Dear Reader,

The purpose of this Old Spanish Trail Recreational Development Strategy is to explore different possibilities for local communities to bring the Old Spanish National Historic Trail to life in Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties, Utah. The Old Spanish National Historic Trail, which was designated by the U.S. Congress in 2002 under the authority of the National Trails System Act, recognizes the 2,700 mile-long trade route between Santa Fe, New Mexico and Los Angeles, California throughout the 19th century. This strategy identifies potential projects that could enable the public to find, follow, and experience the trail throughout these three counties in central Utah. The Old Spanish National Historic Trail has a diverse, unique, and rich history, and the recreational activities associated with the trail in these three counties are primarily motorized and associated with the nearby state highways.

This strategy is not a decisional or land use planning document that requires conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act, nor will this strategy preclude other multiple uses of nearby public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Public lands adjacent to and within viewing distance of the recreational routes identified in this strategy will continue to be managed in accordance with the BLM’s multiple-use mission established in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, other applicable federal statutes, and the applicable BLM Resource Management Plan.

We would like to thank the numerous local, regional, and national stakeholders that participated in the development of this strategy, and we hope that this document establishes a strong foundation for future on-the-ground partnerships that will celebrate Utah’s rich cultural heritage.

Sincerely

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The Old Spanish Trail Participants
Old Spanish National Historic Trail

Project Background: Trail History

In 1968, the National Trails System Act opened the door to federal involvement in long-distance trails. Today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), along with the National Park Service (NPS), the US Forest Service, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, are responsible for the administration and management of National Historic Trails (NHT).

National historic trails are trails that have historic significance to the nation and can only be designated by an act of Congress. There are currently 19 in the United States.

The Old Spanish NHT became the 15th National Historic Trail after Congress adopted Senate Bill 1946 and President George W. Bush signed the legislation in December 2002. The Old Spanish NHT is co-administered by both the BLM and the NPS. Today, the Old Spanish NHT is widely known as the “longest, most arduous, and crookedest pack mule route in America” (Hafen and Hafen, 1993).

From 1829 to 1848, traders knew the trail as the most feasible path between Los Angeles and Santa Fe for traveling caravans. The trail provided a trade route for quality woolen goods produced in New Mexico which were traded for a surplus supply of horses and mules raised on California’s ranchos.

Trade with American Indians was also prominent along the trail, including an extensive slave trade of American Indian women and children who were forced to become domestic servants for ranchers in New Mexico and California. Explorers of the Old Spanish NHT established the route along a loose network of American Indian footpaths that crossed the wide expanse of the Rocky Mountains, the Colorado Plateau, the Mojave Desert, and the Transverse Ranges and coastal valleys of southern California.

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<td>Don Pedro de Peralta founds Santa Fe, New Mexico</td>
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<td>Juan María Antonio Rivera explores southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah</td>
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<td>Francisco Atanasio Dominguez and Silvestre Vélez de Escalante follow Rivera’s route to the Great Basin in Utah</td>
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<td>Antoine Robidoux constructs Fort Uncompahgre near Delta, Colorado.</td>
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<td>Jedediah S. Smith leads a party of fur trappers southwest from Utah to southern California</td>
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<td>William Wolfskill (pictured below) and George C. Yount establish a route that ascends into central Utah before heading southwest into California</td>
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<td>1837</td>
<td>Julian Chávez arrives in Los Angeles via the Old Spanish Trail. Later acquires property in present-day Elysian Park area.</td>
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<td>1841</td>
<td>Regular trade caravan is led by Francisco Estevan Vigil</td>
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<td>1842</td>
<td>José Avieta and 125 men arrive at Los Angeles with woven goods to trade for horses and mules.</td>
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<td>1843-44</td>
<td>Juan Arce hauls merchandise worth $487.50 and Francisco Rael leads sheep worth $1,748</td>
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Trail Alignment - 2018

The Old Spanish Trail
Recreation and Development Strategy, Sevier, Piute, and Garfield Counties, Utah
Map Summary
The route used in this document is the congressionally recognized route. The Fishlake Cutoff, although not congressionally recognized as a designated route, was specifically mentioned as a study route. Because of this special recognition, already existing Old Spanish Trail interpretive infrastructure and signage, and public interest, a section has been dedicated in this document exploring recreation opportunities along the Fishlake Cutoff.

