



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2025

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*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at **9:05 AM on Thursday, June 12, 2025***

<u>Board Present</u>	In-person: Mara Brosy-Wichar, Carrie Curtiss, Charlie Garcia, Pam Denahy, Craig Hughes, Tom Lee, Mina Liebert, Tim Mauck, Brenda May, Turk Montepare, Jahi Simbai Virtual: Patty Imhoff, Krithika Prashant, Ray Tschillard
<u>Board Absent</u>	Marie Haskett, Leticia Martinez, Bobby Massie, Mo Siegel, Jay Tutchton
<u>Staff Present</u>	In-Person: Liz Bowen, Rosemary Dempsey, Alex Castino, Tilah Larson, Crystal Medrano, Jackie Miller, Dan Omasta, Christy Reeves, Katie Smith, Josh Tenneson, Mike Wight, Kylie Yang, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer Virtual: Chris Aaby, Sofia Blanco, Matt Brady, Leah Kahler-Read, Payton Lockhart, Diane Metzger, Amber Shanklin, Sammie Trotter
<u>Staff Absent</u>	
<u>Public Present</u>	In-person: Adrian Varney (Colorado Lottery), Martha Beavers (CPW), Ruth Aponte (Aponte-Busam Public Affairs), Mahamoud Ahmed (Aponte-Busam Public Affairs), Hannah George (Keep It Colorado), Robyn Paulekas (Keep It Colorado), Marcia Gilles (Eagle County), Ernest Seger (Vail Valley Mountain Trail Alliance) Virtual: Mike Suple (Suple Advertising & Design), Leigh Ann Bauer (Suple Advertising & Design), Wade Shelton (Trust for Public Land), Ilana Moir (Colorado West Land Trust), Lisa Branner & Klem (Silverton, San Juan County), Seth Armentrout (Colorado of Open Lands), Traci Ferguson (Commerce City), Justin Perdue (City of Northglenn), Jesse Mestrovic (City of Northglenn), Amanda Peterson (City of Northglenn)
<u>Welcome & Introductions</u>	Ms. Liebert invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<u>March Minutes</u>	Ms. Liebert introduced the March board meeting minutes for a vote: Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the March board meeting minutes; Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 14-0; 5 members absent).



<u>Regional Update</u>	Ms. Smith welcomed the board, staff, and guests with a land acknowledgement. She presented on the seven counties in the west region, some of the key challenges and opportunities, and noted that there are three regional partnerships in this region: Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition, West Slope Outdoor Alliance, and Ouray Region Recreation and Conservation Alliance. She highlighted land acquisition, community impact, and stewardship grants, as well as the work Generation Wild is doing in Delta and Garfield Counties through the region.
<u>Executive Director Update</u>	Ms. Miller asked Mr. Mauck to give the board updates on Colorado Parks and Wildlife work in the region and the trails down to Clear Creek Canyon and Floyd Hill. She reflected on the last five-year plan (FY 2021-2025) and \$362 million in the values-driven portfolio. GOCO stood up new community-centered programs, responded to the needs and challenges of our partners during the pandemic, designated Generation Wild as a base program, and upheld ourselves as a trusted funder in the state. She updated the board on recent developments and upcoming initiatives in the next five years with the launch of the new Strategic Plan. She highlighted the following: • ~\$414 million dollars over the next five years • New grant program and guidance materials • A facelift of the website to be more user friendly to our grantees and partners • Launch of the COS at PiTO and at the legislative breakfast at the Capitol • 2025 Audit • Wilderflowers 2.0; 126,000 seed packets have been distributed • Denver PEAK Academy Black Belt Training Program to improve internal processes Continue to monitor the Colorado Lottery Cap as we will come up short, but we will update the board with the final numbers in the fall. We're staying engaged on federal funding issues.. Reminders: • 2025 board appointments will be confirmed later this summer/fall. • Upcoming Board Retreat in Pueblo, September 17-19, where we will discuss impact reporting. • As GOCO Ambassadors, consider attending grand openings throughout the summer.
<u>Colorado's Outdoors Strategy</u>	Mr. Zimmerer gave a brief overview of the Colorado's Outdoors Strategy, reflecting on the launch at the Partner in the Outdoors Conference in April and the collaborative work of the partners of building the strategy. He reiterated the goals of the strategy, highlighting the resource hub and data dashboard, the guidance framework for tribal collaboration in



