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Rio Grande Trail – Bridge to Bridge Segment
Scope of Work for Cultural Resource Survey Contract

Application:

To apply for this contract, please submit letter of intent documenting your ability and interest in completing the scope of work described below. Please include contact information from three references from recent contracts for similar work completed. Include documentation of current BLM Cultural Resource Use Permit from the New Mexico State BLM Office and Fieldwork Authorization from the BLM Taos Field Office. Submit application materials to Enchanted Circle Trails Association at enchantedcircletrails@gmail.com by *May 2nd, 2022*. ***ECTA will pay contractor an amount not to exceed \$10,000.***

Timeline: Draft report requested by **August 1st, 2022**. Final product must be submitted by **September 1, 2022**.

Statement of Work

Provide intensive pedestrian field inventories for cultural resources along the proposed trail layout between the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge and John Dunn Bridge to support compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This includes assessing cultural resources for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation requirements and making recommendations regarding the effects of proposed undertaking on historic properties. Specific tasks to be performed to meet the objectives of the inventories and assessments as described are as follows:

1. Conduct a record search of the Archaeological Resources Management System (ARMS) and the BLM Taos Field Office files and report previously recorded cultural resources in the area of potential effects and document the nature and extent of previous archaeological survey and research in the general area (in compliance with the BLM Manual Supplement H-8100-1: *Procedures for Performing Cultural Resource Fieldwork on Public Lands in the Area of New Mexico*).
2. Review [**Programmatic Plan for the Rio Grande Trail – Colorado to Taos Junction Bridge**](#) [**DOI-BLM-NM-F020-2018-0027-EA**](#) for additional information and recommendations, and the GIS route identified by ECTA and submitted to the BLM TFO. (GIS shape files will be provided to contractor for utilization in the field.)
3. Conduct a Class III cultural resource inventory covering six and one-half (6.5) miles using a single 15-meter-wide transect (~39 acres) of previously un-surveyed routes within the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument that are proposed to be open as multi-use non-motorized travel as part of the Rio Grande Trail. The route would be surveyed using a 15-meter-wide transect centered on the proposed route centerline. A total of approximately 39 acres would be subject to survey. If during site recording, a preliminary assessment is made that the site has some significance and avoidance appears to be a viable option, additional acreage should be inspected to allow for potential project redesign/reroutes with ECTA staff, who will be available to assist in redesign/reroute. A rerouted trail located a minimum of 100 feet from the boundary of the resource will be identified in the field and additional inventory will be conducted to avoid potentially historic properties. All fieldwork and reporting will be completed in compliance with the BLM Manual Supplement H-8100-1: *Procedures for Performing Cultural Resource Fieldwork on Public Lands in the Area of New Mexico*.

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4. Provide a draft version of the Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report, including all site forms and GIS data (sites locations and inventory area) to the BLM Taos Field Office Cultural Resource Specialist for review and comment by August 1st, 2022.
5. Following review and addressing comments, final deliverables will be submitted to the BLM Taos Field Office Cultural Resource Specialist and include:
 - a. Two hard copies and two electronic copies of the final approved report
 - b. Two hard copies and two electronic copies of all associated appendices and relevant forms (LA site forms, HCPI forms, NMCRIS Investigation Abstract Form, isolate data, etc.)
 - c. Electronic copy of digital photographs and all associated GIS data (inventory area, site boundaries, isolate locations).

Bridge to Bridge segment, Rio Grande Trail

