

**CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 18
Series of 2016**

DESIGNATION OF STAGE AND RAIL TRAIL IN LEADVILLE

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS:

WHEREAS, the old stage road from Salida to Leadville and the Colorado Midland Railroad are historic transportation routes of great significance to the early development of the City of Leadville and adjacent Lake County

WHEREAS, their preservation, interpretation and public use has been identified in plans and studies developed with institutional and public involvement including the Chaffee County Heritage Area Plan, the Collegiate Peaks Scenic and Historic Byway Corridor Management Plan, Top of the Rockies National Scenic and Historic Byway Corridor Management Plan, the Salida to Leadville Trail Corridor Feasibility Study and the Arkansas River Stage and Rail Trail draft Master Plan

WHEREAS, conclusions of the aforementioned plans and studies have identified and proposed preferred and alternative alignments for a 64-mile long regional hiking, bicycle, horseback and driving Stage and Rail Trail passing through the jurisdictions or management authority lands of the City of Salida, Chaffee County, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Bureau of Land management, Town of Buena Vista, Colorado State Land Board, US Forest Service, Lake County and City of Leadville

WHEREAS, there have already been statements of support in principle from the City Council of Leadville and the other aforementioned jurisdictions and managers and expressions of willingness to participate as managing Partners in the orderly future implementation and management of the Stage and Rail Trail within their respective jurisdictions and authorities

RESOLUTIONS:

NOW THEREFORE be it unanimously resolved by the Leadville City Council that the Salida to Leadville Stage and Rail Trail is designated within Leadville generally along the routes and with development and management strategies outlined in the June, 2015 draft Stage and Rail Master Plan with respect to the jurisdiction of the City of Leadville. Be it further resolved that Bethany Maher, Deputy City Clerk is appointed as Leadville's representative to the Stage and Rail Trail Partner Board, to assist in guiding implementation of the trail and refining details of the routes, development and management strategies of the Master Plan, serving until such time as he or she might be reappointed or replaced by the Leadville City Council.

ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2016 by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining, 1 absent.

ATTEST:



Bethany E Maher, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF LEADVILLE, COLORADO

By 
Greg Labbe, Mayor



FACT SHEET ON THE STAGE AND RAIL TRAIL PROJECT

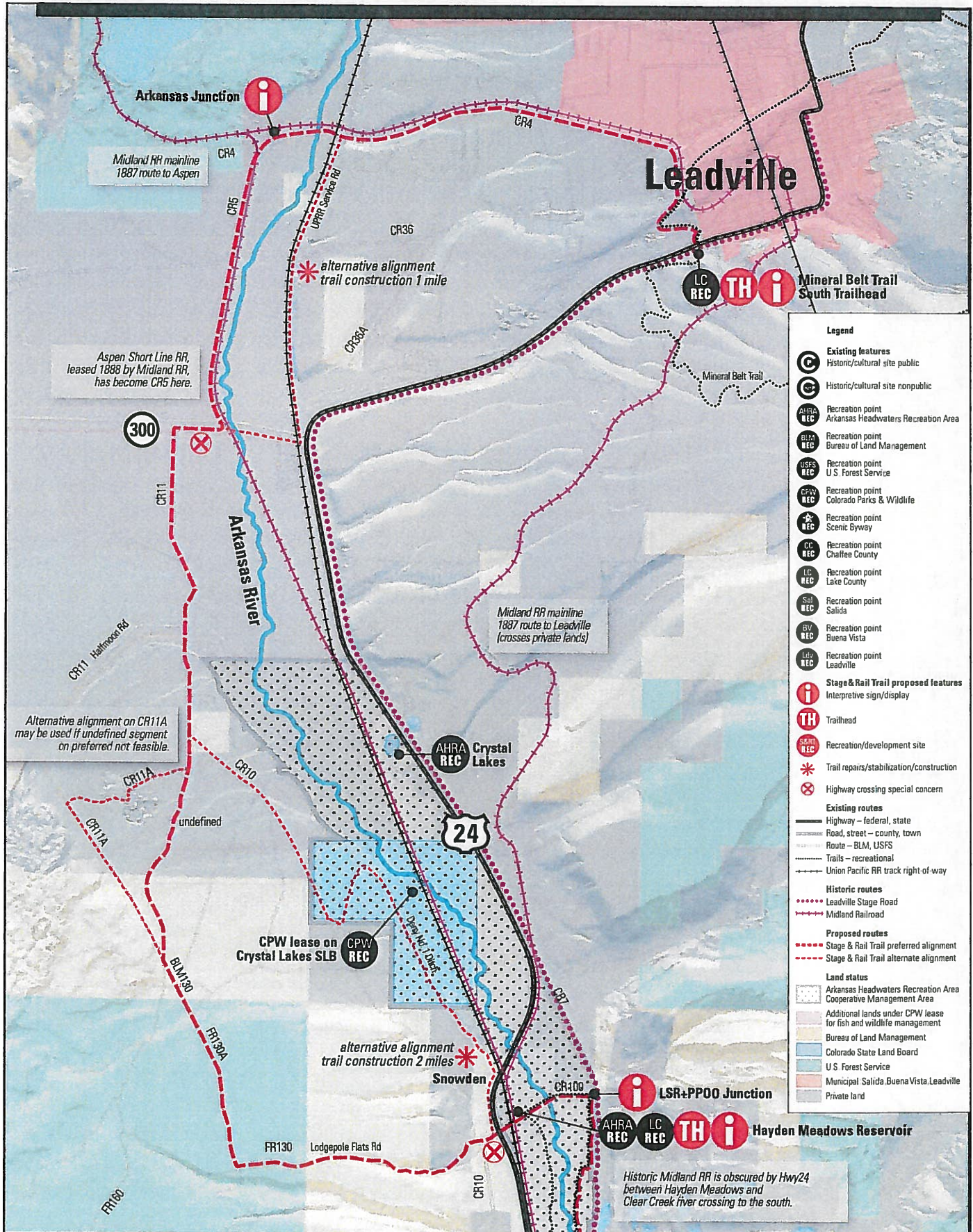
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Full documents available for download at <http://garna.org/stageandrail/>

