



The Foundation for America's Public Lands

About Us & How we work with the BLM

Hello! Speaking to you today...



David Zhang

Chief Development Officer

Previously, David led fundraising initiatives for the Trust for Public Land in California, successfully raising over \$150 million to support lands and parks. Now, he leads the organization's philanthropic and sustainable public-private partnerships. He's an avid off-roader.



Michaela (Gold) Hancock

Recreation Program Officer

Michaela worked for the U.S. Forest Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Outdoor Foundation before joining to manage our recreation portfolio. Outside of work, you'll find her camping, hiking, and skiing.



Annie Epstein

Philanthropy Writer

Annie's background is in storytelling and journalism, and she spent seven years at the WPP Agency Group SJR. She supports grant writing, fundraising, and partnership building at the Foundation. She enjoys reading interpretive signs.

Mission



As the official charitable partner of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the **Foundation for America's Public Lands** connects us to our public lands and waters and sustains these special places for the benefit of present and future generations.

Vision



Through public and private collaboration and partnership, we will chart a new path to engage all in ensuring the health and sustainability of our public lands and waters for work, play, and wonder for all.



Foundation Strategic Priorities

These priorities were the product of rigorous discussions with partners, communities, and individuals.

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, CA



AWARENESS

We will raise awareness of the value of multiple use of public lands and waters and celebrate places and people who steward them.

Hunting at Upper Missouri River Breaks, MT



ACCESS

We will work to improve access to our public lands and waters to ensure all people can connect, enjoy, and benefit from all they have to offer.

Missouri Headwaters, MT



STEWARDSHIP

We will generate resources and cultivate partnerships to invest in the management of our public lands and waters for future generations.

Our Impact by the Numbers



\$20 million +
Funds committed



88
Projects supported



400,000
Acres stewarded with
virtual fencing



642
Miles of trails
improved



35
Recreation sites
enhanced



6,000 +
Acres restored for
resilience and wildlife



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Moab has a new first-of-its-kind trail system!
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Polaris and Foundation for America's Public Lands Launch Grant Program to Improve OHV Access and Safety on BLM Lands

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NEW GRANT PROGRAM

SUPPORTING OHV ACCESS AND SAFETY ON BLM LANDS

Polaris and the Foundation for America's Public Lands Award Over \$700,000 for Trail Improvements, Signage, and Recreation Projects Across Four States

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Polaris partners with public land foundation to support OHV access

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Polaris just signed on to a new partnership that will fund projects to improve off-highway vehicle access and riding areas across the U.S.

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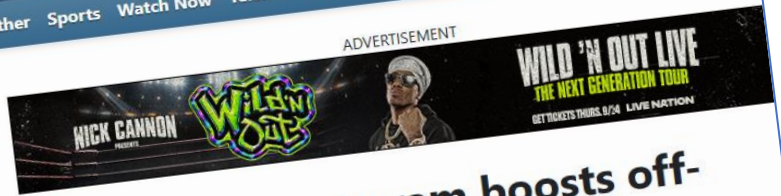


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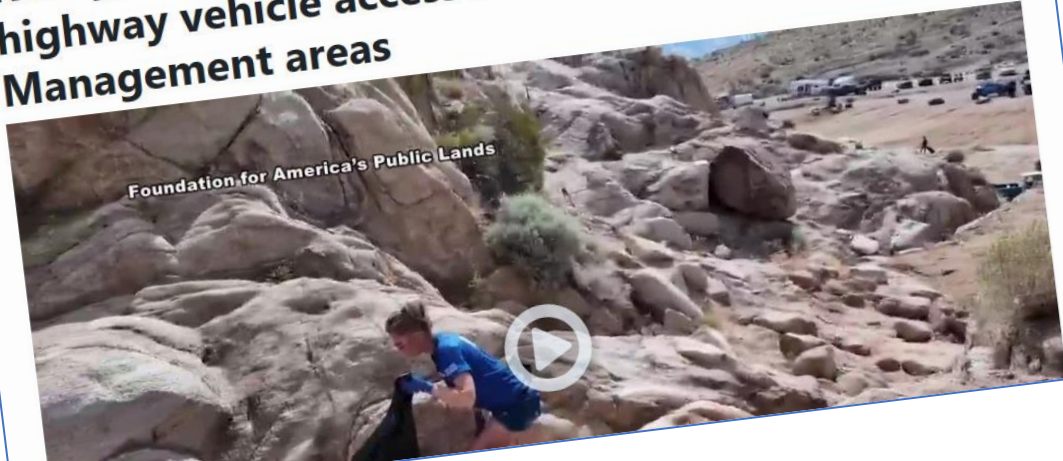
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High Desert Trail

