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News Release

Announcing Project Selections for the:

National Forest System Trail Stewardship Grants

For Field Season 2017

The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, in collaboration with the USDA Forest Service, American Hiking Society, Back Country Horsemen of America, the International Mountain Biking Association, the Blue Ribbon Coalition, and the American Motorcyclist Association, is pleased to announce project selections for the National Forest System Trail Stewardship Grants for National Forest trails for the 2017 Field season.

The Trail Stewardship Grant Program awards funds to trails and stewardship organizations for increasing trail maintenance accomplishments and reducing deferred maintenance (trail backlog) on National Forest System trails. A total of 23 grants, for \$230,000 were made available to trail and stewardship organizations for both motorized and non-motorized trail uses. 90 proposals were received, requesting over \$1,000,000 in funding.

A list of selected organizations and grant amounts is attached. Trail work will begin immediately and will affect trails in every Region of the Forest Service. Trail Grants ranged in size from \$3,605 to \$17,641. The Trail Grant program elicited over \$440,000 in matching cash, and over \$750,000 in in-kind matches. Over 2,500 volunteers are expected to participate across these selected projects. Over 1,200 miles of trail will be maintained, additional signing, structure repair, and a bridge will be replaced using these grant funds. These projects will go a long way to reducing the trail maintenance backlog on important trails around the country and increasing volunteer and trail crew participation. A Fact Sheet is attached with additional information about the Trail Stewardship Grant Program

Further information on the National Forest System Trail Stewardship Grants program can be found on the NWSA website at: www.wildernessalliance.org.

Questions about the Trail Stewardship Grant program may be addressed to the Grant Manager, Randy Welsh, Executive Director, National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance at 801-808-2167 or randy@wildernessalliance.org.

"The National Forest Trails Stewardship Grant Program was well received by the entire trails community with 90 different proposals. Unfortunately, we only had money to select 23 projects, but these grants will encourage a huge increase in the number of volunteers and public involved with National Forest trails", said Randy Welsh, Executive Director, National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, manager of these grants.

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Project Selections

Forest Service Region	Organization
Region 1	Friends of Scotchman Peaks Mountain Bike Missoula
Region 2	Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance Friends of the Dillon Ranger District Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado
Region 3	Arizona Trails Association Prescott Trail Riders
Region 4	BCHA - Idaho Foundation Idaho Trails Association Mountain Bike the Tetons
Region 5	Friends of the Desert Mountains Santa Barbara Trail Bike Volunteers Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Stewards of the Sequoias
Region 6	BCHA - Washington BCHA - West Cascades Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance Washington Trails Association
Region 8	Partners of Joyce Kilmer-Slickrock Wilderness Wild South
Region 9	Friends of the Shawnee Northwoods Volunteer Connection/Friends of Boundary Waters Wilderness
Region 10	Alaska Trails