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Ritt Kellogg Memorial Fund **Registration**

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Registration

Jul 1, 2021-May	Ritt Kellogg Memorial Fund	Waiting
1, 2022	RKMF Pathways Grant Group Application 2021-2022	for
1, 2022	This is the group application for a RKMF Pathways Grant. In this application you will be asked to provide important details concerning your proposed trip. The RKMF Pathways Grant aims to provide financial assistance for CC students to plan, propose, and execute trips of 6 or more days long to test and grow their outdoor skills, build their confidence in an expeditionary setting, and prepare them for longer trips in the future. These grants will hopefully put students on a path towards a Ritt Kellogg Expedition later on in their CC career. These trips are limited to the contiguous US, and can occur throughout the year. Trips can but do not have to enter remote backcountry areas. Car camping trips will not be funded, and students should propose trips in which they are self supported/pack their own weight (resupplies are OK, however). Students can receive up to \$500 each for their Pathways trip. Each trip team must be made up of at least two currently enrolled Colorado College students. Seniors are eligible to apply as long as the trip takes place within 4 months of graduating. Applications are due at the following intervals: Trips going out over Fall Break are due by 4th Monday of 3rd Block Trips going out over Winter Break are due by 4th Monday of 3rd Block Trips going out over Spring Break are due by 4th Monday of 5th Block Trips going out over the summer are due by 4th Monday of 7th Block Trips going out a other times outside of the above dates are due 5 weeks before departure. Applications will not be reviewed over the summer - all summer trips must be proposed during Block 7. If you have additional questions about the Pathways Grant or writing your application please email Kate Macklin, Outdoor Education and RKMF Coordinator, at kmacklin@coloradocollege.edu	Approval

Participant



Trip Summary

Trip Name

Bikepacking the Monumental Loop

Objectives

We seek to bikepack the Monumental Loop, a 245 mile route through the Organ Mountains in Southern New Mexico. We seek to gain experience traveling by bike, explore a new region of the country and spend valuable time under the sun. Because this will be one of our first bikepacking trips, we want to choose a route that is long enough to challenge us, but short enough that it acts as a positive learning experience. The Pathways Grant funding would allow us to travel to a warmer climate over winter break and spend multiple days outside. Both Sam and I hope to complete a longer bike trip in the future.

Location

The Monumental Loop starts and finishes in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The route begins traveling north through the Doña Ana mountains. The route then skirts the edge of the Robledo Mountains, continuing through desert canyon country. After passing through the town of Hatch, New Mexico, the route turns south and enters the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument. The location offers the perfect mix of access and solitude. While the route is close to resupply points like Las Cruces and Hatch, most of the riding is along quiet dirt roads in a rarely-visited National Monument. This location makes for a great beginning bikepacking trip. While we will be able to easily get to the trail and won't need to worry about shuttling a car, the route will maintain a sense of remoteness and necessitate self-sufficiency.

Departure Date

Dec 22, 2021

Return Date

Dec 29, 2021

Days in the Field

6

Wilderness Experience

Our trip travels through multiple mountain ranges and a newly-created national monument. While the whole trip is not within a designated wilderness area, the trip does have a remote feel. In order to make our trip more feasible, we plan to utilize towns along the way to resupply ourselves. However, we will make sure to keep stops in town short to maximize our time in the field. Unlike some bikepackers, we will not stop at hotels, coffee shops or to shower in town.

Participant Qualifications

Participant Information



Does your group have adequate experience?

Yes

Training Plan

Sam and I both enjoy mountain biking. We plan to continue riding multiple times per week in the lead up to our trip. The biggest piece of our training plan is practicing traveling on a loaded bike. Since we are planning to use the gear house fat bikes for our trip, we will be able to rent and ride the same bikes we plan to use for our trip. We plan to do at least two overnight practice trips at Buffalo Creek, near Deckers, CO, and in Boulder, CO as well as multiple practice rides with loaded bikes on Rampart Range road and Phantom Canyon Road, riding a minimum of 50 miles and 3,000 feet of climbing per training ride.

In addition to fitness and gear, we plan to practice our bike repair skills. With the guidance of students at the bike and ski co-op, we will build on our existing knowledge and practice fixing flats on the fat-tire bikes, adjusting brakes, changing spokes, and repairing chains.

