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Trail Agent Program

RFMBA's Trail Agent Program Manual, updated Feb. 2017

To become a Trail Agent follow these steps:

1. As a pre-requisite, read *OSI's Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails* prior to training session. Approximate time: 60-90 minutes.
2. Attend an RFMBA Trail Agent training session, typically a 2 hour evening session. See following pages for a Synopsis of key issues to be reviewed during the training session.
3. Review current list of Roaring Fork region trails authorized for basic trail maintenance through this program. See attached.
4. Review portable trail tool resources. See attached.
5. Report your accomplishments via email to RFMBA or via Unself volunteer time tracking tool (currently in beta). See attached for requested accomplishment report format.
6. Document comprehension of your training via 10 question Quiz. See attached.
7. Confirm with RFMBA that your field training component has been satisfied.
8. Sign program Agreement and Waiver (on an annual basis), see attached.

Note: If bringing along an un-trained or volunteer or two on a particular maintenance session, as allowed within the program, have them sign the Waiver portion only and return it to RFMBA.



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Trail Agent Program Training - Synopsis

Synopsis of OSI's Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails

The goal of RFMBA's Trail Agent training session is to ensure that all Trail Agent candidates have read and fully understood the Outdoor Stewardship Institute's *Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails*. The *Guide* was developed by a committee of dedicated trail advocates to meet the needs of public land managers.

Understanding the *Guide* will give you the flexibility to perform basic trail maintenance on your favorite local trails on your own time and schedule. Your personal efforts will bolster the scheduled group & public trail projects undertaken by RFMBA, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV), and other volunteer groups. Your efforts on the ground will contribute directly to RFMBA's mission of maintaining local trails in great condition, while also leveraging increased volunteerism for additional trail and bike advocacy funding.

The *Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails* elaborates on these key program issues:

1. **Basic Purpose:** The Guide teaches fundamentals of basic trail maintenance to volunteers working in groups of three or less people. This means that once authorized, you can bring one or two friends with you to help with basic trail maintenance.

The training does not address new trail construction, nor does it address the group dynamics and leadership skills required in groups of four or more people. Crew Leader Training is offered for those wishing to volunteer their time and skills towards larger groups and new trail construction projects.

2. **Agency Protocols, Safety & Risk Management:** Since your volunteer time towards basic trail maintenance will be authorized by public land managers, to the benefit of the trail using public, an understanding of key relationships is required.

Land Managers (BLM, Pitkin County OS&T, etc.) and Volunteer Organizations (RFMBA, RFOV, etc.) each operate with a combination of insurance requirements and slim budgets that could be threatened by the risky actions of individuals. This training program aims to educate on the potential risks inherent in performing basic trail maintenance, so that they can be mitigated as much as possible.

Understanding the protocols expected of independent Trail Agents is key to the program's overall success. RFMBA has coordinated the program's approval with individual land managers and will report volunteer accomplishments on a monthly or seasonal basis. Trail Agents conduct themselves appropriately while on the trail, and report on their accomplishments on a timely basis. In addition, Trail Agents will not



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hesitate to direct questions to RFMBA (rather than the time-constrained land manager) as they arise, and report trail issues to RFMBA that land managers may be able to address (massive blow down of trees, trail reroute needed, etc.) in the future.

In general, Trail Agents are expected to utilize risk assessment and mindfulness best practices to undertake only basic trail maintenance actions that are (1) safe to accomplish, (2) safe for passing trail users, and (3) safe for future trail users.

3. **Tool Safety:** In order to minimize risk for Trail Agents and other trail users, the acronym **C.U.S.S.** is useful to memorize when considering sharp metal tools. **Carry** and pack tools safely, **Use** tools properly, **Store** tools wisely, and (never forget...) **Safety** whenever trail tools are involved is of paramount concern.
4. **Accomplishment Reporting:** Collecting Trail Agent metrics (time & date volunteered, trail name or segment maintained, description of work, description of work not accomplished) allows RFMBA and land managers to calculate total volunteer hours for program, trail system, and individuals.

Depending on descriptions of work not accomplished, it also allows for a greater understanding of where future trail maintenance needs should be scheduled for group projects. Lastly, RFMBA can leverage your Trail Agent volunteerism for additional difficult-to-secure grant program funding.

