

Motorcycle Trail Riding Association
of Grand Junction
PO Box 3204
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Summer 2015



*A club that represents the interests of motorcycle trail riders
A club that strongly believes that anyone who uses our public land should be involved in the
processes that make our use possible.
A club that was formed to offset the strong movement that opposes our right to enjoy the form of
recreation that is our passion.*



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Message from the president:

As a brief summary of where we are in regards to the RMP/TMP (Resource Management Plan/Travel Management Plan), we are still waiting for results from the protests that we submitted

along with the COHVCO protest. Once the protest period has been resolved (and I am not sure how long that will take) we will then move into the Trail-by-Trail Appeal period which will be a 30 day period. We will keep you posted regarding timing on this issue.

The Mesa County Commissioners had submitted a proposal to the BLM and the Governor requesting a 6 month extension between the Protest completion and the Travel Management Appeal. This was rejected by the BLM.

Other land use issues:

1. The land management agencies have no money for trails, no man-power in house to do the work, they are bogged down with the PRMP (Proposed Resource Management Plan) Protest and the upcoming TMP (Travel Management Plan) Appeal process, they are bogged down by the recent Citizens Wilderness Proposal that is demanding a re-look at many areas within the field office. All of these things are pointing toward NO NEW TRAILS! I am sorry to report that we cannot even push to completion the Tab Connector.

2. The BLM staff have calculated that the construction cost/mile of a new trail will be approximately \$16,000. Approximately \$4,000 of that figure would be for surveys. If these numbers are accurate, there is something wrong with our Public Land Management Strategy. The money for surveys is the most difficult to raise by the office, therefore they are suggesting that the GVTA take on the job of finding ways to secure this money. I also think we should petition for a faster less expensive way to implement new trails to meet demand.

3. We do have trails on the N. Uncompahgre that we have an opportunity to work with. (N. Unc. Sub-Group) There are trails in this area that are horse/foot or Mountain Bike that may be eligible for re-designation as multi-use as they are not being used by the group that was designated. We are also proposing a parallel trail that will be 50" that will allow most small motorized vehicles to stay off Divide Road as much as possible. Jim Cooper and myself are working with the USFS and the GVTA to explore the opportunities that may work best in this area. We will keep you updated.

MTRA joins forces with the Forest Service and our Dirt Bike friends.

MTRA representatives have been working with the Grand Valley Ranger District to improve the Leonard's Ridge single track trail on the North Uncompahgre trail system. Discussion and planning along with NEPA work took a while. The Bookcliff Rattlers have been working with the Forest Service to construct a sustainable and rideable trail around Pole Hill at the south end of the Long Canyon Trail.

The agreed best tool for these projects is a SWECO 300 trail tractor. We agreed to rent a tractor from SWECO to do the work. The funds are coming from our friends at Trails Preservation Alliance and The Rattlers. Operators and crew will be from the Forest Service and the MTRA. The tractor was received today July 9, 2015, at the USFS yard and will be trucked up to the Pole Hill re-route area tomorrow and work will start as soon as the ground dries up enough to be workable.

I will keep you informed and updated as to what things you as a rider can best participate in that will assist in the overall benefit to our trails issue. We appreciate your continued support through membership, active trail work and donations.



NOTICE!

DIRT BIKE TRAIL RIDER BBQ

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2015

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5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

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By becoming a voluntary member of MTRA, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the MTRA, it's members, employees, or third parties from and against any claim, action, loss, liability, expense, damage or judgment, including costs and attorney's fees that may arise from my association with the MTRA.

I understand the MTRA accepts no responsibility for me, my family or associates, my equipment and or motor vehicles or insurance for such at any time including all club events.

I also understand that as a member of the MTRA, I am welcome at all club meetings and events and will be able to receive club newsletters or other publications created for the club members.

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