Trip Logistics, Gear and Food

Travel Plan



Trip Itinerary

Monumental Loop Itinerary.pdf (8.9MB)

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Digital Map

https://caltopo.com/m/RVHB3

Re-rationing

Since we have limited room on our bikes for food, we plan to stop in Las Cruces halfway through the trip to fill up on water and food. We will stop at the Walmart on the south side of Las Cruces (Mile 123.2).

During this stop, we plan only to fill up water and make a quick trip to the grocery store to maximize our time away from people and preserve the remote feeling of our trip.

Food Storage

Since bears and other large animals aren't a concern on this trip, we will store our food in a rodent proof sack and use a critter hang keep food out of reach from small animals. This method is recommended by land managers in the region.

Food List

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Equipment List

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First Aid Kit List

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Impact

In recent years, Las Cruces has benefited from an increase in bike tourism. We are a part of that surge. While tourists can help the local economy and create recognition for the area's natural resources, it will be important that we respect the people we meet and the places we visit. We do not want to give bikepackers a bad reputation. In order to do this, we will follow our COVID protocols strictly and use leave-no-trace principles throughout the trip.

In addition to recent developments, there is a rich cultural history in the region. The route passes by Geronimo's cave— where he reportedly helped others escape the U.S. Cavalry—testing sites for the Apollo missions and other archeological points of interest. We will tread lightly during our whole trip and especially in these areas.

Our carbon offset for the trip is \$4.66. By driving, we will have a lower footprint than flying. For food, we plan to resupply along the way, which will help us support local businesses.

Risk Management

Objective Hazards

Aridity

Our trip takes place in the desert, where water is scarce. While many others have biked the route before, a big hazard is running out of water. We plan to mitigate this by carrying more than the recommended 4 liters of water, calling local authorities about the status of water in cattle tanks before leaving and never showing up to a water source without any spare water. Hotter and drier temperatures are likely going to make this a bigger concern in future years.

Animals

While snakes, scorpions and other desert creatures are less active in the winter, we plan to keep an eye on the trail ahead of us, sleep in a tent, and check shoes/gear for critters in the morning. We will minimize the danger of having an unwanted encounter with mountain lions and coyotes by traveling together at all times, making noise and keeping a clean camp.

Falling

It is possible that we fall while biking. We mitigate this risk by always riding in control, reigning in our speed to account for the trail's remoteness, and wearing a helmet. By practicing riding with a fully loaded bike, we will be more used to how our gear affects the bike's balance. If we do fall, we will evaluate injuries and provide first aid.

Getting Lost

We plan to avoid getting lost by checking our maps frequently. We will have multiple navigation tools at our disposal, including paper road maps and offline GPS.

Weather

We expect to have sunny days and cold nights. Rain and snow are unlikely. Nonetheless, we will be prepared for all weather conditions by bringing a variety of layers, sun protection, and warm sleep systems.

Bike breakdown

We plan to carry basic bike repair tools (see gear list) and practice how to fix simple mechanical problems. If one of our bikes breaks beyond repair, we will consult our evacuation routes, take required gear, and walk/walk the bike to get help.

Cars

Most of the route takes place on quiet dirt roads. There are several short sections on rural highways and towns. We will be particularly careful of cars in these places. We will ride as far to the right as possible, communicate with each other when we hear a car, obey all traffic laws and never ride at night.

Cooking

We plan to minimize the risk of burns and other cooking related injuries by creating a designated cook zone. Anytime we are boiling water, we will be ready to jump back. We will not touch hot items or the stove barehanded. Anytime we are using a knife, we will keep fingers out of the way.

Communicable diseases

We will minimize the risk of communicable diseases by washing hands and sanitizing after using the bathroom and before cooking.

Evacuation Plan

Because all trip members are Wilderness First Responder certified, we feel comfortable treating minor injuries. If one of us suffers from a more serious injury or illness we will assess the situation and plan to evacuate. For less urgent evacuations, where the injured person can walk on their own, we have listed all access points, routes and have maps showing how to exit the trail. We will discuss escape routes at camp for the following day.

If injury prevents us from self-evacuating, we will use our inReach communicator to contact Search and Rescue using the SOS button. Once we establish a two-way communication channel (contact information listed below), we will inform them of our exact location, and wait for help, making sure to stay warm and dry in the meantime. Emergency contacts for each land manager/search and rescue team are listed below, but because of the likelihood of not having service, we will use our inReach first.

In situations that involve life-or-limb urgency, we will assess the situation for danger, use our inReach SOS button to notify search and rescue and inform them of the urgency of our situation and location. We will stay with each other, keep the injured person warm and dry, and arrange for a possible helicopter rescue.