5. **Trails Overview:** Each existing trail has a particular history of it's original construction and it's current use (frequency, direction, and type of trail user). Understanding the land manager's standard for a given trail will inform the type of basic trail maintenance that may be needed. Don't forget to ask RFMBA if you're not sure what the standards are for a given trail.

Trail Anatomy can be broken down into just a few key terms: Trail Corridor, Trail Tread, Backslope, Critical (or downhill) Edge. Understanding the dimensional standards for a given trail will inform your maintenance of the trail corridor. Understanding the flow of water will inform maintenance that allows the trail tread to be outsloped.

Drainage Structure maintenance also requires visualizing the flow of water; proper maintenance will ensure that water leaves the trail so that water erosion does not cause deep ruts or continually muddy trails. Knicks / swales are the only new drainage structures approved for construction through this program (since larger structures often require a larger group and different skills to accomplish).

Maintaining the character, or difficulty level, of the trail will often mean that no work is required. Unless a truly dangerous situation is encountered (very low hanging branch, loose day-lit tripping hazard root, etc.) it's often best to move onto the next section of trail.



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6. **Trail Tools:** Trail Agents should understand how to carry, transport, use, and store the trail tools most useful for basic trail maintenance, as well as where they can borrow or purchase them. RFMBA has a cache of portable trail tools available, and purchase suggestions are also included in this manual.
7. **What's Next?** After reading OSI's Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails, and attending an RFMBA Trail Agent training session, you'll be asked to fill out the 10 question Quiz included in this manual. The Quiz serves as proof of your comprehension of all of the key issues.

Once you've passed the quiz, discuss with your RFMBA trainer your history to date of trail work volunteerism. RFMBA requires on-the-trail experience with trail tools as a final sign-off for any new Trail Agent. If you are new to RFMBA, you may need to attend a scheduled group project to compete this training requirement.

Once you've received sign-off for your on-the-trail experience, it's time to sign the program agreement and waiver, hit the trails, and report on your accomplishments as well as any notable trail conditions.

8. **RFMBA's vision for this program** is to allow for an expansion of volunteerism on our local trails. As a Trail Agent, you may select to dedicate a few hours or an entire day to maintaining your favorite local trail.

Importantly, we expect that you will schedule your time on the trail to fit well with your family, work, and play time. In fact, we encourage you to keep that folding saw or telescoping loppers in your pack, get out for a big ride, and tackle any fallen trees or a remote section of trail corridor or trail tread, and report your total volunteer hours as your entire door to door effort.

Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association

Trail Agent Program

Listing of Trails authorized and prioritied for basic trail maintance by trained Trail Agents.

Document updated as of 2/10/2017.

Note 1: Listed trails are (1) most likely singletrack, (2) used by mountain bikers, (3) not on WRNF land. Dirt roads, hiking only trails & WRNF routes are not currently included.

Note 2: Below Land Managers have given approval for pilot program trail maintenance actions, with exception of WRNF.

BLM = Bureau of Land Managment, Colorado River Valley Field Office

WRNF = White River National Forest, Aspen-Sopris Ranger District

CoA = City of Aspen - Parks, Open Space & Trails

TOSV = Town of Snowmass Village - Parks, Open Space, Trails, & Recreation

PCOST = Pitkin County - Open Space & Trails

ASC = Aspen Skiing Company

CoGS = Cit of Glenwood Springs, Parks & Recreation Dept.

