

Open Space Project Descriptions for BBB Tax Allocation Consideration (Bed, Board and Beverage)

McMillan Mesa Property Restoration: Evaluate property to determine property restoration areas. Work could involve eradicating invasive plants in areas of high infestation, seeding, and completing erosion control in high-use areas.

McMillan Mesa Signage: Design and install signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Open Space applied for a \$10,000 grant for this project, which, if awarded, could help fund some of it.

McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the McMillan Mesa trails and partner with Parks to complete the needed trail repairs and maintenance.

McMillan Mesa Tree Canopy Buffer: Restore property between the FUTS and the Veteran's home. This would address past impacts, restore vegetation, control erosion, and help create a vegetative buffer. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Observatory Mesa Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Observatory Mesa Natural Area to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, minimize cattle impacts, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Observatory Mesa Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on forest thinning chip piles, which has been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 12/2025.

Observatory Mesa Trail Plan Implementation: Implement the council-approved trail plan, which includes priorities 1-3 and long-term priorities. The plan would incorporate parking, signage, restroom facilities, unauthorized road and trail restoration, trail maintenance, and trail building. Grant funding could likely be obtained for this project.

Observatory Mesa Water Tank Restoration: Evaluate earthen water catchment basins to determine the benefits of restoration. Restore high-priority tanks to retain water for wildlife.

Picture Canyon Fencing: Install wildlife-friendly fencing for the Picture Canyon Preserve to reduce unauthorized motorized vehicles, prevent further mine encroachment, and inform users that they are entering a protected Natural Area with regulations enforced.

Picture Canyon FUTS Connection: Work with FUTS to design and build the FUTS connection to the Picture Canyon Trailhead. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Locus D Trail Spur and Viewing Area: Design and build a trail spur to the Locus D rock art panel to help manage current use and provide another opportunity to view rock art.

Picture Canyon Property Restoration: Continue restoration work on unauthorized roads and trails that have been ongoing with grant funding. Grant funding will be spent by 5/2025.

Expand work to restore vegetation in areas with high infestations of invasive species, such as along the Rio de Flag corridor.

Picture Canyon Rio De Flag Bridge Replacement: Replace the current wood bridge with a steel FUTS-style bridge.

Picture Canyon Signage Replacement: Upgrade the sun-damaged signage throughout the preserve to match the newest design, including rules signage and other educational information. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.

Picture Canyon Toilet: Develop a single restroom unit for the public at the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

Picture Canyon Trail Rehabilitation: This project will evaluate the Picture Canyon trails and complete the necessary trail repairs and maintenance.

Picture Canyon Trailhead Entry Road and Parking Lot: Repair/Replace the roadway and trailhead parking for Picture Canyon. The road from the Wildcat Water Reclamation Plant to the Picture Canyon Trailhead.

Schultz Creek Trailhead: Designing new trailhead improvements to enable proper parking, signage of the trail system, delineation of trail access to direct use to approved locations, and the addition of appropriate facilities such as trash service and restrooms. Property acquisition and rights are needed before implementation can occur. Grant funding could possibly be obtained to supplement this project.