LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2018, FAR continued to grow, both in the scope of its projects and the number of people we were able to connect with. It was an exciting year, and one that we are looking forward to besting in 2019. We’ll be bringing back old favorites like runBlossom and Snow Queen, revamping signature events such as Run the Rim, and creating new events such as the Royal 50 Mountain Bike Race. There is nothing we love more than seeing new faces at any event. A growing community deserves expanding opportunities.

The Royal Gorge Park trails continued to grow and expand this year thanks to the continued support of the City of Cañon City and ‘1% for Trails’ funds. The Royal Gorge Park trails now offer more than 17 miles of new, unique, and scenic trails that truly offer something for everyone. We were happy to assist in this process by providing funds and technical guidance during the process. The Royal Gorge trails make accessible some of the most inspiring and scenic vistas in the Arkansas Valley and beyond. Allowing hikers, walkers, and bikers of all abilities the chance to traverse this incredible landscape has been a humbling and exciting experience. We are thankful to the many land management agencies, including the City of Cañon City, Fremont County, the Bureau of Land Management, and also Terra Firma Trails, for working with our community to create recreation infrastructures that will benefit generations to come.

Additional thanks go to our incredible sponsors, volunteers, and donors. We recognize many of them are asked again and again to contribute (both financially and physically) to several other organizations in the area, and their continued, selfless generosity does not go unnoticed. It is a testament to our small community that a small number of volunteers, businesses, and individuals can accomplish so much.

We hope to see you in 2019. Remember that “joining” FAR simply means that you come to hike, bike, volunteer, or hang out with others in the area who appreciate outdoor recreation. Come find us and let us know what you think of new trails, events, or other topics.

Brian Vanlwarden
Director, FAR
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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

9  Sole Mates Fun Run
17  FAR Snow Queen Frosty February 5K
     www.snowqueen5K.com
10      Adventure Guide Release Party
18       Bi-annual Trash Pickup
14       Adventure Kids - Session #1
14      John Fielder at the Royal Gorge
6  FAR runBlossom 5K/Half-marathon
     www.runblossom.org
10  FAR / RCC Bike Clinic
12      Adventure Kids - Session #2
19      FAR Women’s Mountain Bike Session
14       Adventure Kids - Session #3
6  FAR runBlossom 5K/Half-marathon
27       Chase the Moon Run Meetup
28       Run the Rim 5K | 5Mi Race
11      FAR Adventure Kids - Session #5
25       FARmmm to Table Relay & Dinner
8          Adventure Kids - Session #6
14       Trail Work Day
22      Royal 50 Mountain Bike Race
6         Adventure Kids - Session #7
10       FAR Birthday Run / Meetup
13      FAR Bi-Annual Trash Pickup
24      FAR #OptOutside Meetup
1      Christmas Parade of Lights - Entry

NEW EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2019

- Resolution Run (January 1)
- November Gear Swap and Social
### PROGRAM OVERVIEW - 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

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### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Fremont Adventure Recreation is committed to supporting not only our sponsors and contributors, but local organizations and entities that focus on the wellness of our community. We are proud to offer logistical support, monetary donations, and assistance where it’s needed.

#### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- Molly Neinas
- Gillian Hardy
- Kaylee Jones
- Lorin Tedesco
- Taylor Roberts

#### PRESENTATIONS
- Cañon City Noon Lions
- Harrison Elementary School
- Southern Colorado Tourism Conference

#### EVENTS SUPPORTED
- Fremont Regional Wellness’s Health and Wellness Expo
- SAR Trivia Contest
- CASA Savor the Moment
- San Isabel Land Protection Trust - Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run
- Gold Belt Tour 5K
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE
The first-ever Royal 50 / Gorgeous 20 Mountain Bike Races were a tremendous success. About 23% of our registrants were from the Cañon City area, 77% came from outside of Cañon City, and the vast majority were overwhelmed by the beauty and quality of our trails. Our volunteers helped to support the race and participants were thankful for their efforts.

FIRST-EVER PARADE ENTRY FOR FAR / ADVENTURE KIDS
Over 50 kids and adult participated in our first-ever parade entry. We decorated bikes and rode through Main Street as part of the 30th annual event. The Adventure Kids program continues to evolve as we determine the best ways to serve our community, including its littlest members. Outings in the spring / summer of 2019 will include biking, hiking, and educational opportunities.