There are several varying routes that Old Spanish NHT travelers might have taken depending on the season, geographical barriers, Native American relationships, and decisions crossing the Fishlake Plateau. The Old Spanish Trail was also followed by several expeditions and parties who had a major influence settling the western U.S. Those following the Old Spanish Trail include Gunnison Expedition, Orville Pratt, Parley P. Pratt, and the US. Army Col. Loring Expedition.
Project Overview
In order to accomplish the goal of bringing the Old Spanish NHT to life, local residents, professionals, city and county officials, the Old Spanish Trail Association, and government agencies from various backgrounds came together to discuss and visit the trail and identify interpretive, educational, and recreational opportunities in Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties.

BLM held a meeting on Aug. 23, 2017 in Richfield, UT, where draft maps were presented and feedback was collected from attendees. This meeting was held with partners from the counties to gather additional information about sites and opportunities for interpretation and recreation along the Old Spanish NHT. The National Park Service, Utah BLM State Office, and the Richfield Field Office, visited critical sites along the Old Spanish NHT during this meeting.

One outcome of this discussion and input was the identification of Old Spanish NHT sites and segments that exist throughout Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties that could be developed for the public. Trail sites include proposed trailheads, overlooks, historic inscriptions, and prime interpretive locations. Trail segments include proposed hiking/biking/equestrian trails, 2WD routes, 4WD routes, and ATV routes. The development of these elements within the county will make the trail accessible to the public and provide opportunities for them to interact with and learn about the Old Spanish NHT.

This strategy also includes sites and other points of interest outside of the Old Spanish NHT’s period of significance of 1829 through 1848. These areas of interest serve to illuminate local history and add to the overall recreational experience of the public. In these instances there is some historic continuity with the Old Spanish NHT and long-term routing and travel themes.
The Introduction section gives background information about national historic trails and the Old Spanish NHT, defines project boundaries, and describes the project’s process.

The Project Overview sections show an overview map of the Old Spanish NHT and of the project area.

The Sevier, Piute, and Garfield Counties sections of the congressionally designated Old Spanish NHT, and of the Fishlake Cutoff study route, are addressed individually. Each area is shown on a map and then described in detail. Existing and proposed trail elements, such as inscriptions, trailheads, and waysides, are shown. Connections to other recreational and cultural resources in close proximity to the Old Spanish NHT are also identified.

The Appendix section describes typical recreational trail elements, as well as the range of alternative development, from primitive, to rustic, to developed. It also contains a trail chart and examples of the standard authorized signage for the Old Spanish NHT.

Map and Legend Explanation

Proposed NHT Site: Sites that have yet to be developed specifically for the Old Spanish NHT. Suggested development components often include Old Spanish NHT interpretation and signage to be added to a proposed site.

Non-NHT Point of Interest: These are sites that are along, or within close proximity to the 1829 - 1848 period of significance of the Old Spanish NHT that are not related to the Old Spanish NHT. These sites are developed and ready for visitor access.

Proposed Non-Motorized Trail: Non-motorized trails include biking, hiking, or equestrian trails or any combination. Further explanation of the type of trail is described on Trail Element pages.

4WD/ATV route and 2WD route: 4WD/ATV trails or 2WD Auto Tour Routes. Further explanation of the type of trail is described on Trail Element pages.

Lands Status: Colors indicate who owns or manages a particular parcel, or parcels, of public lands.

Legend
- Proposed NHT site
- Non-NHT point of interest
- Proposed non-motorized trail
- Proposed 2wd route
- 4wd/ATV route
- Old Spanish NHT alignment 2019

Land Use
- White is private property
- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- United States Forest Service
- National Park Service
Sevier County

Trail Segment Details

Photo by: Kirk Rasmussen
Overview Map of Sevier County

Map A (pp. 14-18)

Map B (pp. 19-23)

Map C (pp. 24-25)

Map D (pp. 26-27)

Map E (pp. 28-30)
Map A Interstate 70 East - Sevier County

Existing Trail Elements:
None

Proposed Trail Elements:
1. Interpretive Media at Ivie Creek Rest Stop
2. Interpretive Media at Ivie Creek Rock Art
3. Salina Canyon 2WD Route
4. Interpretive Media at Clear Creek Canyon
5. Denis Julien Inscription Interpretive Media

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)
None

See pp. 15-18 for detailed trail element descriptions
Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - I-70 East Proposed Trail Elements

1. Interpretive Media at Ivie Creek Rest Stop

   Development Opportunities:
   Ivie Creek Rest Area is south of Interstate 70 in Salina Canyon. It is approximately 27 miles east from Salina, Utah. Currently on-site there is parking for oversize and standard vehicles, restrooms, picnic tables, gazebos, and information boards for visitors. This site rests on the Old Spanish NHT. This area would be a good location for trail-related interpretive media, which could include an artistic trail mural placed on the existing rest area wall.

