

Public Land Trails Grant Program – Grant Final Report	
Organization: AWTA	Project Name: Panther Project
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Final Project Summary
<p>Budget</p> <p><i>Grant Statement of Disbursements attached</i></p>
<p>Project Goals</p> <p><i>Our aim was to ensure safe wagon access to the Panther–Dormer area. The existing trail, originally constructed by the flood restoration team, has deteriorated over the years and now presents safety concerns. The AWTA’s goal is to enhance user experience by improving trail safety for horse teams, equine users, while also increasing trail sustainability. The Panther Project work plan was successfully completed within the 2025 calendar year and in alignment with the approved budget.</i></p>
<p>Project Outcomes</p> <p><i>This project followed all necessary approvals and took into consideration key factors such as water drainage and compaction. Our goal was to maintain and improve the trail network, and we were able to achieve several positive outcomes—some beyond our initial expectations. Notably, we successfully removed a small hill that was originally believed to be solid rock but was found to consist of compacted small rocks.</i></p> <p><i>One of the challenges the AWTA encountered during the project was the delay in obtaining approval to cross the Panther River.</i></p>

Work Plan
<i>Crossing the Panther River was managed in accordance with approved timing requirements. To ensure public safety, we maintained safe access to the area throughout the project by assigning a dedicated trail monitor who notified users and paused equipment operations when people passed through the work zone.</i>
Additional Comments

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