



ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM

San Miguel County Parks and Open Space

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Purpose: To help maintain the aesthetic and natural quality of San Miguel County managed trails. Trails that may be adopted include Bridal Veil, Angell Lode, Keystone Gorge Loop, Whiskey Charlie 62, Idarado Legacy, Aldasoro, Galloping Goose Connector, Bilk Creek Climbing Wall, Marshall Creek, Coal Chutes Loop, and the M59 River Trail. Other County trails are under consideration. A trails map and County trails information can be located at: <http://www.sanmiguelcountyco.gov/293/Trails>

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 hand pulling weeds. A typical assignment is for two summer seasons but may continue long term.

Qualifications / Skills:

- Ability to walk at least two (2) continuous miles while performing light trail maintenance on your adopted trail. Ability to safely use hand tools like shovels, rakes, pruning saws and pick-axes.
- Willingness to complete a minimum of two trail work days on your adopted trail per season.
- Enjoy interacting with trail users.

Requirements:

- Complete and sign an Adopt-A-Trail Application.
- Provide a certificate of general liability insurance endorsing San Miguel County BOCC as an additional insured. Upon request, this requirement may be waived by the County Risk Manager / County Manager on a case-by-case basis.
- Appoint a group leader who is at least 18 years old.
- Group leader must become a volunteer of the county and fill out a waiver form (attached).
- Group leader must notify the County of planned trail days at least one (1) week in advance.
- Group shall follow all safety procedures listed in the application.
- No person or group shall use County property for business purposes or monetary gain.
- All participants must sign and date a group waiver form prior to trail work activities. Youth participants, ages 14-17, must have permission from parent or legal guardian.

Expectations:

- Commit to two or more trail work days on your adopted trail per season (May – October).
- Dress appropriately for the clean-up, wearing long pants, closed-toe shoes and work gloves.
- Notify the Parks Supervisor of any suspicious activity or safety concerns.
- Willingness to learn about and hand pull 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.

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:

Write in name of trail here: _____

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?

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. Pre-season trail maintenance training is available, if needed.

Adopt a Trail Program - 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.

Commitment:

- The adopting group or individual must commit to at least one season, although two or more seasons are preferred.
- 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.

Insurance Requirements and Waivers:

- All participants must sign a volunteer notification and waiver of liability form prior to any scheduled trail work. Waiver forms must be held by applicant and available upon request.
- A certificate of general liability insurance shall name and endorse the San Miguel County BOCC, PO Box 1170, Telluride, CO 81435 as an additional insured. Insurance limits must not be lower than \$424,000 per each occurrence and \$1,195,000 general aggregate.
- The requirement for general liability insurance may be waived by the County Risk Manager / County Manager on a case by case basis, but only upon formal request.

Governmental Immunity:

- The County does not intend to waive, by any provision of this Agreement, any rights, immunities, and protections provided by the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. §24-10-101, *et seq*, as currently in effect and as it may be subsequently amended.

Indemnification:

- Applicant shall indemnify, release, save, hold harmless and defend San Miguel County, its officials, employees and agents from and against all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, losses, and expenses, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fee and costs for bodily injury or personal injury, including death, or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the applicant or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, or subcontractors.
- *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:** _____



Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement – Group Waiver

Name of Event: _____ **Group Leader:** _____

Acknowledgement of Understanding: By signing below, I indemnify, release, save, hold harmless and defend San Miguel County, its officials, employees and agents from and against all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, losses, and expenses, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fee and costs for bodily injury or personal injury, including death, or loss or damage to tangible or intangible property caused, or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part, by the negligent or willful acts or omissions of the group organizer or any of its owners, officers, directors, agents, or employees.

ADULTS 18 AND OLDER SIGN BELOW:

PRINT NAME: _____	SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____
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YOUTH AGES 14-17 SIGN BELOW ALONG WITH PARENT PERMISSION:

PRINT NAME: _____	SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____
SIGNATURE AND PERMISSION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____		
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