Letter of Support for Mud Springs Trail System – Phase 2 Grant Application

Dear Utah Outdoor Recreation Committee,

On behalf of the Grand County Trail Mix, we are thrilled to offer our wholehearted support for San Juan County's grant application for Phase 2 of the Mud Springs Trail System.

Trail Mix has long championed thoughtful, sustainably built trails that welcome riders and trail users of all ages and abilities. Phase 1 established a foundational footprint for a truly inclusive multi-use network in Spanish Valley. Phase 2 is the essential next step in completing a progressive, modern trail system engineered specifically to incorporate adaptive handcycles, e-bikes, traditional mountain bikes, hikers, and youth programs.

Our inter-county and multi-agency partnership with San Juan County, the BLM Moab Field Office, and local recreation groups demonstrates what can be achieved when rural Utah communities collaborate on shared public land goals. Phase 2 will complete critical trail miles, enhance trail-network flow, and provide regional youth riders (NICA)—including local high school cycling teams—with safe, high-quality terrain right in their backyard. They have been loving phase 1 and can't wait to race on it this Fall.

From design considerations for 32"–34" wide adaptive bikes to progressive flow-style lines, Mud Springs is setting a new benchmark for accessible trail design in Southeastern Utah. Completing Phase 2 will ensure this system reaches its full potential as a premier regional recreation hub.

The Trail Mix Committee is fully committed to seeing this project through and partnering on its long-term success, maintenance, and community enjoyment. We strongly encourage you to fund Phase 2 of the Mud Springs Trail System.

Happy trails,

The Grand County Trail Mix Committee

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