ToNC = Town of New Castle

Aspen / Snowmass Area

<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Trail Mileage</u>	<u>MTB project map link</u>	<u>Land Manager</u>	<u>LM Sub-unit</u>	<u>2nd Land Manager</u>	<u>Known Maintenance Issues?</u>	<u>Misc. Notes:</u>	<u>Total hours of maintenance.</u>	<u>Notes: TA's name, date of work, vol. hours subtotal, work accomplished.</u>
Ajax Trail	1.4	https://www.mt	CoA		ASC	needs corridor trimming			
Midland Trail	0.4	https://www.mt	CoA						
Marolt OS trails	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA				More spurs exist than shown in MTBproject map.		
Moore OS South	0.9	https://www.mt	CoA						
Moore OS North	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA						
Maroon Creek Trail	1.1	https://www.mt	CoA						
Oregon Trail	0.7	https://www.mt	ASC - Buttermilk Ski Area				Portion may be WRNF.		
Rio Grande Trail singletrack spurs	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA			needs corridor trimming			
Burlingame Gorge Connector	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA						
BLM Parking to HC Connector	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA		BLM	needs corridor trimming			
Hunter Creek Connector	0.3	https://www.mt	CoA			needs corridor trimming			
BTS	0.9	https://www.mt	CoA		PCOST				
Tootsie Roll	0.9	https://www.mt	CoA		PCOST				
Hunter Creek Cutoff	1.1	https://www.mt	CoA		PCOST		Northeastern portion is WRNF.		
Lollipop Trail	1.7	https://www.mt	CoA		PCOST		Northeastern portion is WRNF.		
Hunter Creek Trail	4	https://www.mt	CoA		PCOST		Northeastern portion, a majority, is WRNF.		
Verena Mallory Trail	0.3	https://www.mt	AVLT		(adj. landowner)		A legal case is underway to establish a public prescriptive easement due to continued use and maintenance since built by Fritz Benedict.		
Lower Buttermilk Trail			ASC - Buttermilk Ski Area		CoA		Concept Trail, projected to be built Summer 2017.		
Butterline	1.1	https://www.mt	CoA				aka Buttermilk Connector		
Airline	2.1	https://www.mt	PCOST		FAA	needs corridor trimming			
Cozyline	3.2	https://www.mt	PCOST						
Skyline Ridge	2.1	https://www.mt	PCOST			needs corridor trimming			
Viewline	1.9	https://www.mt	PCOST		TOSV				
Deadline	1.6	https://www.mt	PCOST		TOSV				
Seven Star Trail	4.2	https://www.mt	PCOST		TOSV				
Highline	1.4	https://www.mt	TOSV						
Lowline	1	https://www.mt	TOSV						
Tom Blake	4	https://www.mt	TOSV		WRNF		Southern middle portion is WRNF.		
Stark's Trail	0.6	https://www.mt	TOSV						
Nature Trail	0.7	https://www.mt	TOSV						
Ditch Trail	1.7	https://www.mt	TOSV		WRNF		Majority is on WRNF.		
Campground Connector	1.6	https://www.mt	TOSV		ASC				

Village Bound	2.2	https://www.m	ASC		TOSV		Major Reroutes expected 2017 with TOSV as major funding partner.				
Burlingame	1	https://www.m	ASC				Confirm if still open to use.				
Rim Trail	7.8	https://www.m	TOSV								
South Rim Connector	0.3	https://www.m	TOSV								
Mountain View	0.4		TOSV				Need to add to MTBproject.com				
Red Canyon Trail #1933	1.7	https://www.m	PCOST								
Basalt / Carbondale Areas											
Trail Name	Trail Mileage	MTB project map link	Land Manager	LM Sub-unit	2nd Land Manager	Known Maintenance Issues?	Misc. Notes:	Total hours of maintenance.	Notes: TA's name, date of work, vol. hours subtotal, work accomplished.		
Arbaney Kittle Trail	18.7	https://www.m	BLM				Majority is on WRNF; western 4 miles is on BLM.				
Light Hill BLM Area routes			BLM				No known singletrack routes				
BLM #8331A	3.8	https://www.m	BLM				aka Lower Sopris Divide (confirm?)				
Glassier OS Trail	2	https://www.m	PCOST								
Buckhorn Traverse Extension	2.8	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Concept Trail, projected to be built Summer 2017.				
Buckhorn Traverse	1.2	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Buckhorn	3.7	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Outie	2.4	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Innie	3.4	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
North Porcupine	2.5	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Father of Ginormous	1.9	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
English Trim (ET)	0.2	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
South Porcupine	1.2	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Lower elevation portion is private land, part of land exchange proposal.				
Christmas Tree	0.5	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Lower elevation portion is private land, part of land exchange proposal.				
Trough	0.3	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Lower elevation portion is private land, part of land exchange proposal.				
Ginormous	0.3	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Lower elevation portion is private land, part of land exchange proposal.				
Monte Carlo	1.6	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			Lower elevation portion is private land, part of land exchange proposal.				
Skill Saw (Lower Creek Side)	0.5	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Creek Side	1	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA			upper elevation portion may be on private land.				
Skull Bucket	1.9	https://www.m	BLM	Crown SRMA							
Jens (Skull Bucket access)							lower portion of trail is on private land.				
Lorax Trail	5	https://www.m	BLM	N. Thompson ERMA			Non-mapped southern portion needs corridor work.				
Lorax Lower Connector	0.4	https://www.m	BLM	N. Thompson ERMA							
Three Gulch Trail	1.1	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Blue Ribbon	1.3	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA			Major trail reroute during 2017.				
Skeeter's Ridge Trail	0.5	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Roller Coaster	0.2	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Bogus Trail	1	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Faerie Trail	1.4	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Elk Traverse	1.6	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Outer Loop	0.7	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Northside Loop	4.9	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Sage Loop	1.2	https://www.m	BLM	Red Hill SRMA							
Fisher Creek	4.9	https://www.m	BLM				Mix of singletrack and doubletrack.				
Fisher Creek Connector	0.5	https://www.m	BLM								
Glenwood Springs Area											
Trail Name	Trail Mileage	MTB project map link	Land Manager	LM Sub-unit	2nd Land Manager	Known Maintenance Issues?	Misc. Notes:	Total hours of maintenance.	Notes: TA's name, date of work, vol. hours subtotal, work accomplished.		
Forest Hollow Trail	5.6	https://www.m	BLM				Eastern portion is on WRNF.				

