

TRAIL USER PERMIT FEE

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Why?

- Motorized (Off-highway Vehicle-OHV) community pays their way.
 - Want services and these services are funded by:
 - State registration fees
 - State gas tax
 - County property
 - Federal gas tax
- Non-motorized (human powered) community pays close to nothing.
 - Want services and there is no funding source except:
 - Federal gas tax (Recreational Trails Program Grant -RTP)

Non-motorized Funding History

- **Utah Trails and Pathways Program**

- program funded with general funds appropriated by legislature
- 50/50 matching fiscal assistance grant to government agencies for planning, land acquisition, and development of non-motorized trails
- program offered trail technical assistance and training
- program grants funded and developed, numerous hiking, biking, nordic skiing, walking and equestrian trails
- due to budget reductions and no secure funding source, the program was eliminated in 2011

- **LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund**

- provided 50% match for projects and some projects funded non-motorized trails
- last known funds available were in 2004

- **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

- 50/50 matching fiscal assistance grant to government agencies
- average annual amount received \$1.8, divided between motorized and non-motorized
- funds provided from a federal fuel tax, so motorized essentially is paying non-motorized trail opportunities
- we do not know the future of this program

Trail Locations

- Most non-motorized trails exist upon public lands and the Division of State Parks and Recreation mission is; “To enhance the quality of life by preserving and providing natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.”
- This means providing services to Utah citizens and visitors, to Utah, along with securing recreational opportunities
- Since the Trails and Pathways program has been eliminated, should we pursue a funding source for non-motorized recreational opportunities?

Funding Examples

City trail pass example:

- **Newark, New Jersey trail pass and fees**
 - **Horse Back Riding:**
Newark resident **\$19.00**
Non-Newark resident **\$34.50**
 - **Hiking/Cross Country Skiing:**
Newark resident **\$6.00**
Non-Newark resident **\$12.00**
Newark senior citizen **\$3.00**
Non-Newark senior citizen **\$6.00**

State trail pass examples:

- **Wisconsin State Park System State trail pass**
 - state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, or off-highway motorcycling on certain trails
 - state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking
 - state trail pass is issued to the person, not the bike, horse, motorcycle, etc. It is non-transferable, meaning the pass cannot be passed from person to person or shared with others
 - state trail pass must be filled out to be valid. A vehicle admission sticker is required if you park or take your motor vehicle within the boundaries of a state park, forest or recreation area
 - State trail pass annual fee: resident or non-resident \$20, daily \$4

- **Colorado Search and Rescue Card (CORSAR)**
 - purchase a CORSAR card one contributes to the Colorado Search and Rescue fund
 - reimburses costs incurred in your search and rescue
 - anyone with a current hunting/fishing license, or boat, snowmobile, ATV registration is covered by the fund
 - CORSAR card is not insurance
 - does not reimburse individuals nor does it pay for medical transport
 - medical transport includes helicopter flights or ground ambulance. If aircraft is used as a search vehicle, those costs are reimbursed by the fund. If the aircraft becomes a medical transport due to a medical emergency, the medical portion of the transport is not covered.
 - CORSAR cards are available for \$3 for one year and \$12 for five years, and can be purchased at over 300 retailers in the state
- **Washington**
 - promotes the use of a pass whether it is managed by the federal government or the State of Washington
 - Federal recreation sites include: national forests; national parks; national wildlife refuges; national historic sites; Bureau of Land Management lands; and places managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. An America the Beautiful Interagency pass gets named passholders into all of these sites; a Northwest Forest Pass allows trailhead parking on national forests only
 - Washington state lands include: Washington State Parks; Washington Department of Natural Resource lands (state forests, natural resource conservation areas, natural area preserve; and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife lands
 - there is not currently one pass that covers both

Parking permit examples:

- **California**
 - the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority requires an annual parking permit covering various trailheads
 - cost for a multi-park weekday five (5) day permit is \$300.00/yr and cost for a multi-park seven (7) day permit is \$450.00/yr
- Others? ? ?