Both Cormac and Sam will have the information (maps, escape routes, and supplies) to execute an appropriate evacuation. The inReach will allow us to contact rescue personnel, while staying together.

Emergency Resources

If necessary, we will call local land managers with questions before we leave. We have listed phone numbers for local search and rescue and the BLM district office. In a serious emergency, we would most likely use our Garmin InReach to connect with EMS. Once, dispatchers have received our request for assistance, we would open a communication channel on the inReach to relay more detailed information.

Las Cruces BLM District Office: Phone: 575-525-4300

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Hospitals:

Memorial Medical Center Address: 2450 S Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88011 Areas served: 88011 and nearby areas Hours: Open 24 hours Emergency room: Open 24 hours Phone: (575) 522-8641

The Hospitals of Providence Transmountain Campus 2000 Woodrow Bean Transmountain Dr El Paso, TX 79911 +1915-877-8136

Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue Phone 575-496-4215 Address 920 S Valley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005

Emergency Communication

We will each carry a cell phone, that may or may not get service. We will also carry a Garmin InReach, that we will be able to keep fully charged throughout the trip.

COVID-19 Preparedness

What is the current COVID-19 situation in the area where you are intending to travel?

As of writing this, Doña Ana County, NM has an average of 63.8 covid cases per 100,000. Las Cruces is the largest city in the county and is responsible for the majority of the cases in the county. Much like the situation in Colorado, ICU beds are nearing capacity. Since we will be passing through Las Cruces twice, it will be important to be extra vigilant during our resupply. At the local level, leaders are encouraging citizens to get vaccinated, wear masks and distance until case numbers drop. At the state level, New Mexico is one of the few states that currently requires, even vaccinated citizens, to wear a mask inside. In the lead up to our trip, we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation locally and at the state level.

How do you intend to mitigate the risks of exposing yourself and your teammates to COVID-19 while traveling to your trailhead?

In the lead up to our trip, we plan to take precautions to minimize the risk of COVID-19. Both teammates will receive booster shots before leaving. This will help to minimize the risk of a serious infection. Before we leave, if one person has COVID symptoms we will get tested, and if the test is negative, determine if we can safely go on our expedition. While traveling to our trailhead, we will use enhanced hygiene practices, like washing our hands and using hand sanitizer. We will make sure to wear masks anytime we are indoors, stopping for food or gas.

How do you intend to mitigate the risks of exposing the residents of the area(s) where you will be traveling to COVID-19?

The risk of exposing local residents to COVID-19 will be very low since the majority of our trip will be spent outside, far away from other people. During our resupplies we will make sure to wear masks and maintain distance from others in all indoor-settings. While we plan to stop several times for food, these stops will be very quick to maximise time riding and time away from other people.

How do you intend to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 while in the field?

Once we are in the field, we will work to uphold healthy hygiene practices to minimize the risk of all communicable diseases. Because we will be in close contact and sharing a tent, it's likely we will also be at risk of spreading germs quickly. It will be important to monitor ourselves and each other for covid symptoms and any signs of a worsening illness.

If someone on your expedition develops COVID-19 symptoms, how will you handle it?

If someone on our expedition develops COVID-19 symptoms, we will closely monitor his or her condition. We will implement mask wearing even when outside to limit the spread of the disease among one another.

Without a test, it will be hard to know if an illness that presents like COVID-19 is, in fact, COVID-19. Therefore, we will keep a close eye to the condition of all ailments and if signs of worsening illness develop, like difficulty breathing or a fever, we will evacuate.

Budget

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Transportation

186.32

Food and Fuel

324.75

Maps and Books

46.56

Permits/Fees

70

Gear Rentals

270.28

Carbon Emissions Offsetting

4.51

Total Funding Request

902.42

Funding Per Person

451.21

Cost Minimization Measures

We will minimize our trip costs by driving to our destination. This is the cheapest mode of transportation. Additionally, we will save money by buying in bulk for the first half our our trip. We will also be renting gear from the Ahlberg Gear House, which is cheaper than using a private outfitter.

We have included the costs to rent bikes for 3 days of training trips, one overnighter, and one long test ride with bags. We understand that the committee doesn't usually fund costs for gear rentals for training trips, but because of the high daily cost associated with bike rentals, we decided to include it. We understand if this cost is not approved.

