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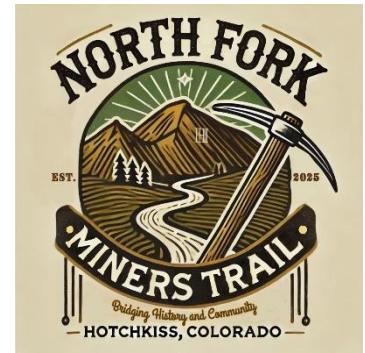
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Subject: North Fork Miners Trail Project Update #11

There have been many milestone accomplishments for the Miners Trail in the last month! Most notable is a large grant from Great Outdoors Colorado that will provide funds to pave the trail from the Fairgrounds to the North Fork High School. Accessibility for trail users will be enhanced, maintenance will be greatly decreased, and the longevity of the trail will last generations. A big thank you to GOCO and their team for their dedication to the North Fork Miners Trail.

Additionally, we have the following updates for all parts of the North Fork Miners Trail:

- Segment 1: The trailhead and trail construction from the NF High School to River Ridge Road are nearly complete, with the exception of the trail along the Short Ditch Extension. A recent note from the NRCS indicates they have not finished all the necessary work to allow the ditch piping work to begin. Roop Excavating is now expected to start in January, installing a 30" pipe in the ditch, which will allow the trail to be built alongside the pipe.
- Segment 2 River Ridge Road: All of the water sewer line materials have been delivered. The boring contractor is on-site to bore under Hwy. 92 to tie in the sewer line. Con-Sy will continue with water, sewer, and gas line work through December. Be on the lookout for traffic control while this work is being done.
- Segment 3: The trail and driveway work for Segment 3 is nearly complete.
- Segment 4 Pedestrian Bridge: The concrete work for the north and south abutments is complete until the pedestrian bridge is installed. Backfill and site cleanup is underway. The north abutment is almost complete. A little more concrete work, backfilling, and rip rap is required to complete it. The bridge is still scheduled for delivery in mid-January.



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- Segment 5: The trail and trailhead from the bridge into the Fairgrounds is mostly complete.
- The Nature Connection is working with Ira Housweart on manufacturing the trail kiosks and wayfinding signs.
- Buckhorn Engineering is overseeing all segments of the trail project. For inquiries, please contact Dan Quigley at (970) 596-4923.

Supply chain issues have delayed other contractors in getting to our trail project. As a result, there will be a brief pause in December and January while the ditch piping project continues, and we await the pedestrian bridge delivery. We expect the North Fork Miners Trail to be open and operational by the end of March 2025. Stay tuned for details about a grand opening!

Delta County is honored to collaborate with key stakeholders, including the Delta County School District, North Fork High School, The Nature Connection, North Fork Pool Park and Recreation District, Town of Hotchkiss, Short Ditch Extension, Applegate Engineering, Buckhorn Engineering, and our local community. Your continued support is invaluable as we approach the completion of this significant project.

We're excited to share that the North Fork Miners Trail project has a newly updated logo, designed to better reflect the rich heritage and vibrant community spirit behind this initiative.

I will continue to provide monthly updates throughout the 2024 construction period. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out or visit the updated project page at www.DeltaCountyCO.gov/MinersTrail.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the North Fork Miners Trail project!

Sincerely,



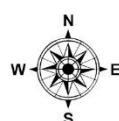
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Miners Trail North Fork High School to Fairgrounds

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