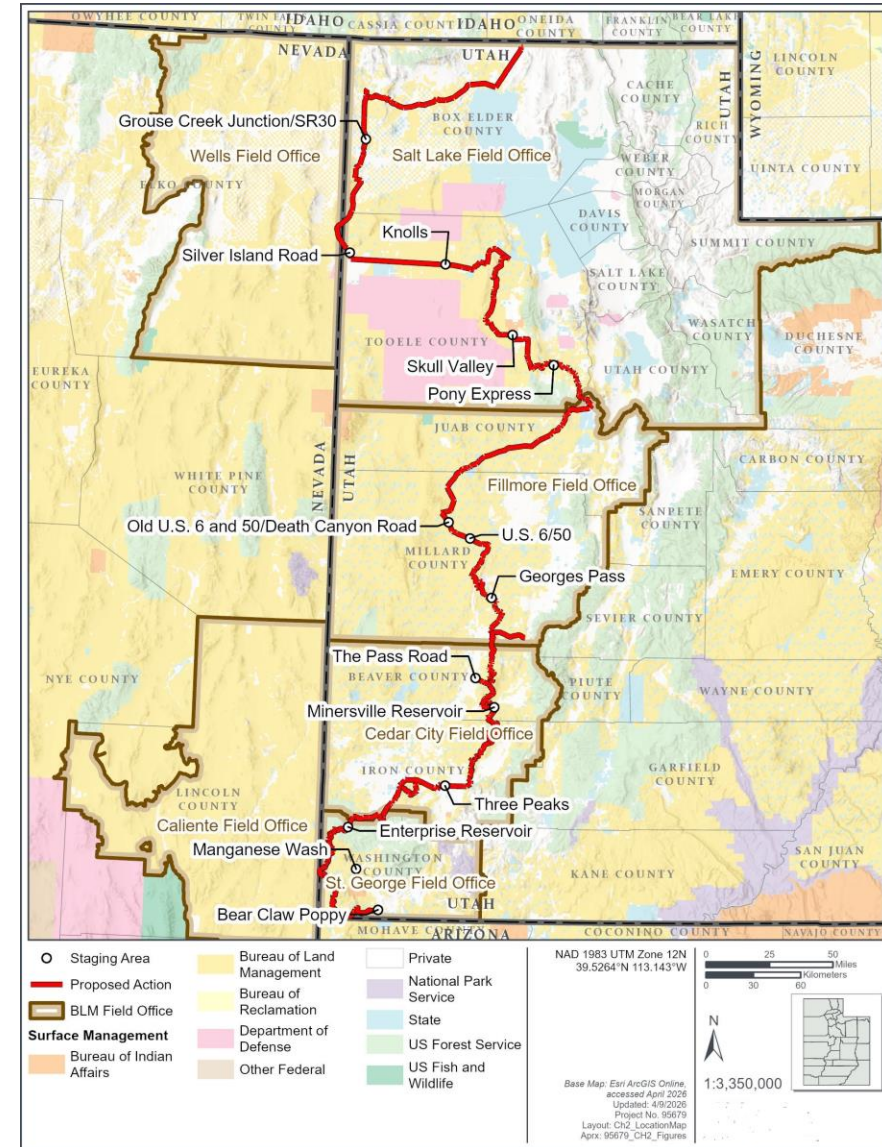


PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY		
Grant Funds Requested	\$	266,327.72
Applicant Cash Match	\$	50,610.00
Partner Cash Match	\$	-
Total Cash Match	\$	50,610.00
Applicant In-Kind Match	\$	4,743.00
Partner In-Kind Match	\$	60,235.00
Total In-Kind Match	\$	64,978.00
Total Project Cost	\$	381,915.72
% Match		30%



High Desert Trail

Utah's High Desert Trail is an ambitious motorized trail project designed to connect 7 counties along 810 miles. It represents the vision of local, state, and federal partners and an investment of more than \$1M. To safely open the trail and track its impact on Utahns, the Foundation for America's Public Lands and the BLM will: purchase and install durable wayfinding signage and kiosks to enhance motorized access, install traffic counters, and safely open the long-awaited trail.



Thank you for your time!

