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GROUNDBREAKING EVENT FOR MONUMENT TRAIL CONNECTION

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. October 17, 2024 – The City of Grand Junction and Colorado West Land Trust (CWLT) will host a groundbreaking event on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lunch Loops Trailhead for the second phase of the Monument Trail connection.

The work to complete the trail connection has already begun and is expected to be completed by spring of 2025. Once finished, the Monument Trail will complete the ten-mile paved route of the Redlands Loop that connects the Monument Road, South Camp, Connected Lakes, and Audubon trails.

“This project has been in the works for many years and the city, and our partners are excited to be able to complete the remaining section for the community to enjoy this beautiful addition near the Monument,” stated Trent Prall, Engineering and Transportation director. “The partnership with Colorado West Land Trust has been outstanding in securing space for conservation of this area and working together to be able to provide a safe and scenic path for users of all kinds of recreation to enjoy,” continued Prall.

“This project demonstrates our community’s commitment to creating safer and more accessible outdoor experiences,” said Rob Bleiberg, CWLT executive director. “The Monument Trail allows people to enjoy the scenic beauty of the red rocks and the Lunch Loop area without depending on vehicular access. It’s a trail for everyone – people of all ages and abilities.”

The Monument Trail serves as a recreational corridor among the greater trail system that provides a point of connectivity for multi-modal users. The Monument Trail is key Active Transportation Corridors for residents, commuters, and visitors. The extension of the Monument Trail aids in the access of the Lunch Loop area providing a safe path for all.

The Monument Trail funding was secured by the city and raised funds in partnership with CWLT and the Great Outdoors Colorado grant. The partnerships from the City of Grand Junction, CWLT, Mesa County, One Riverfront, Great Outdoors Colorado, and the Bureau of Land Management have assisted in this major milestone.

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