

Trail Mix Committee Agenda

Tuesday, May 11 2021

11:00 AM via conference call

Per Executive Order 2020-5 issued by Governor Gary R. Herbert on March 18, 2020, this meeting will be conducted electronically. An anchor location will not be provided.

conference call: 435-259-4138 : select Line 1 : password is "123456"

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Presentations

- Laurie Simonson, City of Moab Attorney, on proposed City code changes affecting the pathways within City limits

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Citizens to Be Heard

To have your comments considered for the Citizens to Be Heard portion of the meeting, please email your comments (as plain text only, no attachments) to: MoabTrailMix@gmail.com
Comments must be received by 9:00 AM May 11. Please limit them to 400 words.

5. Reports

- 1. BLM Report – Katie Stevens**
- 2. Forest Service Report – Brian Murdock**
- 3. Grand County Active Trails Report – Maddie Logowitz**
- 4. County Report – Jacques Hadler**
- 5. City Report – Cory Shurtleff**
- 6. Chair Report - Paul Spencer**
- 7. Biking Report - Colin Topper**
- 8. Climbing/Canyoneering Report – Brett Sutteer**
- 9. Equestrian Report – Stephen Schultz**
- 10. Hiking Report – Marc Thomas**
- 11. Trail Running Report – Justin Ricks**
- 12. Ski Report – Kirstin Peterson**

6. Action Items

- Approval of letter of recommendation to Grand County for coordination of e-bike regulation changes within the County (Jacques Hadler, County representative)

7. Discussion Items



Grand County Trail Mix
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The Grand County Trail Mix committee, an advisory committee to the County Commission of Grand County, Utah, recommends that the County adopt a one-year trial period to allow Class 1 e-bikes on the paved paths north of the City of Moab.

As originally conceived, these pathways excluded all forms of motorized vehicles, including e-bikes. However, in recent years, e-bikes have been heavily promoted by the bicycle manufacturing industry, and many people - both residents and visitors - are currently illegally using these pathways in the mistaken impression that they are legal and open to e-bikes. What is not known, however, is the adverse effect that e-bikes will have on walkers, runners, traditional bikers, and other current users of these recreational facilities. Therefore, like many other communities across America, we propose allowing Class 1 e-bikes to use these pathways on an experimental trial basis to better gauge what effects they may have. The increase in recreational opportunity for e-bikers comes at a cost - that of a diminished recreational experience for all other user groups. We feel that a trial period is the best way to gauge the balance between all users.

These pathways have many different owners, and many different land managers. We strongly recommend that such a trial only be done if all stakeholders agree; otherwise an e-bike user will unknowingly cross an invisible unmarked boundary between what is legally allowed and what is not.

Grand County Trail Mix
Paul Spencer, Chair

Proposal to open paved paths north of town to e-bikes

The paved paths on the North side of Moab include:

- 1 The path on the east side of US 191, from 500W up to Lions Park and the river
- 2 The path (under construction) along US 191 from 500W down to Emma Boulevard
- 3 The path along UT 128 from Lions Park to Grandstaff Canyon
- 4 The path on the east side of US 191, from the river north past the Arches entrance to UT 313
- 5 The short spur from the pathway to the Arches Visitor Center

These paths are owned or managed by multiple different agencies, including:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Arches National Park
- United States Department of Energy
- State of Utah
- Grand County
- City of Moab
- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- Private ownership
- and potentially others

The proposal is to open these specific pathways to Class 1 e-bikes for a one-year trial.

The proposal would have the following restrictions and caveats:

- The paved pathways mentioned would be opened up on a trial basis, for a one-year period.
- The pathways would be opened to Class 1 ebikes only; i.e. bikes must have no throttle, must be 750 watts or lower, and must not provide assistance over 20 MPH.
- The existing speed limit of 15 MPH on all pathways will remain in effect.
- Signage will be installed at all pathway entrances explaining in detail what is legally allowed and what is not.
- Signage will be installed at all access points to the Brand Trails explaining specifically that ebikes are NOT permitted on any singletrack trails.

Details:

All interested land owners and managers will form a committee to study and manage the trial period. The committee should also include one member from the Grand County Trail Mix Committee, to represent the interests of hikers, walkers, runners, bicyclists, equestrians, and other existing pathway users; and one member from the Grand County Motorized Trails Committee,

The newly created committee will:

- Decide on the exact terms of the trial period
- Vote to proceed with the trial period. If not approved unanimously the trial will not proceed
- Monitor progress of the trial, and collect evidence of success , failure, abuse, and vandalism
- Review periodically whether to continue the trials
- Agree to not change other e-bike restrictions within Grand County during the trial period
- Vote at the conclusion of the trial period whether to make the changes permanent