   Suggested Actions for Implementation:
   • Choose appropriate interpretive media
   • Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
   • Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

2. Interpretive Media at Ivie Creek Rock Art

   Development Opportunities:
   Spanish NHT travelers passed through Salina Canyon and would have found these Native American rock art and historic inscriptions from over 8,000 years ago. Ivie Creek was originally labeled “Rio De Puerto” (Mountain Pass River) and renamed by Mormons in 1855 on the Elk Mountain Mission. This area is a viable location for interpretive media about the Old Spanish NHT along the Salina Canyon Auto Route explaining the Old Spanish NHT and preceding and subsequent travel routes and cultural presence.

   Suggested Actions for Implementation:
   • Choose appropriate interpretive media
   • Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
   • Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Ivie Creek Inscriptions were found and documented by the Elk Mountain Mission in 1854. Information like this could be included on appropriate interpretive media.

Photo by: Kirk Rasmussen
**Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT**

**Map A - I-70 East Proposed Trail Elements**

**Development Opportunities:**
A dirt frontage road exists where the old railroad grade once passed through Salina Canyon. This road is a feasible route for an Old Spanish NHT 2WD route through Salina Canyon. The Old Spanish NHT auto route could stretch from Salina City Park to Ivie Creek Rest stop. This 2WD Route route could include official Old Spanish NHT road signs installed along the route to guide visitors along the historic alignment of the trail. In addition, it is suggested that interpretation for the trail be developed and located at Salina City park and Ivie Creek Rest Area. (see pp.1 & 23)

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
- Order and install signs
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Looking west from the mouth of Salina Canyon on the Old Spanish NHT
**Sevier County** - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

**Map A - I-70 East Proposed Trail Elements**

**Development Opportunities:**
Jedediah Smith commented in his 1826 journal about the mysterious tracks (American or Hispanic) in the mud following the Old Spanish NHT South. He then headed up Clear Creek Canyon. Clear Creek Canyon also has several historic inscriptions from Arthur Barney and Sam Gilson’s sons. Arthur Barney was a teamster who represented those who later developed the Old Spanish NHT into a wagon road. He was a local to Sevier Valley and he left his mark all over Utah, in addition to Salina Canyon 1878 on Clear Creek. He worked for Sam Gilson in Salina Canyon building a fence and possibly the railroad grade in 1880. Interpretive media could focus on Jedidiah Smith, Arthur Barney, Sam Gilson, and the Old Spanish NHT. There is also potential for a hiking trail along Clear Creek Canyon that leads to the inscriptions.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretive
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Example of an Old Spanish NHT low-profile wayside exhibit
Denis Julien Inscription Interpretive Media

Development Opportunities:
Denis Julien was an American fur trapper who inscribed his name all over Southwestern United States. His inscription was found and recorded in Salina Canyon July 4, 1875. This inscription dated 1832 making Denis Julien one of the first of European descent to use the Old Spanish NHT. Although the inscription is now gone, interpretive media at this location could provide a great opportunity to highlight a unique perspective on the Old Spanish NHT and some of the first explorers of the western U.S.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
• Choose appropriate interpretive media
• Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
• Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Example of Salina Canyon and proposed Denis Julien Interpretive Media Site

Example of an Old Spanish NHT low-profile wayside exhibit
Map B Interstate 70 West- Sevier County

Existing Trail Elements:
1. Blackhawk Arena Old Spanish NHT Mural

Proposed Trail Elements:
2. Ranch Road Exit Silhouettes
3. Wasatch Pass Interpretive Media
4. Interpretation at the Gooseberry ATV Trailhead
5. Gooseberry Road Exit Silhouette
6. Old Spanish NHT Interpretive Media at Blackhawk War Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP) Marker
7. Interpretive Media at Salina City Park
8. Elk Mountain Mission Interpretive Media

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)
9. Miss Mary's Museum Interpretive Media
10. WWII Prisoner of War (POW) Camp

See pp. 20-23 for detailed trail element descriptions
Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - I-70 West Proposed Trail Elements

1. Blackhawk Arena Old Spanish NHT Mural
   
   **Development Opportunities:**
   The Blackhawk Arena in Salina City, UT hosts a variety of activities and has an existing mural that highlights the Old Spanish NHT. There is potential to expand and highlight the mural with additional interpretive media.