Pathways Agreement

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Backcountry Itinerary Notes

We planned our backcountry itinerary using Caltopo maps, Matt Mason's Route Description (<u>https://bikepacking.com/routes/monumental-loop/</u>), and Google Earth. We selected campsites and safe routes based off of previous trip reports to the area we found online. Below, we have pasted a Caltopo screenshot of the entire route. Each day has a corresponding Caltopo screenshot (below the day's description) with the route for that day highlighted black and evacuation routes highlighted orange.

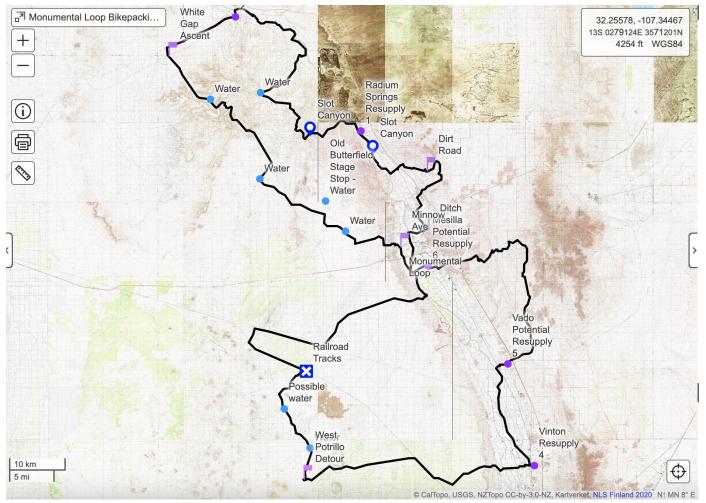
Note about **water**: Due to the arid environment we will travel through, natural water sources are scarce and unreliable. Luckily, there are many resupply locations along our route that will have water and many cattle tanks on the western portion of our route. Many previous trip reports state that the cattle tanks along the route will have water readily available. However, we will plan for the worst case scenario by always carrying more water than recommended and arriving at a new water source with leftover water from our previous stop.

Note about **campsites**: Since we are travelling through the desert, finding flat camping spots with little vegetation should not be an issue. We will try to find spots left behind by other bikepackers and minimize our impact on the land by following LNT principles. We will be especially aware of cryptobiotic soil and other fragile desert plants.

Note about **Map**: We have provided screenshots of each day's section. Some of these screenshots are slightly confusing because of the different colored lines. Black is the main route. **The map is a lot easier to view on Caltopo.** We advise using the link below and turning on/off lines for evac routes so the main line is clearer.

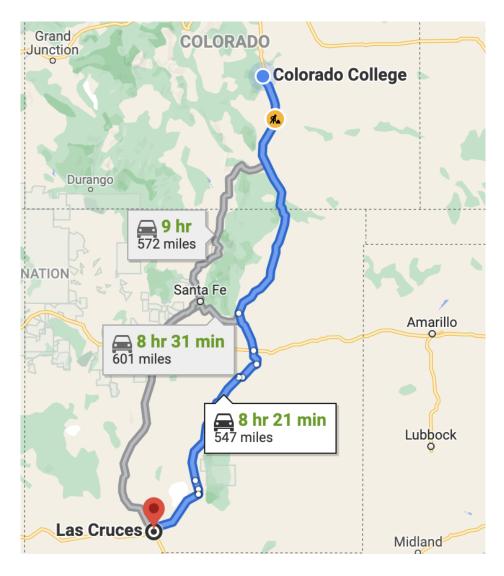
Caltopo Link: <u>https://caltopo.com/m/RVHB3</u>

Bikepacking Route Overview:



Day 0-Travel Day December 22nd, 2021

We will leave by car from Colorado Springs, Colorado and make the drive to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Once in Las Cruces, we will camp at a KOA campsite for the night.



Day 1 - Las Cruces to Burro Hill

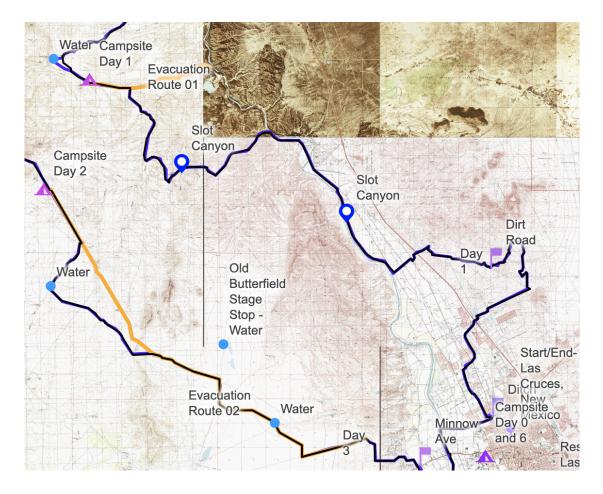
Distance: 39.63 miles

Elevation: +3492' -2595'

