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## Talking Points

### Stewardship Activities on Public Lands Bill

1. Allow the State Trails Program the ability to administer grant contracts faster
  - Currently some non-profit clubs and organizations have to purchase operations insurance and completed operations liability coverage in order to complete trail maintenance tasks
  - It is hard for these clubs to find insurance companies that will cover them due to misconceptions of what the work entails and volunteers completing the work.
  - When clubs can find insurance companies that will cover them, the costs are exceptionally high for the type and amount of work being completed.
  - When it takes the clubs a long time to acquire project insurance, it delays the State Trails Program's ability to administer the grant contracts because proof of the acquired insurance is required as a step in the grant contract process.
  
2. Lower total project costs will lead to lower grant funding requests
  - The high insurance costs are passed on to the State Trails Program because it is factored into the total grant project costs that the non-profit clubs and organizations apply for.
  - Eliminating the insurance requirements and high insurance costs associated with the grant projects will allow the State Trails Program the ability to distribute those funds to other trail projects, thus getting more boots on the ground and more trail work completed with the same amount of funding.
  - 2018 Grants that will benefit from the bill
    - Wagon Wheel OHV Club - Wagon Wheel Trails Improvement \$20,000 - Liability and Comprehensive Insurance
    - Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club, TMW Trail Maintenance and Restoration \$32,000 - Required DNR Insurance
    - Yampa Valley OHV Trailriders - 2018 Grant Operations and Maintenance \$37,200 liability and equipment insurance costs for \$110,000 maintenance work



### 3. Clubs and organizations that may benefit from the bill

- All non-profit clubs and organizations that conduct trail work on federal, county, and municipal lands in Colorado
- Wagon Wheel OHV Club, Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV Club, Yampa Valley OHV Trailriders, Rampart Range Motorized Management Club, and many more,
- Volunteers of Colorado (VOC), Wildland Restoration Volunteers (WRV), Colorado Mountain Club (CMC), International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA), Colorado Mountain Bike Association (COMBA), Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance (BMA), and many more.