



Wyoming
Pathways

WYOMING PATHWAYS

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



OVERVIEW

MISSION

To inspire, motivate and unite a strong community of public, business, and political leaders to improve active transportation and people-powered recreation opportunities in Wyoming, including bicycling, walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

ABOUT

Wyoming Pathways celebrates its 16th year as the statewide voice for people who walk, bike, hike, and cross-country-ski, and it is exciting to say that momentum is on our side. Communities across Wyoming are increasingly seeking to improve livability by investing in biking and walking pathways, walkable main streets, close-to-home trails, and safe routes to schools.

STATEWIDE BENEFITS

- Mental and physical well-being
- Economic vitality
- Safer and more connected communities
- Reduced healthcare costs
- Equal access to recreational activities, transportation, and social opportunities
- Reduced crime
- Increased property values



COMMUNITY LIAISONS

- Jared Koenig, Sheridan
Community Land Trust Liaison
- Mitch Prissel, Teton Liaison

STAFF MEMBERS

- Michael Kusiek, Director
- Pete Skram, Data Management
- Grace Templeton, Community Engagement

BOARD MEMBERS

- John Gallagher (Cody)
- Janie Curtis (Cody)
- Mitch Prissel (Tetons)
- Clay Cundy (Gillette)



2025 STATISTICS & STATEWIDE IMPACT

2025 TRAILS & SAFE STREETS STATISTICS



New Trails Built

Approximately 27,456 linear ft



Trails Maintained

Approximately 11,088 linear ft



Flagged

Approximately 59,664 linear ft



Grant Funding Secured

\$850,000



Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Workshops

3 workshops hosted (Lander, Casper, and Cheyenne)



Staff-time Dedicated to Managing Trail Projects

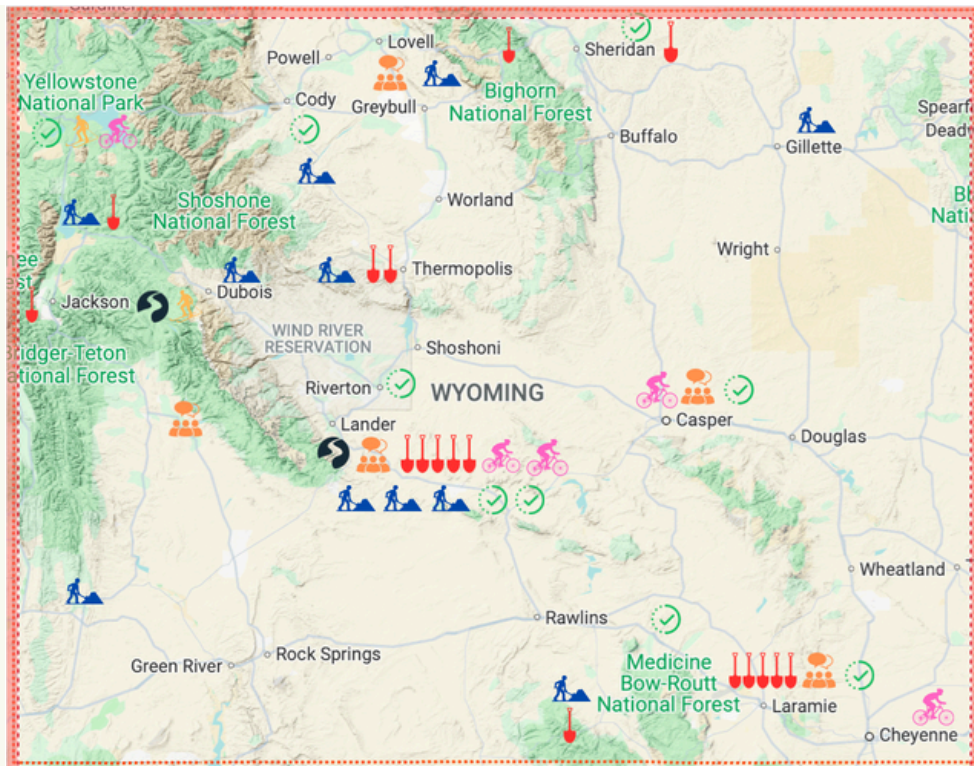
\$130,000+

MAP KEY:

HISTORIC IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE



-  Trail Development/Maintenance Projects in Progress
-  Complete Trail Development/Maintenance Projects
-  Charrette Hosted (a Community Trails Visioning Meeting)
-  Active Transportation Project Collaboration in Progress
-  Safe Streets Project Completed
-  Pathway Project Completed
-  Improved Winter Grooming





MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear supporters of Wyoming Pathways,

This year has been one of both progress and change for Wyoming Pathways, and as we reflect on all that's been accomplished, we're deeply grateful for the community of supporters who make this work possible. Every mile of trail we build, every partnership we forge, is a direct result of people like you who believe that access to the outdoors matters for our health, our economies, and our way of life here in Wyoming.