   **Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
   - Choose appropriate interpretive media
   - Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
   - Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

2. Ranch Road Exit Silhouettes
   
   **Development Opportunities:**
   Ranch Road exit is 15 miles east of Salina, Utah. This exit is off of Interstate 70 and averages a daily traffic count of 5,300. These exits are great opportunities to highlight the Old Spanish NHT through life-sized silhouettes that can be seen by those traveling along I-70. Previous counties have incorporated Old Spanish Trail NHT traveler silhouettes into landscape that can be seen from high traffic roads.

   **Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
   - Choose appropriate interpretive media
   - Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
   - Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

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Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - I-70 West Proposed Trail Elements

Wasatch Pass Interpretive Media

Development Opportunities:
A dirt frontage road exists where the old railroad grade once passed through Salina Canyon. This railroad followed the route that Old Spanish NHT travelers would have traveled through Salina Canyon. The railroad in Salina Canyon went through at least four iterations. Interpretive media placed at a wayside could highlight the Wasatch Pass, the existing railroad tunnels, and the Old Spanish NHT. Interpretive media could be placed along the Salina Canyon 2WD Route to give visitors a greater understanding of the influence that the Old Spanish NHT had on present developments and highlight other greater historical figures.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Interpretation at the Gooseberry ATV Trailhead

Development Opportunities:
Just off Interstate 70, off the Gooseberry exit, there is an existing trailhead for the Gooseberry ATV trail system. From the trailhead visitors have access to the Great Western Trail (approximately 55.6 miles) to several other trails within the Gooseberry ATV system. This trailhead sits where Old Spanish NHT travelers would have traveled through Salina Canyon. This camp ground is about six miles east of the City of Salina. There is currently a rest area and an orientation panel. This existing orientation panel could be improved and include information that provides ATV users an opportunity to learn about the Old Spanish NHT and a map of where they can experience the Old Spanish Trail NHT on an ATV or high clearance vehicle.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - I-70 West Proposed Trail Elements

Gooseberry Road Exit Silhouettes

**Development Opportunities:**
Gooseberry Road exit is about five miles east of Salina, Utah. This exit is off of Interstate 70 and averages daily traffic count of 5,300. These exits are great opportunities to highlight the Old Spanish NHT through interpretive media or interpretive silhouettes that can be seen by those traveling along I-70.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Old Spanish NHT Interpretive Media at the Blackhawk War DUP Marker

**Development Opportunities:**
Right off Interstate 70 on the Salina, Utah exit a DUP marker exists to tell the story about the Blackhawk Indian War. An estimated 150 battles happened from 1865 to 1872 primarily between Mormon settlers and local Native American tribes. The Old Spanish NHT was the primary route to Santa Fe that Native Americans would use to dispose of their stolen stock. Beside the DUP marker, interpretive media could exist narrating the Old Spanish NHT and the trail’s connection to the Blackhawk Indian War.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Example of an Old Spanish NHT orientation panel
**Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT**

**Map B - I-70 West Proposed Trail Elements**

### Interpretive Media at Salina City Park

**Development Opportunities:**
Salina City Park is one of the starting points for the proposed 2wd Route for the Old Spanish NHT. The city park has several amenities that make it a desirable rest and recreational area for visitors and locals. Currently there are pavilions, bathrooms, and picnic tables on site. These amenities, along with its location, make this park a viable location for Old Spanish NHT interpretation.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

### Elk Mountain Mission Interpretive Media

**Development Opportunities:**
The Elk Mountain Mission traveled through Salina Canyon from 1854-1855. Chief Walker, an influential Native American leader, viewed Salina Canyon as a "toll" gate and there is evidence the Old Spanish NHT traveled through Salina Canyon. Interpretive media could be incorporated to talk about the parties, like the Elk Mountain Mission, that followed the Old Spanish NHT.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
**Map C Richfield- Sevier County**

**Existing Trail Elements:**
1. Silhouettes at Centennial Park

**Proposed Trail Elements:**
2. Richfield City Park

**Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:**
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

None

See p. 25 for detailed trail element descriptions
**Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT**