Lookout Mt. Connector	0.7	https://www.blm.gov	BLM																	
Boy Scout Trail	2.5	https://www.blm.gov	BLM	CoGS																
Wulfsohn Trail South TH	0.5	https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Stevie Bob Trail	1.1	https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Vanderhoofin' It	0.6	https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Wulfsohn Trail North TH	0.5	https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Defiance Trail	1.4	https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Olsen Trail	0.6	https://www.blm.gov	private	CoGS						Jim Neu: Has trail easement been signed?										
Red Mt. fall line social trails		https://www.blm.gov	CoGS																	
Grandstaff Trail										Partial new trail construction project, summer 2017.										

New Castle Area

<u>Trail Name</u>	<u>Trail Mileage</u>	<u>MTB project map link</u>	<u>Land Manager</u>	<u>LM Sub-unit</u>	<u>2nd Land Manager</u>	<u>Known Maintenance Issues?</u>	<u>Misc. Notes:</u>	<u>Total hours of maintenance.</u>	<u>Notes: TA's name, date of work, vol. hours subtotal, work accomplished.</u>
Lower Jolley Trail	0.4	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC						
Middle Jolley Trail	0.3	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC						
Upper Jolley Trail	0.5	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC						
Prendergast Hill Trail	0.7	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC						
Alder Park Connector	0.3	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC			Reveg. old fall line portions	With new signage, should serve as new Colorow West TH.		
Colorow Trail Connector	0.4	https://www.blm.gov	ToNC						
Colorow Trail East	1.1	https://www.blm.gov	BLM	NC ERMA					
Colorow Trail West	1.1	https://www.blm.gov	BLM	NC ERMA					
Colorow Trail Viewpoint Spur	0.3	https://www.blm.gov	BLM	NC ERMA					
Zenny's Loop			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Ole Roller			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Sweet Mother			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Crimson Ride			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Half Time			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Jasper Trail			BLM	NC ERMA			Awaiting BLM EA approval.		
Stairway to Heaven			BLM	NC ERMA					

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Portable Tool Resources		
RFMBA has a cache of portable tools that trained Trail Agents may borrow.		
1. Tools are currently stored in Aspen and Carbondale. All loaned equipment should be used with care, and returned in good working order.		
2. Trail Boss USA kits with 3 part handle, pulaski, mcleod, saw & scabard, 4 kits are available. These pack up easily into medium sized backpacks.		
3. Portable folding saws, telescoping loppers, and small loppers. 2-4 of each are available.		
4. Traditional tools are available for loan. Most of these are not packable during bike rides, but are perfect for days on foot when you can carry full size tools. Pulaskis, McLeods, Shovels, Rogue Hoes, Pick Mattock, 4-6 of each are available.		
5. Call 970-948-3486 to determine tool availability and schedule pickup.		
Trail Agents are encouraged to invest in their own portable tools; below resources will be updated periodically.		
Portable Tools	Price	Online link
Trail Boss: Strong, versatile, lightweight and packable, modular system. \$395 for full kit (with s/h) that includes. 3 part handle, Pulaski head, Mcleod head, saw & scabard. Rogue hoes, leather protectors, and other modular parts are available.	Varies	http://www.trailbossusa.com
Fiskars Extendable Handle Lopper with Single Pivot (9166)	\$22	https://www.amazon.com/gp/produ
Fiskars 25 Inch Extendable Power-Lever Lopper	\$29	https://www.amazon.com/Fiskars-l
Fiskar 15" powergear super pruner	\$28	https://www.amazon.com/gp/produ
2060BGT Green Thumb Bypass Hand Lopper, 15-Inch	\$12	https://www.amazon.com/gp/produ
Bond 3378 1-1/2-Inch Mini Bypass Lopper	\$23	https://www.amazon.com/gp/produ
Silky Folding Landscaping Hand Saw BIGBOY 360 Large Teeth 354-36	\$62	https://www.amazon.com/gp/produ