	conservation, recreation, and climate resilience, and the RPI Grant Program codeveloping with CPW with the hopes of a launch at the end of June 2025. Mr. Mauk, Department of Natural Resources, shared the history of the strategy, why it came to be, and the early mobilization of regional partnerships. He reflected on how the strategy is getting national attention and how it will balance recreation and conservation and build out inter-agency collaborations. He spoke on the implementation of the 33 agency actions.
<u>Aponte-Busam</u> <u>Public Affairs</u> <u>Update</u>	Ms. Aponte and Mr. Ahmed briefed the board on the 2025 Colorado State Legislation. By the numbers: 657 bills introduced, 478 bills passed, 127 bills postponed indefinitely, 47 “died” on the calendar, and 11 bills vetoed. The FY25-26 budget was facing a \$1.2 billion dollar deficit and the legislation was able to balance the budget by agency internal cuts. They briefed us on the upcoming 2026 midterms: gubernatorial race, attorney general race, state treasury race, state legislature seats, and potential ballot measures. GOCO highlights during the session: • Legislative Breakfast • Monitored the budget of two state agencies: prioritizing Dept of Natural Resource: Keep Colorado Wild Pass and Outdoor Equity Grant Program, Dept. of Revenue: Lottery Optimization • Tracked six bills and supported three: Community Schoolyards Grant Program, Outdoor Recreation and Management (withdrawn), Wildlife Habitat Stamp Program, Redistribution of Lottery Spillover Funds • Delivered GOCO annual reports to legislators
<u>RESTORE Colorado</u> <u>& Federal</u> <u>Funding/Staffing</u> <u>Update</u>	Mr. West, Regional Director of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, updated the board on NFWF’s five-year report including GOCO’s RESTORE Colorado Program and other Colorado Partnerships.
<u>Finance Update</u>	Ms. Reeves briefly updated the board on the current finances since the end of March; the revenue and grant expenditures of lottery proceeds; FY25 budget versus year-to-date actuals, coming in under budget; \$180.15 million in outstanding grants; and the cash vs outstanding grants. She showed the cash versus outstanding grants flow model forecast over the next five years, and financial metrics for cumulative grant awards.
<u>2026 Operating</u> <u>Budget</u>	Ms. Reeves presented the fiscal year 2026 operating budget, which includes the fiscal year 2025 amendment and fiscal year 2026 proposal, highlighting the effort of the staff input and collaboration. She showed comparisons from year to year. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2026 operating budget as presented; Mr. Garcia seconded.



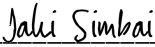
	Motion Carried (Votes: 14-0; 5 members absent).
<u>Spending Plans</u>	Mr. Tenneson presented the spending plans, including the fiscal year 2021-2025 amendment, fiscal year 2026-2030 amendment, and the fiscal year 2026 annual spending plan. He highlighted the proposed changes in: Generation Wild, Lottery Cap, Base & Generation Wild Programs, Deauthorizations, and Base Program (Land Acquisitions); proposed changes for the 2026-30 adjustments include Generation Wild marketing spending for the timing of the Wilderflowers campaign. He presented the fiscal year 2026 spending plan, drawing attention for local government and open space, dedicating \$25 million from each purpose. Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the spending plan amendments and fiscal year 2026 spending plan as presented; Ms. Denahy seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 14-0; 5 members absent).
<u>Generation Wild Spring Campaign</u>	Ms. Dempsey updated the board on the Children’s Nature Network conference she and Chris Aaby attended. She then introduced Mike Sukle and Leigh Ann Bauer, of Sukle Advertising and Design, who presented to the board an update of the current spring campaign, Wilderflowers 2.0. Ms. Bauer updated the board on the media efforts and the partnerships for the campaign, including the Colorado Rockies. Mr. Sukle informed the board that we will be passing out 150 million seed packets for this year’s campaign. He showed the commercial that has been playing over multiple media sites and the effects showing an increase of numbers from last year.
<u>Base & Partner Recommendations</u>	Ms. Castino introduced the ten recommended Transaction Cost Assistance Program Grants for \$553,850, conserving 16,000 acres of land over nine counties, including 754 acres of wetlands. • Rito Alto Ranch, Saguache County • Johnson Animas River, La Plata County • Picture Rock Ranch, Rio Grande County • Triple R Ranches, Conejos County • Cement Creek Ranch, Gunnison County • Ute Ranch, Montrose County • Badger Creek Ranch, Fremont & Park Counties • Fourmile Creek Property, XX County • Rusk Ranch, Custer County • Taylor Ranch, Fremont County Mr. Zimmerer introduced the six recommended Directors Innovation Fund grants for \$1.275 million –



