**Action Team – Interview and Data Collection Form**

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**How Might We:** Healthy Landscapes & Recreation

 work with public & private agencies, and secure funding

**Data Source**

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**Insights:** Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) is local private organization that successfully works with public & private agencies, and consistently secures funding for their various projects.

How does Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) work with various agencies, such as BLM and FS, to implement various projects?

- public agencies that Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) work with include the City of Salida, Chaffee County, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service (FS)

- it is important to identify the right person to work with within the appropriate public agency

- agency priorities influence how projects progress and which projects progress

- SMT, over time, has developed a strong reputation within the community and with the public agencies that it works with, and thus sometimes an agency itself reaches out to SMT to assist with their own trail building goals

- Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) does everything in their power to maintain a good working relationship will all of our land managers, including communicating frequently, maintaining the trails we already have, writing letters of support for their grants, etc.

basic process/timeline for working with public agencies on a new trail project

1) develop and present a proposal

2) assessment of the proposal by the agency and development of options

3) public comments on the various options

4) decision is made

5) dispute resolution (if necessary)

Salida Mountain Trails secures fundings through multiple means including

- City of Salida and Chaffee County

- Public Grants, particularly GoCO

- Membershipsand fundraising events

- local businesses, particularly bike**/**outdoor gear shops

- Boat House Cantina’s 1% Program

- private donations throughout the year

- 3rd party events that benefit SMT (such as the Run Through Time)

Any reports or maps or web links the team should read/review?

Salida Mountain Trails has a well developed website that includes an “About Us” tab.

Under the “About Us” includes the following webpages

* Mission Statement
* Frequently Asked Questions
* History
* Relationships

<http://www.salidamountaintrails.org>