**Map C - Richfield Proposed Trail Elements**

### Silhouettes at Centennial Park

**Development Opportunities:**
Silhouettes of pack mules and Old Spanish NHT travelers sit on North Main Street in Richfield, Utah as well as a new visitor center. The silhouettes are visible on a high traffic road in Richfield, UT and capture the attention of those passing through. This park has all the existing amenities to create interpretive media that highlights the history of Richfield City and the Old Spanish NHT.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

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### Interpretive Media at Richfield City Park

**Development Opportunities:**
Richfield City Park is located in the center of Richfield City. Richfield City has a rich history and was settled along the Old Spanish NHT. This park could incorporate some sort of interpretive media that would highlight the Old Spanish NHT.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Develop a design to highlight the history in Richfield, UT and the Old Spanish NHT
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

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*Example of interpretive media wayside sign*
Map D Central Valley- of Sevier County

Existing Trail Elements:
None

Proposed Trail Elements:
1. Candy Mountain Express Bike Trail
2. Central Valley Sign and Silhouettes

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)
None

See p. 27 for detailed trail element descriptions
Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map D- Central Valley Proposed Trail Elements

1. Candy Mountain Express Bike Trail

Development Opportunities:
The Candy Mountain Express Bike Trail is a paved route that follows the former Marysvale line of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad that was decommissioned in 1976. The trail starts in Central Valley, UT and ends near Big Rock Candy Mountain resort. The trail is approximately eight miles in length. The northern portion of this bike trail follows the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT and could be marked with Old Spanish NHT Signs.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
• Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT and interpret the Old Spanish NHT
• Order and install signs

2. Central Valley Sign and Silhouettes

Development Opportunities:
A sign explaining the trails and traders that made Sevier County what it is today sits on the intersection of N. Main St. and E. Sevier River Rd. in Central Valley, UT. Silhouettes or other interpretive media next to the sign could catch the interest of those traveling through Central Valley.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
• Choose appropriate interpretive media
• Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
• Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
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Map E Long Valley - Sevier County

Existing Trail Elements:
None

Proposed Trail Elements:
1. Long Valley 4WD/ATV and 2WD Trail
2. Fremont Indian State Park and Museum

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)
None

See pp. 29-30 for detailed trail element descriptions
Sevier County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map F- Long Valley Proposed Trail Elements

Long Valley 4WD/ATV and 2WD Trail

Development Opportunities:
The Long Valley section of the Old Spanish NHT has pristine scenery that remains similar to what Old Spanish NHT travelers would have experienced as they traversed along the Monroe Mountains into Marysvale, UT. There are several existing ATV trails and an existing 4WD/ATV or 2WD rout, this could be developed into a trail with the Old Spanish NHT signage that would give people a vicarious experience of traveling along the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
• Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
• Order and install signs
Suggested Actions for Implementation:

- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed
- Contact officials of the Fremont Indian State Park and Museum to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the information center
- Also includes information and interpretive media on past explorers and trappers who settled or discovered Sevier County. Information about the Old Spanish Trail could be provided to visitors who stop at this facility. There is also opportunity for interpretive media.

Development Opportunities:
Fremont Indian State Park and Museum allows visitors to discover artifacts, petroglyphs, and pictographs that were left by the Fremont Indians who lived in this area some 800 years ago. As Interstate 70 was constructed, the largest Fremont Indian village was found. This museum also includes information and interpretive media on past explorers and trappers who settled or discovered Sevier County. Information about the Old Spanish Trail could be provided to visitors who stop at this facility. There is also opportunity for interpretive media.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
- Contact officials of the Fremont Indian State Park and Museum to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed
- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed
Piute County
Trail Segment Details
Map A Marysvale- Piute County

Existing Trail Elements:

None

Proposed Trail Elements:

1. Piute Driving Route

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:

(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

2. Lizzie and Charlie’s Rag Rug Factory

See p. 34 for detailed trail element descriptions
Piute County—North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

**Map A- Marysvale Proposed Trail Elements**

1. **Piute County 2WD Route**

   **Development Opportunities:**
   The Piute County 2WD Route stays mostly on Highway 89 but is connected to the proposed Long Valley 4WD/ATV trail (see p.29). The Old Spanish NHT auto route could stretch from Marysvale, UT down to the Piute and Garfield County border. This 2WD route could include official Old Spanish NHT road signs installed along the route to guide visitors along the historic alignment of the trail.