	• Use of Drone in Wildlife Management: Aerial Spray Drone & Wolf Monitoring Project • Fossil Protection • Badger/Ferret Research • Stakeholder Engagement: Tribal and Native Community Engagement & Lefthand Canyon Ms. Larson introduced the nine base grant projects for \$9.2 million dollars: four community impact, four land acquisitions, one stewardship impact – • New Park Development in Northglenn • Baker’s Park Trail System, Town of Silverton • Wetland Project, Commerce City with the Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership • High Note Regional Park, Lone Tree • Tolland Ranch, The Conservation Fund • Beaver Mesa Ranch Conservation Easement, San Miguel County, with Colorado West Land Trust • Stirrup Bar Ranch Conservation Easement in North Fork Valley, with Trust for Public Lands • Phase III of Acequia Initiative in Southern San Luis Valley, Colorado Open Lands • Eagle County Outdoor Stewardship Partnership, Eagle County & Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	Ms. Liebert introduced the consent agenda: • Base Programs Grant Recommendations • Transaction Cost Assistance Program • Grant Extensions • CPW DIF • CPW Trail Extension Grant Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 14-0; 5 members absent).
<u>Acequias Spotlight Video</u>	Mr. Yuan-Farrell spoke briefly on the acequias work with Colorado Open Lands. Video link shared with board via email.
<u>Executive Director’s Annual Review</u>	Ms. Liebert led the board members into an Executive Session to discuss Ms. Miller’s annual review. <i>Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Law, CRS §§ 24-6-402(4)(f)(I), for the board to discuss the Executive Director’s yearly assessment.</i>



	Mr. Montepare made a motion to approve the executive director’s annual review as discussed in the executive session; Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion Carried (Votes: 14-0; 5 members absent).
<i>The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM on Thursday, June 12, 2025</i>	

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-06
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. GOCO endeavors to maximize funds available for grant programs and investments, demanding efficient and fiscally prudent operating budgets on an ongoing basis;
- 2. The GOCO Board has reviewed the proposed strategic plan and high-level 5-year spending plan identifying programmatic business priorities and anticipated spending levels for grant programs and investments on a multi-year basis; and
- 3. Achievement of GOCO’s strategic priorities is in large part a function of having sufficient operating resources available for GOCO staff to implement the various plans.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

- 1. To adopt an operating budget for fiscal year 2026 that includes the following expenses:

Budget Category	FY 2026 Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,221,761
Professional Services	253,709
Other Communication	207,000
Administrative Services	783,567
Capital and Non-Capital Purchases	74,000
Generation Wild Campaign	2,316,244
Total	\$ 6,856,281

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 12, 2025.

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**State Board of the
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Resolution 2025-07
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

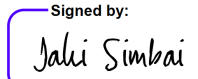
- 1. GOCO endeavors to maximize funds available for grant programs and investments, demanding efficient and fiscally prudent operating budgets on an ongoing basis;
- 2. The GOCO Board has reviewed the proposed strategic plan and high-level 5-year spending plan identifying programmatic business priorities and anticipated spending levels for grant programs and investments on a multi-year basis; and
- 3. Achievement of GOCO's strategic priorities is in large part a function of having sufficient operating resources available for GOCO staff to implement the various plans; and
- 4. On June 21, 2024, the Board approved resolution #2024-12 to implement an operating budget for fiscal year 2025 totaling \$6,493,552; and
- 5. Due to the timing of this year's Generation Wild marketing campaign activities, it is anticipated that an additional \$283,756 will be incurred in paid media expenses during FY 2025; and
- 6. This increase is just a matter of timing, and these funds will be reallocated from the FY 2026 operating budget, so that in total, there is no increase in Generation Wild expenditures over the two years.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