Across the state, we've expanded that access through new trail construction, essential maintenance, and community partnerships. From the Red Grade Trail in Sheridan to major improvements along the Continental Divide and Tie Hack Trails, we're incredibly proud to bring these projects to communities that deserve world-class outdoor experiences in their own backyards.

2025 was our biggest year yet, a milestone we could not have reached without the generosity and enthusiasm of our donors, volunteers, and partners across Wyoming. But we're also facing new challenges. With federal recreation funding expected to decline, our mission to build and maintain trails for all users is more important than ever. Your support ensures that Wyoming Pathways can continue connecting communities and keeping outdoor spaces open and accessible for everyone.

We don't take that support for granted. Thank you for believing in this work, for standing with us through another remarkable year, and for helping us bring the gift of trails to people and places all across this incredible state.

Onward,

Michael Kusiek





MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Dear friends and partners,

After three incredible years as the Community Engagement Director with Wyoming Pathways, I am moving on to my next adventure. Looking back, these years have been some of the most meaningful of my life, defined by the quite literally ground breaking work of turning community visions into tangible assets that improve quality of life. From planning the Casper Charrette and translating countless community surveys into a comprehensive report, to helping plan and host education and safety workshops across the state, I have seen firsthand how much Wyoming communities value the ability to move safely through their own neighborhoods and outdoor spaces. It has been a privilege to be a peice of the puzzle that bridges the gap between technical planning and the lived experience of the people who use these trails, ensuring every voice was heard and every project was rooted in local needs.

Beyond the maps and meetings, this role allowed me to oversee our organizational growth through marketing and fundraising efforts that exceeded our goals every single year. These successes were never just about the numbers; they represented a growing trust in our mission and provided the essential resources to keep our projects moving forward when they otherwise might have stalled. Helping to expand our reach and educate the public on the "why" behind active transportation has been a true honor, especially when I saw those efforts lead to new partnerships and strengthened community ties. Collaborating with local residents to make these projects a reality has taught me that this work is largely due to the passion and dedication of the people who champion them.

As I step away to pursue new opportunities, my commitment to Wyoming's trails and safe streets remains as strong as ever. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together, and I will continue to cheer on Wyoming Pathways. Thank you for the support, the collaboration, and the stories you've shared with me over the last three years. It has been a privilege to work alongside you.

Sincerely,

Grace Templeton





2025 EVENTS



Photo: Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety Workshop in Cheyenne

- City of Lander Project Information Open House
- Lovell Community Discussion - The Cottonwood Canyon Trails Plan
- Celebrate Trails Day
- Challenge for Charities in Lander (Lander Community Foundation)
- Emerging Issues Forum in Laramie
- 2025 Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Summit in Laramie
- Pints for Pathways Fundraiser at Cowfish in Lander
- Wyoming Sportsman Conservation Forum
- WyoGives Statewide Online Fundraiser
- The DeCoster Trailgate in Driggs, ID
- The Annual TMBA DeCoster Trail Revival
- National Trails Day
- WYDOT Long Range Transportation Plan Virtual Stakeholder Meeting
- Pedestrian & Cyclist Safety Workshop (Casper, Cheyenne, and Lander)
- Tie Hack Trail Restoration: Community Update
- Tour the Tie Hack Trail with Southeast Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Collaborative
- The Tie Hack Trail Restoration Celebration
- Get Your Glow On Blazin' Bobcat Pathway Celebration
- Trail Fundraiser Online Raffle
- The 30th Annual Hogadon Basin Ski Area "Tune-Up" Day (Sponsored)
- Highlander Trail Opening in Sheridan
- Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year Fundraiser

2025 COMPLETE PROJECTS

Saratoga

After 14 years of flood damage, the historic Tie Hack Trail is now restored. Two new bridges, a boardwalk, and improved trails are revitalizing this beloved area. Wyoming Pathways helped oversee the project, design improvements, and dedicated countless hours in the field.

A huge thank you to the Montana Conservation Corps for clearing over 100 hazardous trees, removing tons of flood debris, and rerouting a section of French Creek to reduce erosion.

Thanks also to the USFS and YRU Construction for their hard work and partnership.



Lander

Our organization supported the construction of a new ADA-accessible pathway at Baldwin Creek Elementary.

This project will benefit kids, families, and the broader Lander community. Special thanks to Misty Atnip for her tireless leadership. This is a great example of what can be accomplished when community members are determined to improve active transportation for everyone!

The Continental Divide Trail

We completed 1,000 linear feet of trail reroutes between Upper and Lower Jade Lakes as part of the Continental Divide Trail, in partnership with the US Forest Service and Pointe Strategies. This work builds on our 2022 improvements at Sublette Pass. The route from Togwotee Pass to Brooks Lake Meadow is now complete with seven miles of incredible downhill trail! Please be bear aware when exploring this area.