Camp Coordinates: 32.53491, -107.08114

Evacuation Route: Broad Canyon Road to East Hall Street to Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 01) Climbs: 2

Potential Hazards/Notes: From the KOA site, we will head out on the trail for the day. After a short time on the trail, we will run into our first climb. Although it is a short climb, we will ease into it and watch for a turn onto a dirt road during our descent. We will also pass a slot canyon on this day. Our day ends with another steep climb until our campsite near Burro Hill.



Day 2 - Burro Hill to Campsite near Silva Canyon

Distance: 46.67 miles

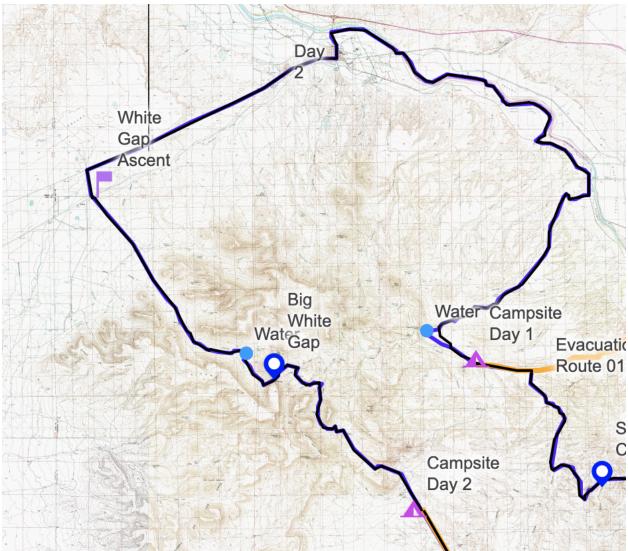
Elevation: +3531' -3491'

Camp Coordinates: 32.46897, -107.11337

Evacuation Route: Trail to County Road D012 to Trail to Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 02)

Climbs: 1 (White Gap)

Potential Hazards/Notes: Since today is the biggest climb of our trip, we will get up early to give ourselves plenty of time to make the ascent. The first 20 miles of our day involve downhill and flat portions. After passing Hatch begins the 15 mile climb up to White Gap. We will take many breaks and stop at the cattle tank to refill our water on the way up. On the descent, we will stop near Silva Canyon for the night.



Day 3 - Silva Canyon to Unnamed Campsite East of Tortugas Mountain **RESUPPLY**

Distance: 43 miles

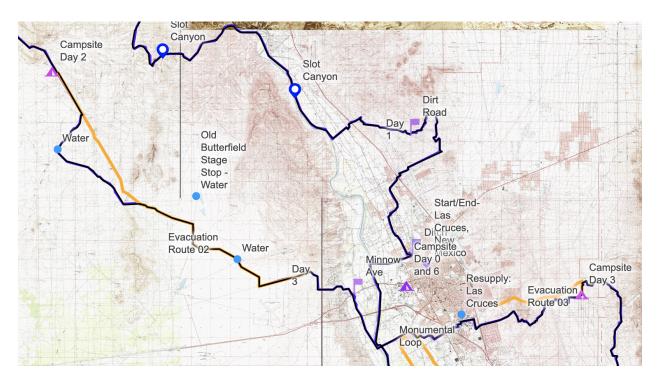
Elevation: +1878' -2024'

Camp Coordinates/Elevation: 32.30342, -106.64607

Evacuation Route: Trail North to Dripping Springs Road to Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 03)

Climbs: 1

Potential Hazards/Notes: On day 3, we will finish the western side of the northern loop, descending back into Las Cruces. This is our only Resupply of the route and will be sure to make this stop quick to minimize our time in town. After resupplying, we head towards Tortuga Mountain on a section of singletrack.