- 1. To amend the operating budget for fiscal year 2025 as follows:

Budget Category	FY 2025 Original Budget	Budget Amendment	FY 2025 Amended Budget
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,091,788	\$ -	\$ 3,091,788
Professional Services	285,175	-	285,175
Other Communication	212,000	-	212,000
Administrative Services	759,189	-	759,189
Capital and Non-Capital Purchases	145,400	-	145,400
Generation Wild Campaign	2,000,000	283,756	2,283,756
Total	\$ 6,493,552	\$ 283,756	\$ 6,777,308

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 12, 2025.

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**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-08
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Funding for the 2025 Director's Innovation Fund Projects

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requested \$150,000 for the 2025 round of the Director's Innovation Fund at the March 2025 GOCO Board meeting through the FY25-26 Investment Proposal;
2. A review committee comprised of both GOCO and CPW staff reviewed and evaluated 16 applications requesting a total of \$340,490; and
3. The CPW Director's office was presented with and subsequently approved the review committee's recommendations to fund six of the 16 projects.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. To provide a total of \$150,000 in funding for the following six projects:
 - a. Aerial Spray Drone System - \$25,000 in wildlife purpose funds;
 - b. Fossil Protection - \$25,000 in wildlife purpose funds;
 - c. Impacts of Badgers to Black-footed Ferrets - \$10,000 in wildlife purpose funds;
 - d. Assessing Wolf Monitoring and Hazing using Drones - \$15,000 in wildlife purpose funds;
 - e. Tribal and Native Community Engagement on State Parks - \$50,000 in outdoor recreation purpose funds; and
 - f. Lefthand Canyon Stakeholder Engagement - \$25,000 in outdoor recreation purpose funds.
2. Per Resolution 2025-01, these capital funds are available through June 30, 2028;
3. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
 - a. Provide the Joint Budget Committee with a copy of the proposed transfer of funds to Parks and Wildlife for the Committee's review per standard operating procedure.
 - b. Administer the investments in these projects according to the proposal approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA.
 - c. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments.
4. The executive director is hereby empowered to make minor adjustments and additions in the funding awards, in consultation with the director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, except that

any shift in the use of these funds from capital to operations must be brought to the GOCO Board for approval.

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**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-09
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving a CPW Trails Grant Extension Request

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. On April 22, 2025, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) formally requested a one-year extension for a non-motorized trail grant (Log #21192) through June 30, 2026; and
2. CPW's requests this extension due to delays with landowner easement approval for one remaining project within the parent log, specifically sublog #21192d – Poudre River Trail.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. To approve CPW's extension request through June 30, 2026 for log number 21192:
2. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
 - a. Administer the investment in this project according to the proposal approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA; and
 - b. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investment approved by the GOCO Board.
3. The executive director is hereby empowered to make minor adjustments and additions in the funding awards, in consultation with the director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, except that any shift in the use of these funds from capital to operations must be brought to the GOCO Board for approval.

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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

Financial and Capital Services Branch
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216
P 303.291.7712

April 22, 2025

Jackie Miller, Executive Director
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Director Miller,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requests an extension of the following GOCO log from its current expiration date of June 30, 2025, until June 30, 2026.

21192 - Trails Grant Program - Capital

CPW respectfully requests one additional year to complete one project in this grant. Please see details below.

21192d Poudre River Trail—The project is behind schedule due to delays with landowner easement approval.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Martha Beavers at Martha.Beavers@state.co.us or (303) 291-7620.