   **Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
   - Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
   - Order and install signs

2. **Interpretive Media at Lizzie and Charlie’s Rag Rug Factory**

   **Development Opportunities:**
   Lizzie and Charlie’s Rag Rug Factory is located in Marysvale, UT and has a history in the rug making business that dates back to the 1900’s. This is an excellent place to provide information for visitors who are looking to explore the Old Spanish NHT.

   **Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
   - Contact Lizzie and Charlie’s Rag Rug Factory and offer to provide Old Spanish NHT materials
   - Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the Rag Rug Factory as needed

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**Typical Scenery along Highway 89 in Piute County, UT**

**Example of 2WD Route signage with official Old Spanish Trail logo**

**Lizzie and Charlie’s Rag Rug Factory in Marysvale, Utah**

Above: Example of Old Spanish NHT materials that could be provided to the information center.
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Map B Circleville- Piute County

Existing Trail Elements:
None

Proposed Trail Elements:
1. Plute Reservoir
2. Fremont Cutoff Wayside Interpretive Media

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)
2. Fremont Trail

See pp. 36 for detailed trail element descriptions
Piute County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map B - Circleville Proposed Trail Elements

1. Piute Reservoir Interpretive Media

Development Opportunities:

Piute State Park is located off of the Sevier Plateau Mountain Range. This state park also grants several ATVs access to the Paiute ATV system. The reservoir is a major attraction for a variety of recreational activities and is along the Old Spanish NHT. Opportunities for water recreation along the Old Spanish NHT include power boating, canoeing, kayaking, sail boarding, and fishing. This is a desirable location to develop interpretive media along the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

• Choose appropriate interpretive media
• Determine if the need is orientation or interpretation
• Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Example of an Old Spanish NHT low-profile wayside exhibit

2. Fremont Cutoff Wayside Interpretive Media

Development Opportunities:

In November of 1849, Brigham Young called Parley P Pratt to lead an expedition of 50 men to explore Southern Utah for possible settlement locations. They traveled through Sanpete Valley and proceeded to the Sevier River, following the Spanish Trail to Circleville. Once in Circleville the expedition made the decision to leave the river and cross the high country between the Tushar Mountains to the North and the Markagunt Plateau to the south. John C. Fremont also used parts of the Old Spanish Trail to pass through this same area on an expedition in 1854 to determine a viable route for the transcontinental railroad. This would be an ideal location to put interpretative media along the Old Spanish NHT that were followed by Parley P. Pratt, and then to mark where both he, and John C. Fremont, detoured from the trail.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

• Choose appropriate interpretive media
• Determine if the need is orientation or interpretive
• Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Kiosk sign example
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Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

None

See pp. 40-42 for detailed trail element descriptions
Garfield County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Garfield County Proposed Trail Elements

Garfield County Old Spanish NHT 2WD Route

Development Opportunities:
The Old Spanish NHT travelers traversed what is now US-89 and SR-20 in Garfield County. This road is a feasible route for an Old Spanish NHT 2wd route. The driving route could start and end at the Iron County and Piute County border. Official Old Spanish NHT road signs could be installed along the route to guide visitors along the historic alignment of the trail.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:

• Develop a sign plan to mark the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
• Order and install signs
• Consult a contractor
Garfield County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Garfield County Proposed Trail Elements

2 Unstaffed Old Spanish NHT Museum

Development Opportunities:
An unstaffed museum could sit at SR-20 and US-89 in Garfield County. These two roads follow the route that the Old Spanish NHT travelers would have traveled. The unmanned museum could offer self-guided tours and depict the story of the Old Spanish NHT. This could also be an excellent place to display artifacts to visitors who are looking to explore Garfield county and learn more about the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
- Develop a plan and design for the museum
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
- Contact officials to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed
- Continue to provide Old Spanish NHT materials to the center as they are developed

3 Interpretive Media at Circleville Rest Stop

Development Opportunities:
There is opportunity for a roadside rest stop located on BLM land adjacent to the Sevier river in Circleville Canyon. The roadside could include a covered picnic table and some sort of interpretive media to tell the story of the Old Spanish NHT. Silhouettes could also be considered as a type of interpretive media.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if the need is orientation or interpretive
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor.
Garfield County - North Branch of the Old Spanish NHT

