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## Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Awards \$9.1M Across State, County Receives \$4M for Open Space, Greenway Projects

October 2, 2017 - **Clear Creek County Communications, Colo.** – GOCO’s Board awarded \$9.1M in grants for trail construction and land conservation projects across Colorado, Sept. 29, 2017. As part of their ‘Connect Initiative’, GOCO approved \$4M for two Clear Creek County projects which include: 1) Clear Creek Greenway through Idaho Springs; and, 2) Peaks to Plains Trail (P2P): Clear Creek Greenway Canyon Segment- Phase 2 Project. Each project received \$2M, respectively.

“The past few years have seen Clear Creek County make significant progress on the Clear Creek Greenway and protection of Open Space lands,” said Martha Tableman, Clear Creek County Open Space Coordinator. “GOCO has been instrumental in our ability to build significant portions of the P2P Clear Creek Greenway in the Canyon and in Idaho Springs. Their support has enabled both projects to leverage funds and build more Greenway for people to enjoy. With these new grants, we get ever closer to closing the gap so that people will be able to walk or ride from one end of Clear Creek County to another.”

The Idaho Springs project, in partnership with the Clear Creek Greenway Authority (CCGA), the City of Idaho Springs and the Colorado Department of Transportation, will help construct three separate segments of the Clear Creek Greenway. According to GOCO’s press release, it will benefit residents and visitors with “...safer, pedestrian-friendly connections between the City’s business district on the east side with its downtown area...(to include) local parks, Clear Creek Recreation Center, and historic sites.” <http://www.goco.org/news/goco-invests-91-million-trail-construction-and-future-conservation-colorado> .

The Peaks to Plains project will extend the recently completed, GOCO-funded, three-mile segment of the trail through Clear Creek Canyon that crosses the Jefferson/Clear Creek County line following US 6. According to the GOCO release, "...the new trail will begin on the east side of the Oxbow Parcel parking lot, just east of Tunnel 6, and continue .75 miles along Clear Creek to the west side of Tunnel 5.." The trail will benefit County residents, Front Range visitors and make a safer route for pedestrians and cyclists, with closer connection to Idaho Springs.

"I can't thank GOCO enough for their continued support for the vision of a Greenway trail that follows Clear Creek through the Canyon that will allow those living in and visiting Colorado to enjoy it now, and for years to come," Tableman added.

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*In November 1999, the voters of Clear Creek County, Colorado, approved the establishment of a County Open Space Program to be administered by the Clear Creek County Open Space Commission. The voters also approved a 1 mill tax levy and a bond authority for \$1.5 million to be used for the acquisition and management of open space lands within the county jurisdiction.*

*The mission of the Clear Creek County Open Space Commission is to preserve and maintain the county's unique character and natural environment by protecting our streams, woodlands, meadows, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities prominent vistas, geologic features, and cultural resources to enhance the quality of life for residents and the enjoyment of the out-of-doors for residents and visitors.*

*GOCO invests a portion of Colorado Lottery proceeds to help preserve and enhance the State's parks, trails, wildlife, rivers, and open spaces. GOCO's independent board awards competitive grants to local governments and land trusts, and makes investments through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Created when voters approved a Constitutional Amendment in 1992, GOCO has since funded more than 5,000 projects in all 64 counties of Colorado without any tax dollar support. Visit <http://www.goco.org/> , for more information.*



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