Sincerely,

David Porter

Deputy Chief Financial Officer



**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2025-10
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Grants for the Transaction Cost Assistance Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. The board awarded funding to Keep It Colorado to implement the Emerging Conservation Opportunities (ECO) program in June 2022, a two-part program organized under separate sub-programs – the Conservation Catalyst Fund and Conservation Community Health and Sustainability. The Conservation Catalyst Fund includes the Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP);
2. TCAP supports land conservation partners in completing conservation easement transactions that protect critical natural and working lands, particularly in areas of the state with the highest climate resiliency and support landowners with more limited financial resources to close conservation easements. GOCO staff serves on the review committee and participates in making project recommendations;
3. In implementing the Transaction Cost Assistance Program, Keep It Colorado committed to facilitate two competitive grant cycles during the Fall of 2024 and Spring of 2025; and
4. Keep It Colorado received 14 applications for the Spring 2025 TCAP cycle, and upon joint review, GOCO and Keep It Colorado recommend that the board fund 10 proposals.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Award \$520,450 to the projects and applicants identified in the attached “Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List”;
2. Finance this award out of previously authorized open space purpose funding to Keep It Colorado;
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

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Transaction Cost Assistance Program Funding Summary List

Projects Recommended for Funding

June 12, 2025

Applicant	Project Title	County	Request Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Total Project Cost	Total Project Value	Congressional District
Central Colorado Conservancy	Badger Creek Ranch	Fremont	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$96,035	\$1,423,035	7
Crested Butte Land Trust	Cement Creek Ranch	Gunnison	\$48,500	\$48,500	\$101,000	\$1,316,000	3
Mountain Area Land Trust	Fourmile Creek Property	Park	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$88,935	\$338,935	7
La Plata Open Space Conservancy	Johnson Animas River	La Plata	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,500	\$1,600,500	3
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Picture Rock Ranch*	Rio Grande	\$75,000	\$41,600	\$105,235	\$2,182,235	3
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Rito Alto Ranch	Saguache	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$118,180	\$3,862,180	3
Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Rusk Ranch (Beckwith Parcel)	Custer	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$109,935	\$935,775	7
Colorado Open Lands	Taylor Ranch	Fremont	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$174,470	\$8,312,470	7
Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust	Triple R Ranches	Conejos	\$75,000	\$67,350	\$112,735	\$880,735	3
Colorado Cattleman's Agricultural Land Trust	Ute Ranch	Montrose	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$92,385	\$690,885	3
TOTAL			\$561,500.00	\$520,450.00	\$1,099,410.00	\$21,542,750.00	

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-11
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving Grants for Base Programs

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO's competitive grants include four base programs: Community Impact, Land Acquisition, Stewardship Impact, and Planning & Capacity;
2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures that accomplish one or more eligible constitutional purposes;
3. In the FY25 spending plan, the board allocated up to \$10,336,872 in local government purpose funding and up to \$8,681,656 in open space purpose funding for base programs across all three funding cycles, with a balance of local government and open space available in the amount of \$2.63 million and \$2.33 million, respectively;
4. In addition, the board recommended to augment open space funding with the following: 1) reauthorization of current year deauthorizations in the amount of \$1.33 million, 2) use of reserve in the amount of \$1.03 million, and 3) use of remaining Centennial funds in the amount of \$1.95 million; and
5. On May 15, 2025, the Programs Committee recommended funding 9 projects in the amount of \$9,270,000.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. Award \$9,270,000.00 to fund nine of the projects identified in the attached "Base Programs Funding Summary List";
2. Finance this award with \$2,630,000 in local government purpose funding and \$6,640,000 in open space purpose funding, as outlined in section 4 above; and
3. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are

necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for additional direction.

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Base Programs Funding Summary List								
Projects Recommended for Funding								
June 12, 2025								
Applicant	Project Title	Program	County	Request Amount	Recommended LG Amount	Recommended OS Amount	Total Project Cost	Congressional District
City of Northglenn	Odell Barry Park	CI	Adams	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		\$4,389,396.46	8
San Juan County and Town of Silverton	Bakers Park Trail System	CI	San Juan	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00		\$1,536,837.00	3
City of Commerce City	Wetland Park Destination on the Sand Creek Regional Greenway	CI	Adams	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		\$898,299.00	4
City of Lone Tree	High Note Regional Park	CI	Douglas	\$750,000.00	\$580,000.00		\$23,050,000.00	4
The Conservation Fund	Tolland Ranch	LA	Gilpin	\$3,000,000.00		\$3,000,000.00	\$9,600,000.00	7
Colorado West Land Trust	Beaver Mesa Ranch Conservation Easement	LA	San Miguel	\$1,800,000.00		\$1,800,000.00	\$14,249,000.00	3
Trust for Public Land	Stirrup Bar Ranch Conservation Easement	LA	Montrose	\$925,000.00		\$925,000.00	\$5,681,000.00	3
Colorado Open Lands	Acequia Initiative Phase III	LA	Conejos, Costilla	\$915,000.00		\$915,000.00	\$1,672,265.00	3
Eagle County	Eagle County Outdoor Stewardship Partnership	SI	Eagle	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00		\$502,943.00	2 & 3
TOTAL				\$9,440,000.00	\$2,630,000.00	\$6,640,000.00	\$61,579,740.46	

