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VOC and BLM Expanding Capacity Through Partnerships





Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) is a statewide nonprofit volunteer organization whose mission is to motivate and enable citizens to be active stewards of Colorado's natural resources.

VOC-BLM Partnership



- Why the partnership?
- Who does what?
- What are the benefits?
- How is it managed?
- Lessons Learned



Why the partnership?

Engage citizens in the ongoing stewardship of their public lands





The BLM can't do it alone



Who does what – partner roles



Provide project planning and management for large-scale volunteer projects



Trail Construction and Maintenance



Riparian Restoration



Provide training in volunteer leadership and management



Provide agency volunteer and partnership coordination



Who Benefits?

- Agency staff
- The general public
- The natural and cultural resources we manage



How is it managed?

- Statewide MOU – annual work plan
- Statewide Assistance Agreement - transfer of funds
- Employee contract – position description, evaluations

Best Management Practices



- Establish clearly defined goals and objectives
- Leverage partnership
- Encourage entrepreneurship

Lessons Learned



Establish relationships – build trust





Importance of training



VOC
+ BLM
Increased
capacity for public
lands stewardship

Questions?