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Trail Agent Program - Accomplishment Reporting

As of Feb. 2017, please email TrailAgentProgram@RFMBA.org the below information after each independent volunteer session. Beta testing is currently underway for an online volunteer time tracking app called Unself; stay tuned as we intend to shift to this platform spring / summer 2017.

1. **Your name.**
2. **Date** of Trail Agent session.
3. **Total hours** volunteered (Typically door to door, travel to/from trailhead counts).
4. **Trail Name** (indicate land manager if not obvious).
5. **Description of work accomplished** (# of trees cleared, length of corridor cleared, # of drainage structures maintained, # of knick / swales created, segment of trail where work was focused, etc.)
6. **Report of un-met complex trail maintenance needs** (to allow RFMBA and land manager to address at a future date). Describe location of the need.
7. If applicable, provide the names, contact & signed waivers of 1-2 max. untrained volunteers that accompanied you for this session. Add their total volunteer hours & work accomplished description to your own report for #3, #5, above.



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Trail Agent Program - Quiz

Trail Agent candidate name (Print Legibly): _____

Take this quiz to document your comprehension of the OSI's *Guide to Independent Stewardship for Trails* and RFMBA's Trail Agent Program.

1. This training was developed to _____.
 - A) teach basic trail maintenance to volunteers working independently.
 - B) teach new trail construction techniques and large group leadership skills.
 - C) allow trail users to take care of local trails with minimal supervision and coordination.
 - D) both A. and C.
2. A Trail Agent may engage in independent trail maintenance _____.
 - A) with a maximum of 2 untrained volunteers / friends.
 - B) with as many untrained friends and family members as possible at one time.
 - C) with no need to report work accomplished.
 - D) on absolutely any trail they choose.
3. The most important part of trail maintenance as a Trail Agent is _____.
 - A) accomplishing urgent and important work, no matter the risks involved.
 - B) changing the character of the trail to fit your personal preference.
 - C) your personal well-being and safety.
 - D) both B. and C.
4. Risk Assessment _____.
 - A) should be undertaken before leaving the trailhead for a trail maintenance session.
 - B) should be internalized and practiced continuously by Trail Agents.
 - C) is complicated and takes too long to consider properly.
 - D) both A. and B.
5. Trail Agents always remind themselves & their 1-2 untrained volunteers to _____.
 - A) CUSS: Carry, Use, and Store tools Safely.
 - B) think twice and act carefully before swinging a sharp tool near other people.
 - C) sign the program waiver and report accomplishments.
 - D) All of the above.
6. A Land Manager's Trail Maintenance Standards _____.
 - A) relate to a trail's location, expected user types, and projected level of use.
 - B) can be revised by a Trail Agent.
 - C) address the trail corridor height and trail tread width.
 - D) both A. and C.

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7. Trail Corridor maintenance includes _____.
 - A) not removing cut and dead plant material off of the trail tread.
 - B) removal of woody plants, and pruning of branches within the corridor.
 - C) leaving cut ends of fallen trees very close to the trail's tread.
 - D) All of the above.

8. Trail Tread maintenance _____.
 - A) includes encouraging water to sheet off the outsloped tread.
 - B) is straightforward because changing the "character of a trail" is not important.
 - C) does not address the "critical edge" or berm that can develop on the tread's edge.
 - D) includes removing all visible rocks and roots.

