

Recreational Trails Grant Program

Glossary of Terms

ATV

All-terrain vehicle, quadricycle, three or four wheels, width of less than 50".

Bicycling

Includes both touring and mountain bicycling.

Categorical Exclusion

A level of environmental review for agency action that does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively cause significant impacts to the human environment, as determined by rulemaking or programmatic review, and for which an EA or EIS is not required.

Diversified Trail Use

Includes more than one type of motorized use, non-motorized use, or both motorized and non-motorized uses.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

The appropriate level of environmental review for actions that either does not significantly affect the human environment or for which the agency is uncertain whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

A comprehensive evaluation of the impacts to the human environment that likely would result from an agency action or reasonable alternatives to that action. An EIS also serves as a public disclosure of agency decision-making.

In-Kind Contribution

Include funds donated by state, community agencies or private sector dollar donations, value of donated labor, materials, value of donated equipment, etc.

FHWA

Federal Highway Administration.

MEPA

Montana Environmental Policy Act of 1971.

NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP)

A recreational trails funding program included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Rehabilitation

All work to bring an existing trail up to its classification standard on the same location, including necessary relocation of minor portions of the trail.

SCORP

State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan.

STAC

State Trails Advisory Committee.

Sponsor

Organization or government agency that will sign agreements and contracts and be responsible for project.

Trailhead Facilities

Include such items as signs, unloading platforms, parking lots, shelters, rest rooms, bicycle racks, hitching rails, etc.

Trailside Facilities

May include, but not limited to, signs, benches, scenic overlooks, shelters, kiosks, water hydrants, etc.

Weight

A measure of criteria priority. Each criterion for a project may receive a base score of 0-10. As an example, a criterion with a weight of three receives a base score of seven. Seven is multiplied by three to yield a criterion score of 21.