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PPORA allocates \$7,000 to local trails from the PPORA Stewardship Fund, sustained through Pikes Peak APEX registrations

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. April 29, 2025 - The Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA) announces the PPORA Stewardship Fund allocation for 2025, totaling \$7,000 for three trail projects supporting multi-use trail infrastructure in the Pikes Peak region. Stewardship Fund allocations support on-the-ground trail projects that benefit residents and visitors today and could potentially be used by the Pikes Peak APEX and other events in future years.

2025 awards include the following:

- \$3,500 to Teller Trail Team for work with the United States Forest Service on the Rampart Reservoir Trail
- \$2,500 to the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department for bridge and trail maintenance over and around Buffalo Creek on the Bypass Trail in North Cheyenne Cañon Park
- \$1,000 to Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) for Nelsons Trail (United States Forest Service #672) maintenance.

The first award to the Teller Trail Team will support a project with the United States Forest Service on Rampart Reservoir Trail (FST 700). This award will support the purchase of required materials and supplies including chainsaws, personal protective equipment, and hand tools to support the Forest Service in maintenance of this trail, which is popular with residents and visitors in addition to events such as the Pikes Peak APEX.

The second award is going to the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department to support the purchase of a fiberglass trail bridge. The total project is estimated at \$45,000 and the Trails and Open Space Coalition (TOSC) graciously contributed an additional \$2,500 in recognition of the importance of this project. The trail improvement and proposed bridge crossing over Buffalo Creek in North Cheyenne Cañon Park will improve the user experience for racers and enthusiasts while protecting this crucial waterway.

The third award supports the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association's (CMTRA) project to conduct maintenance on Nelson's Trail (FST 672). Maintaining this singletrack trail provides a 6-mile loop at the top of Captain Jacks trail system to accommodate multiple uses. This benefits the community by providing opportunities to disburse recreational users, reduce trail conflict, reduce the risk of collision, and provide access to the non-motorized trail to Mt. Rosa summit.

The Stewardship Fund is primarily funded through a portion of Pikes Peak APEX registrations, donated annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation. Supplementary funds have come from the Colorado Springs Lodging and Automobile Rental Tax (LART) and small fundraising events, directly supporting the region's incredible trails and outdoor recreation opportunities in the Pikes Peak region. Enthusiasts are encouraged to help grow the Stewardship Fund through designated contributions through the PPORA website.

Registration is open for the 2025 Pikes Peak APEX, scheduled for June 6-8, with both single-day and multi-day mountain bike and gravel bike race options. A portion of each registration goes to support the PPORA Stewardship Fund and continue this needed investment into the Pikes Peak region's amazing multi-use trail system.

ABOUT PIKES PEAK OUTDOOR RECREATION ALLIANCE (PPORA)

Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance's mission is to strengthen the outdoor recreation industry for the Pikes Peak region through leadership and collaboration. The organization leads the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative to advance outdoor recreation and conservation priorities for the region and programming and events that support its pillars of GROW, INSPIRE, STRENGTHEN, STEWARD, and ADVOCATE. Visit www.ppora.org to learn more about the organization and www.pikespeakoutdoors.org for information and resources to better enjoy the outdoors in the Pikes Peak region.

ABOUT COLORADO SPRINGS SPORTS CORPORATION

Colorado Springs Sports Corporation (CSSC) exists to inspire and advance Colorado Springs, Olympic City USA, and the Pikes Peak Region through sport and community events. Through event promotion and community development activities, CSSC plays a critical role in bringing civic leaders together with some of the nation's premier sporting organizations to promote tourism and create positive economic impact. CSSC hosts annual signature and partnership events including The Broadmoor Cycle to the Summit, Colorado Springs Labor Day Lift Off, Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame, Pikes Peak APEX, Pikes Peak Regional Airshow, Rocky Mountain State Games, Star-Spangled Symphony & Fourth of July Fireworks, and various sport centric celebrations. In addition, supporting the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee, National and International Governing Bodies of Sport, and the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum remains a staple component of the overall mission.

ABOUT PIKES PEAK APEX

The Pikes Peak APEX is a unique multi-day off-road challenge on the slopes of Pikes Peak, America's Mountain, produced by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation. Choose to race one day, two days, or all three days! In 2025 it includes a 3-day mountain bike stage race, one-day mountain bike options, and a brand NEW gravel race with two distance options. The mission is to create a world-class event that drives economic impact to the area in order to improve the trails and open space in the Pikes Peak region for the lasting enjoyment of its residents and visitors. Learn more at PikesPeakAPEX.com.