



Continental Divide Trail Coalition
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Charles Mark, Forest Supervisor
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Dear Charles,

The Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) was formed to work with the federal land management agencies in the completion, management and protection of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST). The CDTC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with 2000 members nationwide. To date, CDTC has been successful in coordinating volunteer stewardship to improve and complete the CDT, building positive relationships with federal land managers and local trail focused groups, organizing special events to help educate the public about the CDT, implementing Trail Adopter and Gateway Community programs, and encouraging Congress to continue to appropriate \$5 million in funding specific for the CDT in the Forest Service budget. In May 2014, CDTC signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish our role as a national organization working in partnership with the US Forest Service on behalf of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail.

The CDTC has been working with the US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service throughout the entirety of the CDNST corridor, and we wish to continue to build that working relationship. We are specifically reaching out to your office to notify you of our interest and willingness to promote and protect the CDT, and to formally request involvement in any ongoing or upcoming land use planning and project level analysis that might be in proximity to the CDT corridor.

Our organization would like to be on any mailing or email notification list that you maintain or develop. Our desire is to help your office ensure appropriate consideration of the CDT resources, as well as to promote the construction and protection of the CDT in perpetuity.

We understand that you and your staff's time is precious and as such we are working on creating a system-wide contact list that we will continually update, to gather the appropriate land use planners' contact information. We are also building a planning schedule that we can use to strategize our timely contact with appropriate offices. The Coalition has established a Planning Team to engage with the various agencies planners and we want them to contact the appropriate staff in your office.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience the following:

- Status of Land Use Planning for your segments of the CDT
- Name and email/phone contact information for your Planning Team Lead and/or NEPA Lead
- Name and email/phone contact information for the appropriate staff regarding CDT management
- Name and email/phone contact information for your Public Affairs Officer

We look forward to hearing from you and to further developing a partnership with you on the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. You may contact me at the mailing address above, or by email at tmartinez@continentaldividetrail.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Ana Martinez".

Teresa Ana Martinez
Executive Director
Continental Divide Trail Coalition