

309 5th Ave S
Lewistown, MT

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Dear Friends,

Thank you to all donors for helping to make this year very successful for our trails; recent improvements and upcoming work would not be possible without this help. You may have noticed the crack sealing and asphalt sealcoat that was completed last fall on most of the paved trail. This badly-needed work was jointly funded by The Friends of the Trails (FOT) and the City of Lewistown. New asphalt was also added to the trail adjacent to the Airport Road. In 2022, FOT will contribute about \$7,000 to seal-coat the rest of the paved trail from the Yogo Inn to the City Pool. In addition, the City recently constructed a gravel trail that covers about half of the distance between the new parking lot at the Upper Carroll Trail and the Montana FWP parking lot at the downstream end of the Carroll Trail Fishing Access Site. Much of this rustic trail is still very rough, so be prepared for muddy conditions. On-going maintenance such as mowing, plowing and clearing brush continues to be done by Josh Uecker, our Trails Manager, with the assistance of the City Parks crew. Maps of the trail system and some information is available at: <https://www.enjoylewisstown.com/lewisstown-city-trails>.

Donations have also provided sufficient funds for the FOT to obtain two grants for trail improvements. In May of 2022, the Central Montana Foundation awarded FOT \$10,000 for flashing beacons at major road crossings. FOT will be providing up to \$13,000 in matching funds and the City will install the equipment. FOT has also received a grant from the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks MT Trail Stewardship Program for \$72,000 toward paving approximately one-half mile of trail from the City Cemetery to H Street. These trail improvements are priorities from the 2021 Trail Master Plan.

Your financial support is critical to maintain the trails and provide funding for match requirements for future grant applications. Please consider making a donation today. **Our annual Trails & Ales fundraiser will be held at the Creekside Marketplace and Pavilion on Saturday, September 10, 2022.** We also participate in the AMAZON SMILE fundraising program. Just sign in under Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com) and choose "Friends of the Trails" located in Lewistown, MT as your charity of choice. Amazon will then contribute a small percent of your purchase to our organization.

If you are interested in volunteering with FOT, plan to attend a trail committee meeting, or you can contact Jim Daniels at 406-535-3045. We usually meet the second Tuesday of the month at 9AM at the Civic Center. We welcome anyone, but are in need of volunteer(s) to maintain a Facebook page and write content for the website.

Enjoy the Lewistown Trail System, and THANK YOU for your support,

Kevin Myhre,
President

Kevin Myhre, President Karen Sweeny, Treasurer Anne Tews, Secretary



Clockwise from upper left: Applying the seal coat; a flashing sign will be installed at this trail crossing near the Yogo Inn; new gravel trail near the old Berg Mill; the new parking lot at Upper Carroll trail; the trail on the Machler FAS.