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Excerpt from the City Council Meeting held on 12/15/13

In other business, the council approved a letter of support for a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation grant application for construction of trails and improvements in the Hogbacks Recreation area. If awarded, the grant will fund \$75,000 of youth corps employment for this effort.

Monica McGowan of the Hogbacks Preservation Society thanked the city and the council for their support in the group's work in trail building and rehabilitation efforts in the hogbacks.

"I feel honored to stand here and look at your faces and say thank you on behalf of our group," she said. "Your efforts, as well as the efforts of the Cañon City Parks and Recreation District, the BLM office and Rex Brady who has just really stepped up, are very encouraging to our community."

McGowan also recognized other user groups that have worked on the project since 2007, including the Lower Arkansas Mountain Bike Association, staff and students in the Cañon City School District, the Garden Park Paleontology Society, local chapter of the Autobond Society, Rocky Mountain Back Country Horseman Association, community residents, Cañon City Geology Club, Cañonland Walkers and Hikers and the Skyline Preservation Society.