



Enchanted Circle Trails Association

Developing, maintaining, and promoting trails in northern New Mexico
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ECTA Quarterly Report

Jan-Mar 2026

Summary

Enchanted Circle Trails Association (ECTA) develops, maintains, and promotes a trail system throughout the Enchanted Circle. The following is a summary of actions from last quarter and includes all jurisdictions (*i.e., BLM and US Forest Service and local units of government.*)

Trail Maintenance

Adopt-a-Trail

ECTA began reaching out to partners to schedule the 2026 summer Adopt-a-Trail season, building on last year's momentum. We look forward to continuing to build the momentum around this effective, community-engagement program.

Trail Stewardship

No trail stewardship events were held this quarter.

Trail Skills

ECTA began planning for our annual Trail Master Training, a 2-day field course in trail maintenance basics to be held in Questa on May 30-31. The free course is open to the public, with Adopt-a-Trail partners encouraged to attend.

ECTA also worked on planning a Wilderness First Aid course for volunteers and the public (May 2-3), as well as Cross-Cut Saw certification course (June 6-7) to increase capacity with and passion for these historic saws, vital for keeping wilderness trails clear.

Trail Promotion

Trail Brochures & Posters

ECTA worked on updating our wildly popular User Group Trail Brochures: <https://enchantedcircletrails.org/promotion/brochures/> which are distributed throughout the Enchanted Circle region at visitor centers, businesses, and municipal buildings to help ensure that locals and visitors alike have good information about some of the trails found in the region.

ECTA also began developing a poster of trail maps to hang in community businesses and public spaces.



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Communications

Communication efforts provide timely information about trails and trail issues and provide pathways for folks to get involved with the trail community. During this quarter, we increased followers on Facebook by **2%**, Instagram by **3.6%**, and newsletter subscribers by **1%**. Website website impressions increased by **47%**.

Trail Apps

ECTA has continued exploring the [Trailfunds.org](https://www.trailfunds.org) ecosystem to help increase support for regional trails, while also looking into Trailforks, AllTrails, and other apps to better understand how to best reach our users.

All of these trail apps draw from [openstreetmap.org](https://www.openstreetmap.org) to some extent, and ECTA has been working on updating trail data there as a universal source of truth.

Trail Planning and Outreach

Village of Taos Ski Valley Trail and Greenspace Plan

ECTA held additional community meetings, regarding the trail and greenspace plan in the Village of Taos Ski Valley. The goal of this phase of outreach is to hear from residents and visitors to VTSV what they wish to see in the way of trails, greenspace, and connectivity in the village and surrounding areas.

Trails Salsa

ECTA held its first Trail Salsa meeting, which introduced user groups and land management agencies and municipalities to one another. Topics included updates on trail projects in each municipality and the concept of a regional sign plan that would unify trail information and signage throughout the region.

Participants included the Forest Service, BLM, all Enchanted Circle municipalities, Taos County, and trail user groups spanning equestrians, runners, hikers, bikers, and motorized users.

Destination Stewardship

ECTA has begun participating in the Destination Stewardship Network. This group—with representation from local and tribal governments, public land agencies, businesses, and residents—collaboratively advances prioritization, planning, and pilot implementation of initiatives born from the 3,348 resident voices that shaped the Taos Destination Stewardship Plan.



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Trail Development / Roadway Improvements / Connectivity	
Project	Status
NM150 Multi-Use Pathway from US64 to Arroyo Seco (Taos Pueblo/NMDOT)	Designs for this project are on hold as we continue to wait for clarification from Taos Pueblo regarding acceptable use of highway right of way.
Questa to Red River Trail (Questa/Red River/USFS)	Though technically occurring after this quarter ended, the Forest Service issued a decision based on the Environmental Assessment approving the development of the Questa to Red River Trail, concluding a multi-year, multi-disciplinary review process which included several rounds of public feedback. We are eager to continue working on developing this exciting project.
Largo/Lama Canyon Trails (Questa/USFS)	ECTA revised the draft plan based on community feedback, and has scheduled a public meeting to review the draft in Q2 2026.
Foothills Trail Connections and Sustainability (USFS)	No action was taken this quarter.
Rio Grande Trail – Bridge to Bridge Segment (BLM)	No action was taken this quarter.
Horsethief Mesa Trails (BLM)	ECTA received a Trails+ grant to fund the archaeological surveys required for final approval of the trails identified in the Travel Management Plan. We hope to engage with a contract archaeologist this summer.
Taos Valley Overlook (BLM)	No action was taken this quarter.
Outward Link Trail (Town of Taos)	The landowner has appealed the decision to reopen the trail, and the issue landed back in court, where the judge has ruled the trail shall remain closed until the appeal is completed.
Bull of the Woods to Big Ditch (USFS)	No action was taken this quarter.
Miranda Canyon (USFS)	ECTA continues to work on field surveys of potential alignments, working to get Phase I ready for approval by the Carson National Forest.