

Bluff River Trail

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Proposal

The Bluff City Historic Preservation Association (BCHPA), in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, Monticello Field Office (BLM) and the Grand Canyon Trust (GCT) proposes to create the Bluff River Trail (BRT), a *non-motorized trail system*, which will extend from the BLM Sand Island Campground on the west to the east end of Bluff, San Juan County, Utah. The intent of the proposed Bluff River Trail is to reconnect the Bluff community and visitors with the San Juan River by means of a pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian trail along the river. The project will be devoted to education, research, preservation, and recreation.

Location and Description of the Proposed Bluff River Trail

The unincorporated town of Bluff is located on the north side of the San Juan River in San Juan County, Utah. The legal location of the proposed BRT is as follows:

Township 40 South, Range 21 East, Sections 25, 27, 33, 34, 36
Township 40 South, Range 22 East, Section 30
(USGS Bluff, Utah, 7.5' Provisional Edition 1997)

The proposed BRT trail corridor will traverse approximately 6 miles of BLM-administered lands and 3.7 miles of state lands or lands held in private ownership. With assistance from the GCT, the BCHPA secured trail easements through private lands between Bluff and the San Juan River (on file at San Juan County Recorder's Office, Monticello, UT). A Memorandum of Understanding has been developed between BCHPA, the BLM Monticello Field Office and the Grand Canyon Trust for a trail right-of-way corridor from the BLM Sand Island Campground on the west to the east end of Bluff below the Historic Jones Farm (BLM-MOU-UT-MT-2015-001, executed May 22, 2015).