

Memorandum

TO: Chairman Michael Whiting and the Archuleta County Board of Commissioners

DATE: June 16, 2016

FROM: Bentley Henderson

RE: Parks Open Space and Trails (PROST) recommendations
(This memorandum applies to both PROST agenda items)

BACKGROUND

As you are aware, the PROST committee is charged with evaluating proposals that come before them as they relate to; 1) activities associated with Archuleta County recreational spaces and; 2) proposals related to the expenditure of 1A Parks and Recreation Funds.

The accumulation of monies in the 1A fund is the result of a ballot initiative of a number of years ago. The original intention was to supplement the County budget for a number of different projects and programs. One of the programs identified for funding was the enhancement and development of parks and recreational amenities in the County. Since this is a sinking fund (no new revenues), the balance identified represents the full and final amounts available. We budget the full amount available annually. This manner of allocation is intentional to ensure that there are funds available for projects that may come up during the year. Total funds available are, \$268,420.

Provided for your consideration are two different projects that the PROST Committee evaluated at their last meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The first item is a request for funding of a climbing Boulder at Town Park and the second is for winter use of Cloman Park.

Climbing Boulder

The Town of Pagosa Springs is requesting \$20,000 of 1A Parks and Recreation funding for the purchase of a climbing boulder to be placed in Town Park. The request has been submitted on behalf of the Town of Pagosa Springs Recreation Department. Funding is being sought from both the Archuleta County and the Pagosa Area Tourism Board. The estimated budget for this project is \$40,000, which includes purchase, delivery, site prep and installation of the climbing boulder. Fundamentally, the request is broken down into three components. The Tourism Board and the County are being asked to provide \$20,000 each. The Town of Pagosa Springs will be responsible for, ongoing maintenance, and insurance.

Cloman Park

The second request for your consideration is from the Pagosa Nordic Council (PNC) for the expansion of recreational cross country ski trails in the County. PNC is requesting approval from the Board for the use of Cloman Park to groom up 5 kilometers of skiing on-site and the potential for access to additional sites through the park. Additionally, PNC is requesting that the County provide as an in-kind contribution, plowing of the parking lot at the park and continued support for the portable toilet that is already on site.