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution 2025-12
June 12, 2025**

A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2021-2025 Spending Plan Amendment

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Per Article XXVII(6)(2)(e) of the Colorado Constitution, the board shall determine what portion of moneys allocated to the trust fund shall remain in an interest-bearing account;
2. The GOCO Board has adopted policy 2.10 Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans, which details all factors that must be considered regarding board authorized spending;
3. On June 11, 2020, via Resolution 2020-16, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2021-2025;
4. Since June 2020, the board has approved several amendments to the five-year spending plan;
5. Due to important additional considerations, the board desires to amend the five-year spending plan; and
6. On May 15, 2025, the Finance Committee recommended that a five-year spending plan amendment be forwarded to the full board for approval.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. To Amend the five-year fiscal year 2021-2025 spending plan as follows and as attached:
 - a. Lower the fiscal year 2025 constitutional lottery cap due to anticipated proceeds falling below the cap.
 - b. Accelerate \$283,756 in Generation Wild marketing funds from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2025, thus increasing the fiscal year 2025 allocation and expenditure.
 - c. Adjust Base and Generation Wild program allocations to match actual grant authorizations to date.
 - d. Revise deauthorizations to match actuals to date and reauthorize \$1.33 million in open space deauthorizations into Base programs for fiscal year 2025.
 - e. Use remaining reserve funds to support Base program projects and cover the fiscal year 2025 lottery shortfall, effectively reducing the reserve balance to zero.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 12, 2025.

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**State Board of the
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Resolution 2025-13
June 12, 2025**

**A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2030 Spending Plan Amendment and
Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan**

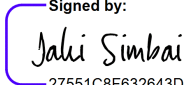
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2. The GOCO Board has adopted policy 2.10 Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans, which details all factors that must be considered regarding board authorized spending;
3. On March 14, 2025, via Resolution 2025-03, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2026-2030;
4. Due to a change in timing in Generation Wild marketing expenses, the board desires to amend the five-year spending plan;
5. As part of the flexible approach to the spending plan, the board agreed to set program allocations on an annual basis and now desires to approve the fiscal year 2026 spending plan and associated fiscal year 2026 direct expenditures; and
6. On May 15, 2025, the Finance Committee recommended that a five-year spending plan amendment and fiscal year 2026 spending plan be forwarded to the full board for approval.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Amend the five-year spending plan as follows and as attached:
 - a. Accelerate \$283,756 in Generation Wild marketing funds from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2025, reducing the fiscal year 2026 allocation;
2. Approve the attached fiscal year 2026 spending plan; and
3. Approve the attached fiscal year 2026 direct expenditures using the board's discretionary authority in accordance with GOCO Policy 2.11.E.2 and authorize GOCO's expenditure of such funds to directly administer board approved grants and grant programs.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 12, 2025.

Signed by:

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Jahi Simbai, GOCO Board Secretary



MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board
From: Leah Kahler, Grants Officer
Date: June 4, 2025
Re: Grant Extensions

Consistent with the board's procedure on overdue grants, staff sent reminder notices to grantees with approaching due dates. Subsequent communications with grantees led staff to make the following recommendations.

Community Impact (CI)

#22003 Hanging Lake Trail Emergency Restoration Project RESERVE - \$2,282,000

On March 18, 2022, the board awarded \$2,282,000 in local government, open space, wildlife and parks purpose funds to National Forest Foundation (NFF) to support reconstruction of the trail to Hanging Lake. The original completion date for the project was March 31, 2025. The project is on staff extension through June 12, 2025.