Day 4 - Unnamed Campsite to Mada Mountain

Distance: 42.46 mi

Elevation: +1715' -2243'

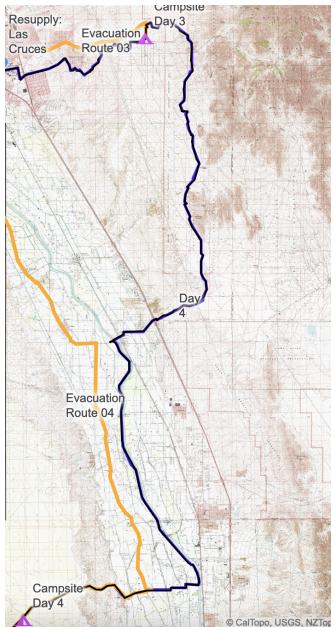
Camp Coordinates: 31.93679, -106.73733

Evacuation Route: Trail to Unnamed Road to Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 04) or Trail to Airport Road to Santa Teresa and El Paso (Evacuation Route 06).

Climbs: 1/2

Potential Hazards/Notes:

On Day 4, we will ride south next to Pyramid Peak and Bishop's Cap, passing through the small town of Vado. We will then ride along the Rio Grande, make a quick pit-stop in Vinton, for water and food, then proceed west to our campsite on public land. We will make sure to pay particular attention to cars, which are more likely to exist on the eastern side of the route.



Day 5 - Mada Mountain to East of Aden Hills

Distance: 54.04mi

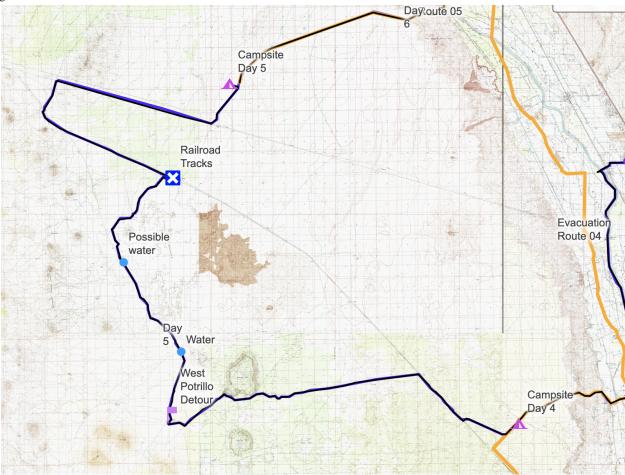
Elevation: +1106' -998'

Camp Coordinates: 332.17387, -106.97542

Evacuation Route: Trail to Airport Road to Santa Teresa and El Paso (Evacuation Route 06) or Trail to Mesilla and Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 05)

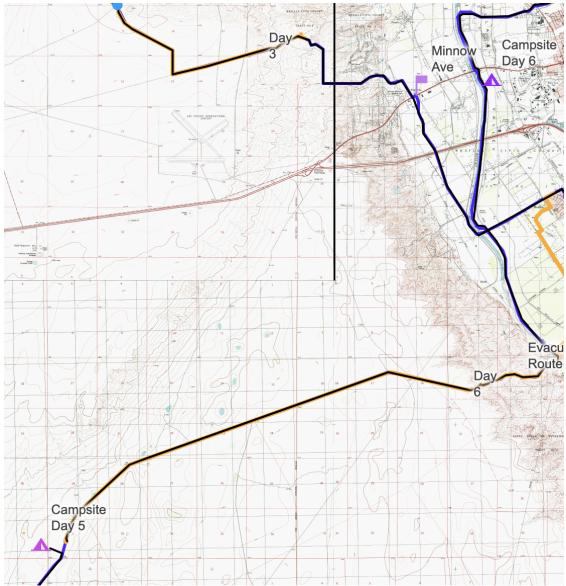
Climbs: 1

Potential Hazards/Notes: On day 5, we will travel northwest, passing by Kilbourne Hole, an Apollo Mission training site. We will stop for water at a series of cattle tanks, then bike adjacent to the railroad tracks, crossing at an official gate.



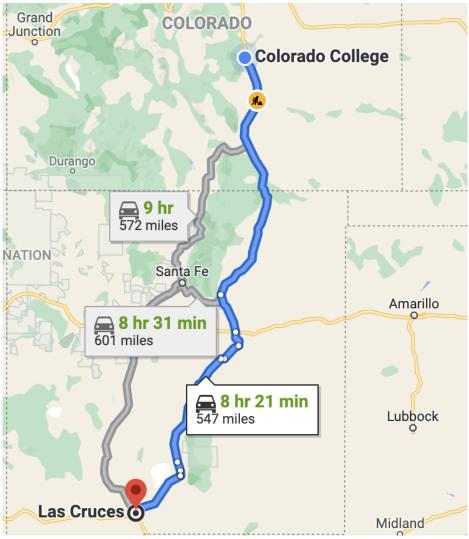
Day 6 - East of Aden Hills to Campsite in Las Cruces Distance: 21.6 Elevation: +156' -488' Evacuation Route: Trail to Mesilla and Las Cruces (Evacuation Route 05) Camp Coordinates: 32.30817, -106.82144 Climbs: 0 Potential Hazards/Notes:

On day 6, we will ride back into Las Cruces along a series of canals. We will make sure to choose the safest route along quiet roads to reach our vehicle. Depending on what time we finish, we will camp in town at the same campground as day 0, then drive back the following day.