COMPLETION OF 4 MILES OF TRAIL IN ROYAL GORGE PARK
With the completion of Twisted Cistern and the near-completion of Made in the Shade, the Royal Gorge Park now boasts about 17 miles of unique trail. The system includes trails appropriate for all ability levels and views that rival any in Colorado. The City of Cañon City funded the new miles, and FAR was able to provide financial assistance, equipment, trail maintenance of existing mileage, and signage.

ACQUISITION OF SOUTH CANON TRAILS GRANT FROM CPW
Thanks to the hard work and diligence of our grant writer, we were able to secure a $30,000 grant from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s Trails Program. This grant is allowing FAR to pay for construction of the Great Escape Trail extension to Temple Canyon. Work on this project continues into 2019.

EVENT OVERVIEW
Our events are designed with our community in mind. It is our mission to support a culture of community and healthy living, and we’re proud to offer a number of events which support that mission. Our events are inclusive of all abilities, promote awareness of our local businesses, and highlight some of our area’s finest recreational assets.

EVENT PARTICIPANTS:

Snow Queen: ★★★★
John Fielder Event: ★★★★★
runBlossom: ★★★★★★
Adventure Kids: ★★★
Run the Rim: ★★★
Royal 50 MTB Race: ★★★★
FARmmm to Table: ★★

★ = 50 people
**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

**FAR INCOME**

Revenue generated for FAR is used to fund events, pay for promotional materials, award scholarships, and fund the YETI (Youth Exercise Training Initiative) program each year.

**1% FOR TRAILS INCOME**

All funds generated by 1% for Trails are used to purchase trail equipment, provide matching funds, hire private trail contractors, and pay for manual skilled labor during trail construction.

**OPERATING COSTS (NON-EVENT)**

Several of our athletic events do not make a significant profit. This represents our commitment to a healthy community: We keep our registration costs low in order to allow as many individuals as possible to participate. We offer special rates for students and children.

**TRAILS EXPENDITURES**

What happens to unused 1% money (about $21,000 in 2018)? Large sums of expendable money are often saved to pay for upcoming matching grants. While the City of Cañon City generously paid for most of the labor and materials used in trail construction in 2018, FAR is able and willing to assist with grant funds (awarded in February) and / or contractor fees in 2019. We also have ongoing projects that will use up 2018 funds.
PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

MEMBERSHIPS
- Leave No Trace
- Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance
- Gold Belt Tour Scenic Byway
- Colorado Nonprofit Association
- Cañon City Chamber of Commerce
- Colorado Springs Convention and Visitor’s Bureau

ATTENDANCE
- Leave No Trace Community Training
- CPW Partners in the Outdoors Conference
- Governor’s Tourism Conference
- Southern Colorado Tourism Conference - Presenter

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

CANON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER OF THE MONTH

FAR has been a Chamber of Commerce member and partner for the last four years. We were proud to receive the honor of ‘Member of the Month’ in October. The Chamber recognized our commitment to health and wellness in our community.

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION’S LOCAL LEADERSHIP AWARD – BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS

We were very pleased to receive the first-ever ‘Local Leadership’ award from the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) in Bentonville, Arkansas. The award presentation offered us a unique opportunity to not only highlight Cañon City’s trails, but also to visit some stellar trail systems in order to bring new and fresh ideas to our community.
GOAL REPORT

2018 GOALS

✓ Increased trail education (maintenance and etiquette) among various user groups
✓ Continued support of local community groups
✓ Increase in number of social events to strengthen our outdoor recreation community

2019 GOALS

- Monthly educational spotlight of Leave No Trace principles
- Continued support of local community groups (via donations and event support)
- Grow Royal 50 and Run the Rim participation by 100%
- Assist with the completion 9 new miles of trail
  - 6 miles in the Royal Gorge Park Trails in conjunction with the City of Cañon City
  - 2.5 miles in South Cañon to Temple Canyon Park (in conjunction with BLM, CPW, and the City of Cañon City’s financial assistance)
  - 1 mile in Oil Well Flats with ‘1% for Trails’ funding

www.joinFAR.org 1% for Trails Information: trails@joinFAR.org
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Thank you for your commitment to our community!