MISSION AND CORE VALUES

“FAR’s mission is to promote a culture of community and healthy living through human-powered outdoor recreation in the Royal Gorge Region.”

**Community:** We commit to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of the Royal Gorge Region through the creation and celebration of human powered outdoor recreation adventures.

**Culture:** We commit to a welcoming attitude that values all relationships, fearless dedication, while having fun along the way.

**Stewardship:** We commit to responsible access as well as preserving recreation opportunities for future generations.

FAR Charter, 2010, revised 2017

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

In 2019, 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 2020. There is nothing we love more than seeing new faces. 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 and now offers more than 21 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.

Finally rounding out Oil Well Flats, MOOve Over was completed earlier this year by Tony Boone Trails and it is a fantastic purpose-built trail that is a unique and fun addition to an already great system.

We are thankful to the many land management agencies, including the City of Cañon City, Fremont County, the Bureau of Land Management, the Cañon City Area Recreation and Park District, and also Terra Firma Trails, for working with our community to create recreation infrastructures that will benefit generations to come. Additional thanks goes 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 worthy 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 2020. 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
# 2019 BOARD MEMBERS & CONTRACTORS

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# 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 9    | FAR Snow Queen Frosty February 5K  
*www.snowqueen5k.com* |
| 16   | Sole Mates Run Challenge |

## MARCH

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| 4    | FAR runBlossom 5K/Half-marathon  
*www.runblossom.org* |
| 11   | FAR Women's Mountain Bike Session |

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# EVENTS THAT WILL RETIRE IN 2020

- Sole Mates Run Challenge
- FARmmm to Table
- Run the Rim (to be replaced by Point Alta Vista Trail Races on October 10)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW - 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Number of volunteer (wo)man hours donated for trail projects and events: 275
Trail work days: 2
Scholarships awarded to local high school seniors: 4
FREE student Adventure Guides distributed to area 6th-graders: 400
Total Adventure Guides distributed to locals, visitors, and houseguests: 5,000
Pounds each kiosk at the Gorge weighs: 1,500
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Amount of 1% for Trails funds generated in 2019: $48,123
Average cost to build one linear foot of trail: $5
Total miles of new trails in 2019: 4
(Many thanks to the City of Cañon City. We assisted with some financial and technical support.)
Events we held in 2019: including athletic competitive events, clinics, classes, socials, and meet-ups: 16
Non-FAR community events supported and / or sponsored: 5
Organizations Partnered with on projects, events, and programs: 4
Distance (in miles) of the new 'One Track Mind' trail that leads to the refurbished (almost done) trestles: 2.8

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- Josh Creany
- Alexandra Weatherhill
- Kiley O’Rourke
- Peyton Valentine

PRESENTATIONS / PUBLICATIONS
- CPW Partner’s in the Outdoors Conference
- Harrison Elementary School
- Governor’s Tourism Conference
- John C. Fremont Library
- American Trail Running Association’s ‘Trail Town’ - November 2019

EVENTS SUPPORTED
- Fremont Regional Wellness’s Health and Wellness Expo
- SAR Trivia Contest
- Hardscrabble Mountain Trail Run
- CCPD’s National Night Out
- Cañon City High School Cross Country Meet
SUCCESSFUL FIRST RESOLUTION RUN

Our first Resolution Run was certainly one for the books. With over 100 participants who braved the cold (-5 degrees!) to run a 5K or 10K event, we were surprised and happy with the turnout on January 1st. We plan to continue this event in 2020.

FIRST-EVER ‘WE ARE ALL MADE OF STARS’ GALA EVENT

We broke out of our ‘recreation’ mold for a night of cosmic elegance at the ‘We Are All Made of Stars’ gala. The event was a smashing success thanks to collaboration with a number of FAR sponsors and local businesses. The event netted over $4,000 for our organization, and we had a wonderful time seeing everyone dressed up for the occasion.

COMPLETION OF 6 MILES OF TRAIL IN ROYAL GORGE PARK

With the completion of Made in the Shade and One Track Mind, the Royal Gorge Park now boasts about 21 miles of unique trail. The system includes trials 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.

COMPLETION OF NEW 1.5-MILE TRAIL AT OIL WELL FLATS

MOOve Over is the newest (and potentially last) trail completed at Oil Well Flats this year. Built by Tony Boone Trails, the 1.5-mile trail leading from the Well Head Trailhead to Anticline is a fun, feature-filled descent perfect for intermediate-advanced mountain bikers. This trail was paid for by 1% for Trails funds.

COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GROUP TO PLACE KIOSKS

We are proud to have worked with the Canyonland Hikers and Walkers to place new kiosks at the Royal Gorge. Members of their group diligently built the kiosks and volunteered their time. We designed and printed signs/maps to go in the kiosks, and the City paid for the materials. It’s this kind of collaborative that exemplifies the kind of community that we are!

PREVIEW OF THE POINT ALTA VISTA TRESTLES

Our Royal 50/Point Alta Vista Trail Races event weekend finished with an incredible first look at the Point Alta Vista trestles. While the project is not yet completed, the trestles and viewing area will be a community asset for all to enjoy. We thank the City of Cañon City for their commitment to restoring these historic icons!
**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.

**FAR EXPENSES (NON-EVENT)**

Several of our athletic events do not appear to make a significant profit. Not only do we prefer to keep our registration costs low, but we also do not allocate our sponsorship money to individual events.

**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.

**1% FOR TRAILS EXPENSES**

What happens to unused 1% money (about $15,000 in 2019)? 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 2019, FAR is able and willing to assist with grant funds and / or contractor fees in 2020. It is prudent to have funds on-hand for projects.
PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

MEMBERSHIPS

- Leave No Trace
- Gold Belt Tour Scenic Byway
- Cañon City Chamber of Commerce
- Colorado Springs Convention and Visitor’s Bureau
- American Trail Running Association (ATRA)
- USA Cycling

ATTENDANCE

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

CANON CITY DAILY RECORD’S READER’S CHOICE AWARD

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.

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: 🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳
- runBlossom: 🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳🌲🌳
- Run the Rim: 🌲🌳
- Royal 50 MTB Race: 🌲🌳
- FARmmm to Table: 🌲🌳
- Stars Gala: 🌲🌳 🌲🌳
GOAL REPORT

2019 ACHIEVEMENTS

• Monthly educational spotlight of Leave No Trace principles
• Continued support of local community groups (via donations and event support)
• Distribution of the Adventure Guide to locations across Colorado
• Assist with the completion of 9 new miles of trail
  - 6 miles in the Royal Gorge Park Trails in conjunction with the City of Cañon City
  - 1.2 miles in Oil Well Flats with ‘1% for Trails’ funding

2020 GOALS

• Continued education regarding Leave No Trace principles and trail use education
• Continued advocacy for public lands in our area
• Grow Royal 50 and Point Alta Vista Trail Races participation by 100%
• Assist with the completion of 3 miles in the Royal Gorge Park Trails in conjunction with the City of Cañon City
• Assist with the completion of 5.5 miles of new trail:
  - 2.5 miles in South Cañon to Temple Canyon Park (in conjunction with BLM, CPW, and the City of Cañon City)
  - ~3 new miles in the Royal Gorge Park
  - 1.5 miles of trail from Tunnel Drive to Fremont Peak
• Work with the Cañon City Area Recreation and Parks Department to design and build a mountain bike skills park and / or flow trail

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Thank you for your commitment to our community!