2025 COMPLETE PROJECTS

Sheridan

We completed the new 0.6-mile Highlander Trail, connecting the Aspens Trailhead to the Little Bear Loop. This bidirectional trail for hiking and biking adds new loop options and improved access along the Red Grade Trails, made possible through our partnership with the Sheridan Community Land Trust. Huge thanks to K4 Trails for the great work and to all our partners who helped make it happen!



Northern Tetons

The Caribou-Targhee National FS invited us to partner with them to repair sections of the classic DeCoster Trail. Thanks to the leadership of board member Mitch Prissel, the Teton Mountain Bike Alliance, and the Montana Conservation Corps, work on the trail progressed quickly, with crews making significant improvements. Updates are complete on this section. You can expect old-school singletrack and breathtaking views. If you haven't explored it yet, this trail should definitely be on your list!

ONGOING PROJECTS

Lovell

We are planning with the Town of Lovell and the BLM in Cody to build out a new 26+ mile trail system at Cottonwood Campground. Pointe Strategies developed a trail plan in 2024, and we are applying for a grant to cover NEPA requirements. When secured, we will pursue funding for the build. This project has the potential to boost the BigHorn Basin economy!



ONGOING PROJECTS



Lander

After a year of intensive planning alongside the BLM, we are moving forward with "Moses Returns." This 4-mile multi-use connection between "Red Ridge" and the "Johnny Falls Trail" at Johnny Behind the Rocks will serve hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners, and equestrians. Despite a slight delay caused by the Autumn 2025 government shutdown, our team is energized for a productive year. We are currently scheduled to complete "Moses Returns" while also working on completing "Egyptian Time Machine" (to the parking lot) and the alternate line, "Dad Jokes."

Commissary Ridge Trail System

Wyoming Pathways is proud to partner with the Kemmerer Ranger District on a multi-year project to revitalize the Commissary Ridge Trail System in the southern Wyoming Range. Spanning 180 miles across 34 trails, this system has been largely unmaintained for over two decades, with erosion, fallen trees, and overgrowth making some sections unsafe and difficult to navigate. The revitalization effort will restore and improve these trails to enhance safety and the overall visitor experience.



The Outdoor

Recreation Trust Fund

Wyoming Pathways is currently evaluating projects across the state to determine which will be submitted for funding through the Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, which begins accepting grant applications in 2026. This opportunity has the potential to significantly expand and strengthen our trail development and maintenance efforts statewide.





FUNDING STATISTICS

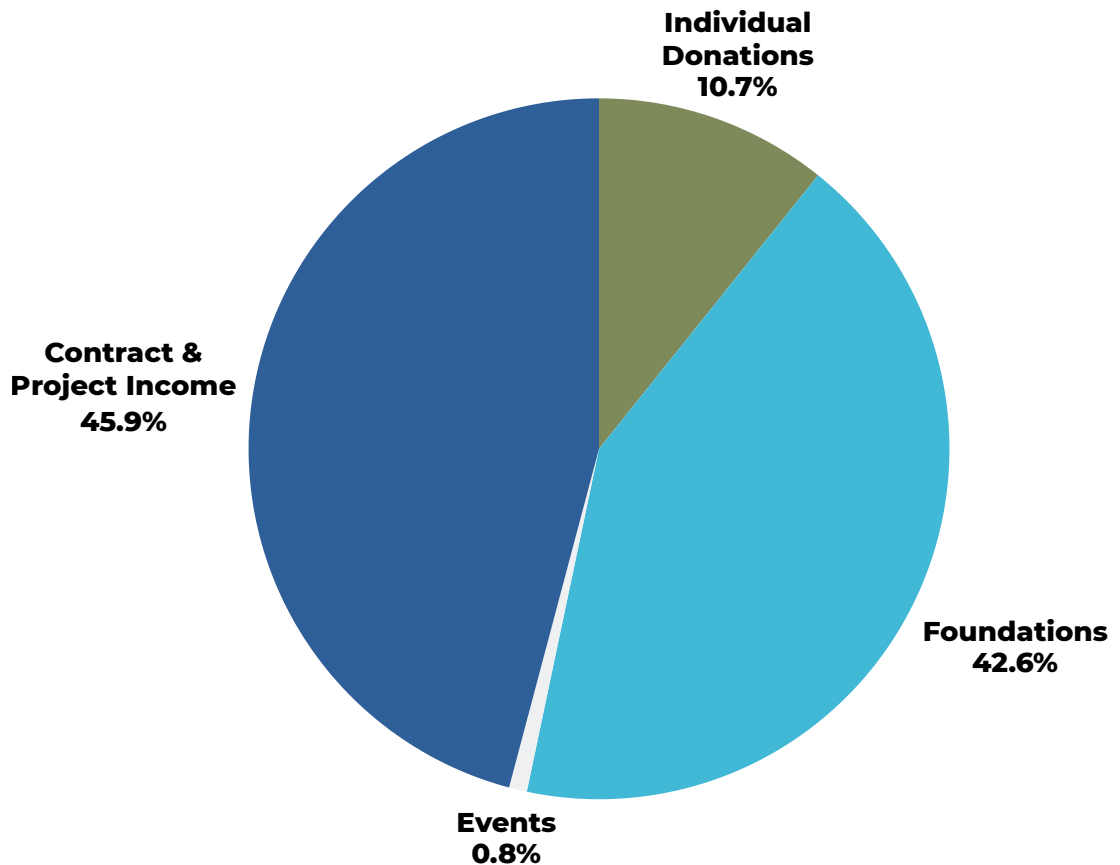
THANK YOU, INDIVIDUAL DONORS!

