

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS

The undersigned, a natural person over the age of eighteen years, hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the Corporation is SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”).

ARTICLE II — REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at PO Box 174, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868. The name and address of the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Ellen McNulty, 960 Whitetail Drive / PO Box 471, Seeley Lake, Montana 59868.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

The Corporation is a public benefit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Corporation will have members. The specific purposes of the Corporation are:

- To create a positive future for individuals of all ages to enjoy our scenic Montana trails.
- To promote outdoor recreation by creating an ongoing communications forum through which trails for enthusiasts and organizations, using mechanized travel, can share information and experiences.
- To build partnerships with land managers, land owners, and supporters and become partners in protecting, promoting, and creating a positive image of SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS recreation.
- To stimulate, promote, and advance the general welfare, safety, and responsible and ethical use of mechanized use of trails among families and individuals of all ages.

- To join the collective voice of mechanized enthusiasts for proper recreational uses in keeping with the protection, preservation, and enhancement of all natural and environmental resources.
- To defend the interests and general welfare of mechanized enthusiasts through legal action when appropriate.
- To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Corporation in the general public interest.
- To participate in maintaining trails for the Scenic Montana Trails Corporation.
- To provide increased opportunities for individuals with handicapping conditions to enjoy and navigate our outdoor trails.
- To identify priorities for the future of outdoor recreation, conservation, natural resources and access.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V — DURATION / DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 14th day of April 2021.



Ellen McNulty, Incorporator