

Public Land Trails Grant Program – Grant Final Report	
Organization: AWTa	Project Name: Cut Off Creek Trail
Grant Agreement Number: LND-070810	Date Submitted: Feb 10, 2025
Grant Expiry Date: March 31, 2025	Project Completion Date: Nov 24/2024
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Final Project Summary
Budget
<i>Grant Statement of Disbursements attached</i>
Project Goals
<i>The aim is to make the current wagon trail safe and sustainable for horse-drawn wagons, equine, and other non-motorized users (multi-use trail). Many sections of the trail are developing deep ruts and erosion due to stagnant water that cannot drain off properly. Our plan is to fill these depressions with gravel and pit run in late fall, once they are dry, to create a solid base with a slope that prevents water from pooling on the trail. We also intend to identify a suitable gravel source nearby to avoid long-distance hauling and expedite the project. Additionally, we will be cleaning up existing drainage ditches, remove fallen trees, and repair sections of the trail that have been washed out due to spring runoff or heavy rain.</i>
Project Outcomes
<i>AWTA and Bighorn District Land's works hand in hand to find a suitable gravel bed to use for the road repairs. We also applied for our own client ID number to pull our TFA.</i>
<i>During the course of this project, AWTa successfully achieved its objectives. We filled over 15 holes and rerouted the trail around a particularly problematic low-lying wet area that lacked drainage and was exposing tree roots. Our goal was to complete the work before the frost set in, allowing the gravel truck to access the site without damaging the existing trail between 40 Mile and the staging area. We also cleaned and maintained the existing drainage ditches. The trees we removed were hauled to nearby campsites for use as firewood. Original burn piles along the trail were re-piled for re-burn where possible. Additionally, the burrow pit was fully reclaimed according to pre-reclamation standards, which was successfully completed.</i>
<i>We had one unexpected issue, and due to the weather, it took us an extra day to complete the work. We didn't anticipate that it would take a full day to finish the road cleanup after the gravel truck had finished.</i>
Work Plan
<i>The work plan developed before the project began was highly effective. At the end of each workday, we held a meeting to assess our progress, determine if we were on track to finish on time, and identify any areas where we were falling behind. These project</i>

check-ins were crucial in keeping us focused on our goals and ensuring the project was completed on schedule.

We encountered only one risk factor, which arose when we began removing the overburden from the designated gravel area. There was concern that we might not have enough gravel to complete the project. However, after assessing the situation, we determined that we had more than enough, and the project was able to proceed as scheduled. With the planned equipment in place, the trail maintenance went smoothly as planned.

Additional Comments

Due to the additional day of work, we exceeded our grant budget costs by \$803.18, these funds will be taken out of 2nd Grant assigned to Panther River Project.

The Cut Off Creek project has been a valuable learning experience for our association. We are especially grateful to the fantastic team in Rocky Mountain House for their guidance throughout the project. They have been instrumental in supporting and protecting our precious lands and backcountry.

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I hereby certify that the information contained in this report and supporting documents is accurate and endorsed by the organization.

I understand that the information contained in this report may be used in whole or in part to promote the Public Land Trails Grant Program or to report on the program. Any information used, will be done in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Name: Brett Fulford

Title: **Acting President**

Signature: _____

Date: _____

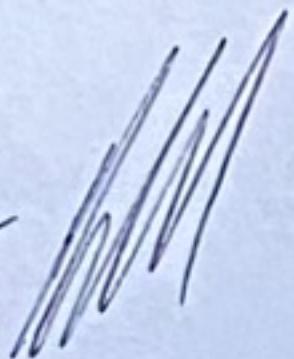
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Public Land Trails Grant Program - Grant Statement of Disbursements		
Name of Recipient ALBERTA WAGON TREKKERS ASSOCIATION	Date: Feb 10, 2025	Reporting Period: Feb 1/2024 - Mar 31/2025
Name of the Project: CUTOFF CREEK		Agreement # LND-070810
Funds Available for Current Year		
Opening balance of grant funds	(A)	\$8,120.00
Interest earned on grant funds	(B)	\$1.82
Total funds available for current year	(A+B=C)	\$8,121.82
Expenditures Incurred for Current Year		
Eligible Cost Categories:		Comments
1) Education and awareness		
a) Printed Media		
b) Web Based Media		
c) Publication Costs		
d) Other		
2) Project implementation		
a) Material and supplies		\$7,500.00
3) Project staff		
a) Salaries and benefits of project staff hired for project		
4) Administration		
a) Office expense		
b) Travel expense - Excavator Mob/De-Mob		\$1,000.00
c) Other expenses related to the project	GST	\$425.00
Total expenditures incurred for reporting period	(D)	\$8,925.00
Balance	(C-D)	-\$803.18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note any grant funds not utilized for the project stated in the grant agreement shall be returned to the Department within 60 days of the <u>completion date</u> of the project. A description of the results achieved for the reporting period must be attached. 		
SIGNATURES		

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct; that the expenditures conform to the general terms and conditions of the grant agreement and were for the purpose for which the grant was made.

Signature of Recipient

Date: Feb 10/25



I hereby certify that the expenditures summarized above were incurred and paid wholly on behalf of the recipient, and that the vouchers are available for examination purposes.

Signature of Financial Officer

Date: Feb 10, 2025