Individual Donors: 162
New Donors in 2025: 77
Number of Members: 2,903
Total Fundraised: ~\$88,000

FUNDRAISERS

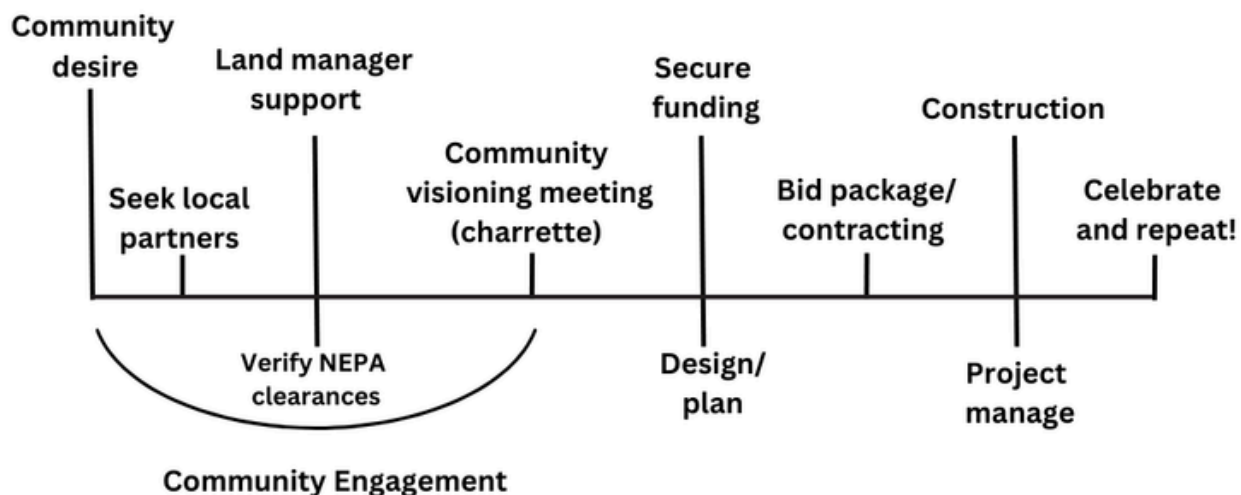
Challenge for Charities (Lander) - \$12,100
WyoGives (Statewide Online) - \$18,000
Pints for Pathways (Lander) - \$1,200
Trail Raffle Fundraiser (Online) - \$3,500
Giving Tuesday / End of Year - \$52,000

FUNDING



OUR PROCESS & OUR PARTNERS

OUR PROCESS



PARTNERS 2025

- Sheridan Community Land Trust
- BLM Lander Field Office
- Medicine Bow Routt Brush Creek USFS Office
- Bridger Teton / Kemmerer USFS Office
- Tread Lightly
- Wyoming Office of State Parks and Outdoor Recreation
- University of Wyoming Haub School and WORTH Initiative
- WYDOT
- Teton Mountain Bike Alliance
- Platte River Trails, Central Wyoming Trails Alliance, City of Casper, & Natrona County
- City of Cheyenne, Laramie County School District #1, Cheyenne PD, Cheyenne Greenway Initiative
- City of Lander, Lander PD, Fremont County School District #1
- Laramie Bikenet / Trail F.A.I.R.I.E.S
- Town of Lovell / BLM in Cody
- Caribou Targhee USFS Office
- BLM Buffalo Field Office
- Wyoming's Outdoor Recreation Collaboratives
- Others

LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited about the impact we will make across the State through the various projects, initiatives, and events we have planned in 2026. We look forward to continuing to work towards promoting active lifestyles and sustainable transportation options in the region.

We can only complete this work with your support! Get in touch with us at michael@wyopath.org, and if you'd like to donate, you can do so by going to www.wyopath.org/donate/

