

## GVC Report: April

1. Gunny maintenance project completed after three work days. Addressed significant erosion issues on steep fall line trail while maintaining original alignment and restoring a fun, fast, flowy section of trail. Got some TV coverage on NBC 11 News.
2. Two work nights on Moto (part of the original Lunch Loop). one Monday Night Maintenance and one evening with Endoholics riding group. Addressed significant erosion issues.
3. Crew installed signs on Old Spanish Trail. Good coverage in Daily Sentinel.
4. Monday Night maintenance on Steve's Loop, three nights through and including tonight. Addressing seep area with significant rock work. Monday Night Maintenance is currently scheduled through the end of May at various locations.
5. Archaeological survey completed on new Kokopelli trails; biological survey underway. Hope to have NEPA process completed for fall trail construction. REI grant applied for; if successful, will pool resources with City of Fruita for paid trail construction on the new Mack Ridge trail.
6. Working with Mesa County and City of Fruita on Federal Lands Access Program grant for 18 Road. County wants to improve 18 Road corridor, also looking at new parking lot/restrooms to accommodate event venue.
8. The chapter will have a booth at the Gear Up Festival (formerly MOG Fest) in Fruita on April 23-24. Also have beer tent with proceeds going to chapter.
9. Pancake breakfast fundraiser at Fruita Fat Tire Fest on April 30. Put on by US Bank with proceeds going to COPMOBA. Chapter will be present with information, some schwag giveaways and stuff for sale.

## Report – Board of Directors Meeting 7-18-2016

1. The survey work for the Kokopelli proposed trail work including Mack Ridge has been completed. The BLM at the last minute added a requirement to include a burrowing owl survey which added approximately \$1200 to the cost. No burrowing owls were observed. We have not received a final invoice to the point, but the total cost should be about \$10,800. We still have \$500 matching funds from COPMOBA on the table, and Jen from Hot Tomato has indicated that they would pick up the rest. We anticipate receiving approval from the BLM by September. We have obtained some bid/requests

for proposals samples, and will work with the City of Fruita to put a bid package together. The City of Fruita has put up \$10,000 for trail construction, COPMOBA received a grant from REI in the amount of \$7,000, and I submitted a grant request to Wells Fargo Community Assistance Fund in the amount of \$2,500 for this project. In addition, the chapter will submit a grant request to Junior Service League for \$5,000.

2. The chapter has had two maintenance work weekends: June 25-26 at Turkey Flats and July 16-17 on Flowing Park and Indian Point.

### **October 17, 2016 Board Meeting**

1. The BLM issued a Record of Decision on the Mack Ridge Trail Construction dated August 8, 2016, approving 6.6 miles of new trails and three section of trail closure/rehabilitation. The BLM has engaged the Western Colorado Conservation Corp trail crew on the Wrangler Reroute portion, approximately 1.1 miles of construction and a small rehab section. The WCCC crew started October 10, and will continue on that section until it is completed. The BLM intends to use the Wrangler closure for training purposes.

We sent out an RFP for construction of the remaining 5.5 miles and one trail closure. Responses our due October 21. We sent the RFP to seven contractors, and received inquiries from six more.

We have raised approximately \$25,500 toward this construction in cooperation with the City of Fruita and Fruita businesses. The chapter has received grants form REI in the amount of \$7,000, \$2,500 from Grand Valley Trails Alliance, and \$1,000 from Wels Fargo Community Assistance Fund. Outstanding are two applications to Junior Service League in the amount of \$5,000 and IMBA in the amount of \$5,000.

The survey work has been paid for. I have not completed the accounting because we have not received the final check from Hot Tomato. Once I do, I will work with Clark to transfer the \$2,500 match from the general fund to the Grand Valley Chapter as approved by the board at the March meeting.

2. On August 18, COPMOBA Chapter crew leaders, Grand Junction BLM, and CMU Cycling Team spent a day maintaining trails at the Lunch Loop trail system in Grand Junction focused on the team's XC race course. Approximately thirty team members plus coaches worked on Pete-e-kes, High Noon, Moto, Coyote Ridge, Curt's and

Curt's Down. A successful workday was followed by burgers and hot dogs in the parking lot. Unfortunately, the race scheduled for October 1 and 2 was canceled due to weather.

3. The Grand Valley Chapter partnered with the Mesa Land Trust, Tamarisk Coalition, Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Western Colorado Community College Wild Land Fire Program and Caprock School for National Public Lands Day at the Lunch Loops on September 24, 2016. While the Great Old Broads and Tamarisk Coalition worked on restoration and tamarisk removal, the Chapter with help from the WCCC Wildland Fire Program, Caprock School students and parents, and other community volunteers, completed a short track loop and substantially completed a hand cycle loop on the South Bookend Parcel near Monument Road.

With the WCCC crew, we had over 50 volunteers, most of whom were first time trail builders. REI helped sponsor the event, and after work was completed for the day, Baron's on Colorado provided some outstanding appetizers and a free beer for volunteers. The hand cycle loop was tested by two adaptive cyclists that afternoon, who gave it good reviews despite being incomplete. The hand cycle loop was completed the following Wednesday by nine volunteers. With some moisture and wheels, the new trails should be in great shape by spring!

4. The BLM has started work on the Sarlacc-Edge connector, which will go from the Eastern end of Sarlacc to the Edge singletrack. A meeting will be held with interested parties October 20<sup>th</sup>, with a site visit scheduled for October 23. Surveys are anticipated to start in Spring 2017 if CPW funding is available.
5. The chapter will work promoters of the Lunch Loop Bike Park to come up with a plan for maintenance of the existing park, and look at the potential for some new features. This is in conjunction with a comprehensive review of the Monument Road corridor and the Lunch Loop trailhead by the City of Grand Junction and the Mesa Land Trust. There may be some potential for Grand Junction Parks and Rec to take over some routine maintenance such as weed control.
6. The chapter is seeking suggestions and comments for new trails in the Lunch Loop area. We will submit a proposal to the BLM early next year, after working through the Grand Valley Trails Alliance process.