Day 7 - KOA campsite to Colorado Springs, CO

We will wake up early to give ourselves plenty of time to make the 8 hour drive back to Colorado College.



Food	Unit Cost (\$)	Ouantity	Total Cost (6 Days)	Average Day	Calories
Breakfast		Quantity		interage Day	
Fruit	1.35/1	12	\$16.20	Breakfast	
Almond Butter	11.90/10	2	\$23.80	Granola	480
Granola	4.49/12 oz.	6	\$26.94	Clif Bar	250
Snacks				Nuts/Dried Fruit	200
<u>Cliff Bar</u>	12.99/12	1	\$12.99		
Nuts/Dried Fruit	5.99/lb.	3	\$18.00	Snack	
Gummy Bears	6.99/29 oz.	1	\$6.99	Almond Butter Packet	200
Beef Jerky	9.99/8 oz.	2	\$19.98	Gummy Bears	150
Pringles	1.67/can	2	\$3.34		
Kind Bar	7.99/6	1	\$7.99	Lunch	
				Tortilla (1.5)	210
Lunch				Beef Jerky	80
<u>Tortillas</u>	5.99/20	1	\$5.99	Kind Bar	180
<u>Salami</u>	4.99/28 oz.	2	\$10.00	Summer Sausage	165
<u>Cheese</u>	5.99/8oz	3	\$18.00		
Swedish Fish	6.99/24 oz.	1	\$6.99	Snack	
Chicken Packets	\$2.00/1	12	\$24.00	Swedish Fish	124
				Hummus	75
Dinner				Dinner	
Idahoan Potatos	2.50/8 oz.	3	\$5.00	Ramen/Potatoes (1)	700
Rice Ramen	2.39/6 packs	1	\$2.39	Chicken Packet (1)	70
Fruit	7.49/8 oz.	1	\$7.49	Veggies	55
Broccoli	5.99/28 oz.	1	\$5.99	Olive Oil	90
Bell Pepper	3.99/16 oz.	1	\$3.99	Salami	100
Freeze Dried Veggies	12.95/10 oz	1	\$12.95	Dehydrated Beans	200
Dehydrated Beans	12.95/18 oz.	1	\$12.95	Nutella	200
				Parmesan	110
Misc					
Condiment Packets			\$0.00	Estimated Total Calories (per person)	3639
Spice Kit			\$0.00		
		Total Cost	\$251.97		
		Cost per person	\$125.99		

Group Items Garmin in-reach rental 1 First aid kit (See First Aid) 2 lighters Pot lid 1 outsack/ratsack p-cord 1 medium pot (with grip) 1 sponge Select map pages from atlas in ziplock bag 1 compass 1 16 oz bottles of sunscreen 1 biodegradable soap 6 pack aa bateries 2 2 oz hand sanitizer 1 trowel 12 person tents 1 backpacking stove 2 8oz cans of Isobutane Fuel Sawyer Squeeze water filter 1 Pack Aquamira 1 charging cord for iPhone Headphones 1 battery pack for to charge phone Personal Items 1 knife 1 headlamp 1 warm hat 1 helmet with visor 1 pair bike shoes/trail runners 1 set camp shoes 2 masks 1 rain jacket 1 pair light gloves 1 bowl with utensils 1 sleeping pad 1 sleeping bag 1 puffy jacket 1 chapstick 3 pair underwear 1 synthetic t shirt 1 long underwear 1 pair of bike shorts 2 pair bike socks 1 fleece jacket

4-5 liters water capacity Hydration Vest 1 set toiletries 1 power bank charger Book Camera Fat bike Handle Bar bag Tank bag Seatpost bag Journal/Pen Bike Repair kit 2 spare bike tubes 2 tire levers 1 bike multi-tool, with chain breaker 1 adjustable wrench 1 spoke tool, appropriate size Extra spokes, appropriate size Chain Lube Rag 4x quick links for appropriate chain size zip ties 2x patch kit Bike pump for presta valve Gorilla Tape Leatherman Large needle **Dental Floss** 2x voile straps