- Local initiative since 2006 under non-profit GARNA to consider establishment of a 64-mile long-distance hiking/biking/ fisherman/horseback/driving trail from Salida to Leadville
- Would link Salida's S Mountain, Buena Vistas' Whipple and Leadville's Mineral Belt trails and incorporate pieces of historic Canon City to Leadville stage road and Colorado Midland Railroad
- Would promote *preservation* of physical remnants of the corridor's transportation heritage, educate residents and visitors on value of that heritage through *interpretation*, and in some sections allow the recreational *experience* of hiking, biking or driving on or near actual historic routes
- Would provide a third pathway to experience the corridor i.e. a slow speed route highlighting local heritage, supplementing existing popular pathways including two Scenic Byways (Top of the Rockies in Lake County and Collegiate Peaks in Chaffee); and the river itself
- Would in some sections be available for non-motorized use on natural surface on narrow historic routes (north and south of Granite), in some sections for vehicles driving on existing county, state or federal roads (south of Buena Vista), and for certain sections be interpreted from off-site (overlooks on Hwy 24 and elsewhere)
- Would provide economic benefits through additional recreational and educational options for visitors, diversify the corridor's focus on fishing and water-sports, encourage additional local spending and longer visits, and provide additional real estate sale incentives
- Would provide social benefits by increasing appreciation of value of local heritage, and by providing opportunities for physical recreation and fitness and quality-of-life rewards
- Has consistently received support from potential management partners including AHRA, BLM, USFS, Lake and Chaffee County Commissioners, towns of Salida, Buena Vista and Leadville, citizen's recreation groups and recreation-based commercial businesses
- Has elicited legitimate objections from some private land owners and Granite residents, and concerns for disturbance of wildlife from CPW specialists, and prompted a search for solutions
- Was assessed favorably through a grant-funded Feasibility Study completed in June 2012, which encouraged further planning and development of a draft Master Plan
- Grant-funded draft Master Plan presented to potential managers April, 2015 addresses opportunities, objections, concerns through alternative routes; partners anxious to move forward and most have made commitments to designate the trail when implementation formally begins
- First year implementation grant awarded August 2016 is funding a S&RT Coordinator; start-up activities for 2016-2017 are underway and 2nd Year grant anticipated
- S&RT listed Jan 2016 in Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado Beautiful "16 Trails in 2016" for its emphasis on expanding Colorado's regional and local trails



Legend

	Existing features
	Historic/cultural site public
	Historic/cultural site nonpublic
	Recreation point Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
	Recreation point Bureau of Land Management
	Recreation point U.S. Forest Service
	Recreation point Colorado Parks & Wildlife
	Recreation point Scenic Byway
	Recreation point Chaffee County
	Recreation point Lake County
	Recreation point Salida
	Recreation point Buena Vista
	Recreation point Leadville
	Stage & Rail Trail proposed features
	Interpretive sign/display
	Trailhead
	Recreation/development site
	Trail repairs/stabilization/construction
	Highway crossing special concern
	Existing routes
	Highway - federal, state
	Road, street - county, town
	Route - BLM, USFS
	Trails - recreational
	Union Pacific RR track right of way
	Historic routes
	Leadville Stage Road
	Midland Railroad
	Proposed routes
	Stage & Rail Trail preferred alignment
	Stage & Rail Trail alternate alignment
	Land status
	Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Cooperative Management Area
	Additional lands under CPW lease for fish and wildlife management
	Bureau of Land Management
	Colorado State Land Board
	U.S. Forest Service
	Municipal Salida, Buena Vista, Leadville
	Private land

Midland RR mainline 1887 route to Aspen

Aspen Short Line RR, leased 1888 by Midland RR, has become CR5 here.

Alternative alignment on CR11A may be used if undefined segment on preferred not feasible.

Midland RR mainline 1887 route to Leadville (crosses private lands)

Historic Midland RR is obscured by Hwy24 between Hayden Meadows and Clear Creek river crossing to the south.