9. Trail Drainage Structure maintenance _____.
 - A) involves analyzing the drainage problem given the dynamics of flowing water.
 - B) causes existing sections of rutted trail to get worse.
 - C) can happen less frequently if drainage knicks / swales are constructed up-trail.
 - D) both A. and C.

10. Accomplishment Reporting allows RFMBA and Land Managers to _____.
 - A) understand total volunteer hours for an individual, trail system & the program.
 - B) understand type and quantity of volunteer work accomplished.
 - C) understand current / future trail maintenance needs as reported by Trail Agents.
 - D) All of the above.

Candidate score: _____ out of 10.



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Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA Trail Agent Program **AGREEMENT AND WAIVER 2017**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____ Phone (h) _____ Email _____
Mailing Address _____ City / State / Zip _____

INDEPENDENT STEWARD / TRAIL AGENT PROGRAM - AGREEMENT

The Independent Steward / Trail Agent training was developed to teach the fundamentals of basic trail maintenance to volunteers working independently. Having completed the program’s course, I know how to identify and perform basic trail corridor, trail tread and drainage structure maintenance, as well as how to recognize and report on other more complex maintenance needs. Having completed the program’s course, I understand basic safety and risk assessment and how to appropriately work with and represent my Sponsoring Volunteer Organization (Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association - RFMBA) and Land Management Agencies in order to work within their protocols.

I understand that as a trained individual, I may engage with a maximum of 2 un-trained volunteers to accomplish basic trail maintenance. My training is not intended as a Crew Leader for Trails training. My training does not give me permission to re-route trails or build new trails. If I wish to learn more about crew leadership for volunteer groups, new trail construction, or volunteer project management, I will seek additional training opportunities with RFMBA, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers or with the Outdoor Stewardship Institute.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations provided to me by RFMBA while participating in this program. I further agree to submit a timely report on the Independent Stewardship / Trail Agent activities I conduct throughout 2017. I will utilize the reporting structure provided to me by RFMBA, and will submit a report for each day or session that I volunteer my time as an Independent Steward / Trail Agent. I will report on the basic trail maintenance accomplished and also report on other more complex trail maintenance needs that can be addressed by RFMBA and Land Managers on a scheduled basis. I will represent this program, RFMBA, and Land Managers in a positive light when I encounter other trail users.

Signature _____ Date _____



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WAIVER AND RELEASE

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

In return for receiving permission from RFMBA to participate as a volunteer with the Independent Steward / Trail Agent Program during 2017, I agree to assume all risks of loss and injury that may arise out of my participation and I agree to waive any and all claims against RFMBA and the other parties described below.

I hereby release, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless RFMBA, program participants, and anyone else involved with this program and their respective agents, representatives, officers, employees, successors, assigns and insurers, hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Releasees", from any and all liability, claims, demands or actions or causes of action whatsoever, arising out of damage, loss or injury to my person or property, whether anticipated or unanticipated, while participating in any of the activities contemplated by this agreement, whether such damage, loss, or injury results from the negligence of the Releasees, their respective agents, officers, employees, successors, assigns and insurers or from some other cause. This release and agreement shall be binding upon me, my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors.

I expressly acknowledge, represent and agree that expressly identifying and explicitly naming the respective agents, representatives, officers, employees, successors, assigns and insurers of the parties released, all of whom I intend to be released by this document, is a practical impossibility for the parties. The undersigned and the parties released herein expressly acknowledge that, for good and valuable consideration, the terms "respective agents, representatives, officers, employees, successors, assigns, and insurers", however used in this Waiver and Release Agreement are expressly and explicitly intended to include all and each and every individual, person, firm, entity and corporation who are now, or at any time may have been included in the specifically listed categories.

I realize that working within this program may involve the use of tools as well as other risks and hazards. I may be working around other program participants who may not be accustomed to this type of labor. I am aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating and do hereby assume sole responsibility for all such risks and waive all claims against the Releasees, their respective agents, representatives, officers, employees, successors, assigns and insurers.

I grant RFMBA and other program sponsors permission to utilize my image in photographic recordings of the program and I waive any right to claim compensation in exchange for participating in the program.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations to me by RFMBA while participating in this program. I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understood, and voluntarily agreed to the foregoing waiver and release agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Person to contact in case of an emergency:

Printed Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Signature of parent / guardian if volunteer is less than 18 years of age:

Signature _____ Date _____
Printed Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____