First Aid

Medication Acetaminophen- 10 doses, 20 pills Ibuprofen- 10 doses, 20 pills Benadryl- 10 pills, 5 doses Electrolyte tabs- 10 doses Anti-diarrheal- 2 doses Hydrocortisone- large tube Antibiotic Ointment 1 small tube Burn Cream- 3 packets

Misc. ACE Bandage- 2 Athletic tape, 1" roll- 2 Moleskin sheets- 5 thin, 5 thick Liquid Bandage- 1 pack (for blisters) Ziplock bags- 8 Foil Blanket- 2 N-95 masks- 2

Tools

Tweezers- 1 Oral thermometer- 1 Bandage scissors -1 Irrigation syringe- 2 Triangular bandage- 4 Saftey pins- 6 CPR mask- 1 SAM splint- 2 Gloves- 5

Wounds Band-Aids- 20 misc. Wound closure strips- 3 packs 4" x 4" gauze pad- 6 Non-adherent dressing- 5 Gauze roll- 2 Antiseptic wipes- 15 Benzoin swab- 5

WFR field Guide

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RKMF Pathways Grant Budget Proposal

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Item	Amount	Cost	Notes			
PERMITS AND CAMPGROUNDS						
Las Cruces KOA Journey	2 nights	\$70	Night 0 and Night 6, \$35 per night, tent pad			
TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL	1					
Gas from Colorado Springs to Las Cruces	601 miles	\$93.16	Avg 22 mpg @ \$3.41/gallon			
Gas from Colorado Springs to Denver	601 miles	\$93.16	Avg 22 mpg @ \$3.41/gallon			
Food for travel to trail		\$30	\$15 per person, per day			
Food for return travel		\$30	\$15 per person, per day			
FOOD AND FUEL	1					
Total food cost		\$251.97	See food list for breakdown			
Isobutane Fuel	2 8 oz containers	\$12.78				
MAPS AND BOOKS						
Delorme New Mexico Road and Recreation	1	\$26.57	Road atlas of New Mexico to navigate on county roads			
Gaia GPS basic membership		\$19.99	Offline map downloads for backup navigation			
EQUIPMENT	T	l	1			
Garmin in-reach rental	1	\$0	Rented from OE, for 16 days.			
Sunscreen	1	\$15.99	\$15.99/16 oz. bottle			
Baby Wipes	1	\$2				
Hand Sanitizer	2	\$4	2 oz bottles, \$1.75/bottle			
Fat Bikes	2	\$136.00	\$12 * day 1 + \$8 * remaining 7 days per bike			
Tank bag	2	\$0.00	Free for Ritt Trips			
Handlebar bag	2	\$0.00	Free for Ritt Trips			
Seatpost bag	2	\$0.00	Free for Ritt Trips			
Trowel	1	\$4.50	\$1 x first day + \$0.50 x 7 days			
Biodegradable soap	1	\$3.50				
Lighters	2	\$5.49				
AAA batteries	1	\$5.85	6 pack, replacement for headlamp			
Bike repair kit	1	\$0.00	Free from outdoor ed			
Aquamira	1 pack (2 bottles)	\$14.95	2, 1 Ounce bottles. We selected the small size since it has dropper bottles.			
TRAINING TRIP RENTAL FEES						

Fat Bikes	2	\$56.00	\$12 x day 1 + \$8 x 2 additional days per bike		
Tank Bag	2	\$6.00	\$1 x 3 days per bag		
Seatpost Bag	2	\$8.00	\$2 x first day + \$1 x 2 additional days per bag		
Handlebar bag	2	\$8.00	\$2 x first day + \$1 x 2 additional days per bag		
CARBON EMISSIONS OFFSETTING					
Car travel for 1200 miles		\$4.54	See impact question for discussion		
	Cost per person	\$450.97			
	Total funding request	\$901.94			

Note and Cost Minimization Measures:

We will minimize our trip costs by driving to our destination. This is the cheapest mode of transportation. Additionally, we will save money by buying in bulk for the first half our our trip. We will also be renting gear from the Ahlberg Gear House, which is cheaper than using a private outfitter.

We have included the costs to rent bikes for 3 days of training trips, one overnighter, and one long test ride with bags. We understand that the committee doesn't usually fund costs for gear rentals for training trips, but because of the high daily cost associated with bike rentals, we decided to include it. We understand if this cost is not approved.