



# ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

*San Miguel County Open Space, Parks and Trails*



**Purpose:** To help maintain the aesthetic and natural quality of the Keystone Gorge Loop Trail, Whiskey Charlie 62 Trail and Legacy Trail systems.

**Typical Assignment:** Community groups, school classes, and private organizations may adopt a trail for the purpose of providing light maintenance, reporting unsafe conditions, collecting refuse and controlling weeds. A typical assignment is for two summer seasons.

## **Qualifications / Skills:**

- Ability to walk at least two (2) continuous miles while collecting refuse.
- Willingness to hold a minimum of two clean-ups per season.
- Enjoy interacting with trail users.

## **Requirements:**

- Must complete and sign an Adopt-A-Trail Application.
- Must provide a certificate of liability insurance naming San Miguel County as an additional insured.
- Each participant must complete a Participant Acknowledgement & Waiver of Liability Form prior to doing any work on county property.
- Must appoint a group liaison who is at least 18 years old.
- Must notify Parks Supervisor of planned trail clean-ups at least one (1) week in advance.
- Must follow all safety procedures listed in the Application.

## **Expectations:**

- Commit to two or more trail clean-ups per season.
- Dress appropriately for the clean-up, wearing long pants, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.
- Notify Parks Supervisor of any suspicious activity or safety concerns.
- Willingness to learn about and control noxious weeds along trail system.

## **Recognition:**

- After one season of volunteer service you will receive an attractive certificate and be acknowledged with a press release. During your second season of service, you will be acknowledged with a designated sign near the trail head.



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## **Adopt-A-Trail Application**

Sponsoring Organization/Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Liaison's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or Box#) (City) (State&Zip)

Home or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of group or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Trail you would like to adopt (check one)**

Keystone Gorge Loop Trail

Whiskey Charlie 62 Trail

Legacy Trail

### **General Questions:**

Are there factors that could affect your availability?

Please list areas of interest, experience, skills or any other information you feel may be applicable to this opportunity with the County.

What do you hope to gain from participating in this Adopt-A-Trail program?



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## **Safety Procedures:**

- All participants must dress appropriately for trail maintenance, wearing long pants, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.
- All participants under the age of 18 must be directly supervised.
- No power tools are to be used. Tools with sharp edges may only be used by trained and responsible participants.
- Work should be cancelled or suspended if thunder and lightning are less than 10 seconds apart or if any other hazards exist.

## **Assistance provided by San Miguel County Staff:**

- Upon request to the Parks Supervisor at least one week in advance, we will provide your group with trash bags, weeding tools and other tools deemed necessary for light trail maintenance. County Park's staff will provide program oversight and perform all major trail improvements.

## **Commitment:**

- The adopting group or individual must commit to a one season period.
- A minimum of two (2) scheduled clean-ups must occur each season.
- At the end of each season, groups may renew, change or terminate their agreement.

## **Other Requirements (please attach to application):**

- Current certificate of insurance that includes General Liability Insurance coverage in a minimum amount of one million dollars with San Miguel County named as an additional insured.
- Completed waiver of liability forms for all participants.
- Sponsor may provide proof of medical insurance policy covering all participants for possible injuries (recommended).
- *Applicant agrees that no person or entity shall use County property for business purposes or monetary gain. Applicant acknowledges that San Miguel County does not provide any insurance coverage for participants in this program. By signing below, applicant agrees to provide basic trail maintenance and to abide by all safety procedures stated above.*

**Organization or Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## County Participant Acknowledgement & Waiver of Liability

### San Miguel County Open Space, Parks and Trails Adopt – A – Trail Program

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (the “participant”), in consideration for being allowed to serve as a program participant for the county, do hereby and forever release and discharge San Miguel County, Colorado (“county”), its government and respective board members, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, from any and all claims, actions, expenses, liabilities, judgments, or damages of any nature whatsoever, including costs and attorney's fees, arising out of any personal injury or any loss or damage to my property in any way resulting from or otherwise relating to my participation in the program.

- I fully understand and agree to provide my services to the county as a participant in the program. Participants in the Adopt-A-Trail program do so at their sole risk.
- I fully understand that the county will not provide or pay for medical treatment for injuries that occur within the scope and course of my program participant activities. I fully understand that as a program participant, I do not work for the county as an employee, therefore, I am not entitled to workers’ compensation benefits and the county cannot provide lost wages or permanent disability benefits for the program participant's regular employment.
- I fully understand and agree that if I use my personal vehicle while participating in the Adopt-A-Trail Program, my personal automobile insurance is my responsibility and primary to any other insurance that may exist.
- I fully understand and agree that if I use any of my personal property while participating in the Adopt-A-Trail Program, the county will not provide insurance coverage or be financially responsible should damage or loss occur.

**By signing this form, the undersigned, and, if the program participant is under eighteen years old, their parent/legal guardian, is aware of, understands the nature of the County Adopt-A-Trail Program and the participation requirements and conditions and agrees to the above. For program participants under eighteen years of age both the participant and their parent/legal guardian must sign this document.**

<b>Participant Printed Name:</b>	
<b>Participant Signature AND</b>	<b>Participant:</b>
<b>Parent/Guardian if less than 18 years old:</b>	<b>Parent/Guardian:</b>
<b>Name of County Representative:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	