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LETTER: GOCO Project Thanks

To the Editor,

As immediate past secretary of the Park County Historical Society, I would like to thank the businesses, organizations and individuals who supported the society during the Great Outdoors Colorado project in McGraw Memorial Park and on Morrow Mountain during and subsequent to the completion of the GOCO grant project.

Trail volunteers were fed and thanked with donations from businesses the Knotty Pine, the Cutthroat Cafe, Aspen Creek Cellars, Safeway – Conifer, and Recreational Equipment Inc. as well as individuals who donated money to purchase Clif Bars for the volunteers. The Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce and “I Love U Guys” Foundation also donated volunteer gifts. Tools for the trail work were purchased thanks to individuals and Braun Chiropractic. The Colorado Mountain Club also loaned many tools to supplement those purchased through donations.

The Colorado Mountain Club, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, Colorado State University Forestry School, and Bailey Boy Scouts all spent hours assisting with trail building as did Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. (See the Sept. 28, 2012, Flume.) VOC improved the trail for the enjoyment of the McGraw Memorial Park guests. Due to space limitations I can't name here all the wonderful volunteers who gave time to the trail project but please know your dedication will bring joy to park visitors for years to come. You all should be very proud of your accomplishments. Thank You!

I would like to thank the Destination Bailey committee of the Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce and then-Destination Bailey President Susan Lambert for her tireless efforts to obtain the GOCO grant and start the project. The board of directors of the Park County Historical Society, Park County commissioners, and Park County Director of Tourism Gary Nichols supported the project from its inception. Nichols provided sound guidance for the project.

Regards,

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