

# **Outdoor Recreation Economy**

In Santa Fe County

# Santa Fe County Involvement and Assets

- Open Space, Trails, and Parks Program
  6,600 acres throughout County

  - 60 miles of trails
  - In addition to the National Forest Land, State Parks, and BLM Land
- Economic Development Division
  - Tourism/Marketing
    - Marketing outdoor recreation assets and operators/outfitters via Outdoor Adventure Itineraries, Visitors Guide highlights and directory, and via our <u>NMTrue County Webpage</u>
    - SF County Experience Mobile App.
      - Replacing the Santa Fe County Trails App.
    - <u>SF Certified as International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)</u> Silver Level Rating
  - Economic Development
    - Outdoor Recreation & Education Industry Cluster and Development **Strategies**





## **Economic Development Plan:** Outdoor Recreation and Education Strategies

- 1. Market and conserve the wide range of outdoor activities that Santa Fe County has to offer.
- 2. Partner with the State of New Mexico's new Outdoor Recreation Division to support development or recruitment of outdoor recreation businesses.
  - a. This may include activities such as providing financial tools, marketing and technical assistance, and all assistance included in the B, R & E section.
- 3. Leverage existing assets to improve the County's hiking and biking trail system.
  - a. Increase connectivity between City, County, State, and Federal Trail Networks.
  - Leverage existing assets to implement the Open Space Strategic Plan.
  - a. This includes a combination of activities that balance conservation, recreation, and education on all County Open Space and Parks.



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### Economic Development Plan: Outdoor Recreation and Education Strategies (Continued)

- 5. Expand the network of mountain biking trails and amenities.
  - a. Build upon and enhance trail systems and amenities beyond IMBA standards.
- 6. Improve available information about the connections between major trailheads and lodging, neighborhoods, and entertainment areas to enhance the resident and visitor experience and reduce automobile use.
- 7. Santa Fe County needs to promote the use and expansion of alternative sleeping quarters in Santa Fe County for Outdoor Adventures.
- 8. Santa Fe County will support events and conferences targeting visitors, locals, corporations and special interest groups related to outdoor recreation/eco-tourism by working with the outdoors/recreational community to support the development of new and existing events to the Santa Fe Area.
  - The County should invest in outdoor infrastructure related to outdoor activities in our public parks.

#### **Questions/Comments?**

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