As the project progressed, it proved to be more technically complex than anticipated given the terrain, necessitating alternative, manual reconstruction methods and additional safety work. The importance of public access during the summer months paused progress in certain areas. Finally, manufacturing delays postponed delivery of the bridges.

Work has already started for the season on the trailhead area and rockfall mitigation fence, and approximately 65% of the project is complete. To date, NFF has received 75% of their award. They anticipate completing construction by November 2025 and *request an extension through March 31, 2026 to complete work and submit final reporting.*

Recommendation:

Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2026.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it shall be automatically deauthorized unless the board takes further action.

#23007 Heron Pond/Heller/Carpio-Sanguinette Park - \$750,000



On March 10, 2023, the board awarded \$750,000 in local government purpose funds to the City and County of Denver to construct an 80-acre park and open space. The original completion date for the project was June 30, 2025. The project is on staff extension through June 12, 2025.

As the third and final phase, this project was contingent on the completion of previous phases, which experienced material and manufacturing delays during the pandemic, and severe weather delays. Construction started last month on the pump track and concrete path. Construction is expected to finish by June 2026, and Denver *requests an extension through September 30, 2026 to complete work and submit final reporting.*

Recommendation:

Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by September 30, 2026.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it shall be automatically deauthorized unless the board takes further action.

Planning & Capacity (PCP)

#23302 Promoting Landscape Resilience at Scale - \$87,000

On March 10, 2023, the board awarded \$87,000 in open space purpose funds to the Colorado West Land Trust (CWLT) to develop a 2-year, 2-phased comprehensive restoration and resilience program to steward its conservation easement portfolio. The original completion date for the project was March 31, 2025. The project is on staff extension through June 12, 2025.

As implementation began, staff discovered that the two phases are interdependent and should be conducted simultaneously. However, due to staff capacity and input from partners on further plan refinement, the timeline was extended. In addition, federal funding was delayed, resulting in the need to seek additional funding.

The project is approximately 40% complete. Staff will continue to refine the stewardship plan and complete a final draft for the CWLT board to consider in January 2026. CWLT *requests an extension through March 31, 2026 to complete work and submit final reporting.*

Recommendation:

Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2026.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it shall be automatically deauthorized unless the board takes further action.



#22307 Preserving Culture and Enhancing Habitat Resilience through Traditional Harvest - \$55,014

On June 10, 2022, the board awarded \$55,014 in open space purpose funds to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (UMUT) to create sustainable resources for the traditional harvest of culturally important plants on Ute Mountain Ute Tribal lands. The original completion date for the project was June 30, 2024.

The project is on staff extension through December 31, 2024. The reason for requesting this extension now is due to the timing of communication received from the Tribe, and surpassing the date GOCO staff anticipated receiving the final report.

Differing opinions among staff and partners around the approach and methodology of traditional harvest on private lands slowed progress on deliverables. It was eventually concluded that both approaches have value and can continue in parallel to the benefit of the Tribe. In addition, staff and partners needed time to include public lands in the traditional harvest conversation, which was not initially identified as a component of the plan. Finally, leadership turnover and capacity limitations delayed progress on drafting the plan and completing GOCO's final report. The Tribe *requests an extension through December 31, 2025 to wrap up deliverables and submit final reporting.*

Recommendation:

Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2025.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it shall be automatically deauthorized unless the board takes further action.

Current Generation Wild grants

Currently there exists a variety of end dates across Generation Wild grants. To improve clarity and prepare for the relaunch of the Generation Wild program in fiscal year 2026, which will involve significant new grant authorizations and timelines, staff proposes the following:

1. Grantees are strongly encouraged to expend all currently awarded Generation Wild funds on or before December 31, 2025, with any funds unspent by June 30, 2026 to be deauthorized.
2. Extend end dates for current Generation Wild grants so that Grantees shall submit all Generation Wild reporting to GOCO staff on or before June 30, 2026.

Recommendation

GOCO staff recommends that the programs committee forward to the board the Generation Wild extension request for final approval.