Map A - Garfield County Proposed Trail Elements

Old Spanish NHT Interpretive Media at Butch Cassidy’s Childhood Home

**Development Opportunities:**
Butch Cassidy is an infamous outlaw of American West culture. It’s supposed that the famous outlaw’s home rests near the border of Garfield and Piute County. Butch Cassidy’s childhood home is not related directly with the Old Spanish NHT but the house sits on the trail where Old Spanish NHT travelers would have crossed. The house is a great place for interpretation of the trail and inform visitors as they stop at Butch Cassidy’s childhood home. Interpretive media could sit east of the proposed restrooms.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
Fishlake Cutoff
Trail Segment Details

Photo by: Kirk Rasmussen
Overview Map of Fishlake Cutoff

Map A (pp. 45-48)

Map B (pp. 49-50)

Legend
- Proposed NHT site
- Non-NHT point of interest
- Proposed non-restored trail
- Proposed 2nd route
- 4wd/UTV route
- Old Spanish NHT alignment 2014
- Fishlake Cutoff

Land Use
- Federal, state, and private property
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - State
  - United States Forest Service
  - National Park Service

The Old Spanish Trail Fishlake Cutoff
Map A- Fishlake Cutoff

**Existing Trail Elements:**
1. Fishlake Cutoff Kiosk
2. Fishlake Cutoff Interpretation near Johnson Valley Reservoir
3. Fishlake Interpretive Panel at Doctor Creek Trailhead

**Proposed Trail Elements:**
4. Hancock Float Road Silhouettes
5. Oak Springs Rest area interpretive media

**Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:**
(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

None

See pp. 46-48 for detailed trail element descriptions
Map A - Fishlake Cutoff

Map A - Fishlake Cutoff Proposed Trail Elements

1. Fishlake Cutoff Kiosk

**Development Opportunities:**
The Fishlake Cutoff Kiosk is near Ivie Creek Rest Area on a frontage road that once served as a railroad grade off of Interstate 70. The Fishlake Cutoff trail went south up Red Creek canyon. Kit Carson and company followed this route in 1848. This same year Ben Chouteau provided Orville Pratt a detailed log for this shorter route while in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Additional interpretive media, such as silhouettes, could be proposed to further draw attention to the already existing kiosk.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Develop a sign plan to direct visitors to an interpretive display along the historic route of the Old Spanish NHT
- Order and install signs

2. Fishlake Cutoff Interpretation near Johnson Valley Reservoir

**Development Opportunities:**
The Fishlake National Forest has been working to mark the Fishlake Cutoff through Fishlake National Forest. An interpretive sign as well as silhouettes sit off of SR-25 in the Johnson Valley area. This interpretive media as well as others in Fishlake National Forest are a great way to increase visibility for the Fishlake Cutoff as well as the Old Spanish NHT.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Maintain current interpretive media
- Consult further if maintenance or new interpretive media is needed
Map A- Fishlake Cutoff

Map A - Fishlake Cutoff Proposed Trail Elements

Fishlake Interpretive Panel at Doctor Creek Trailhead

**Development Opportunities:**
The Fishlake National Forest has been working to mark the Fishlake Cutoff through the National Forest. An interpretive sign as well as silhouettes sit at the Doctor Creek Trailhead. Such interpretation in Fishlake National Forest is a great way to increase visibility for the Fishlake Cutoff as well as the Old Spanish NHT.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Maintain current interpretive media
- Consult further if maintenance or new interpretive media is needed

Hancock Flat Road Silhouettes

**Development Opportunities:**
Many people use this area to off load ATVs, connect with the Paiute ATV trail, or travel to Fishlake High Top Mountain. An Old Spanish NHT interpretive media element could be incorporated here to talk about the Fishlake Cutoff. Interpretive media could include wayside signage explaining potential trail trace that was exposed in a fire in 2015, or silhouettes. There is also potential for a hiking trail that overlooks the lake and takes you down to exposed trail trace.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor

Silhouettes at Doctor Creek Trailhead

Photo by: Kirk Rasmussen

Existing kiosk at Hancock Flat Rd.

Example of an Old Spanish NHT orientation panel

The Fishlake Cutoff

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Oak Springs Rest Area Interpretive Media

**Development Opportunities:**
Oak Springs Rest Area is located in Fishlake National Forest off of Route 24. This road and rest area are used by many visitors who are exploring the National Forest. Because of the high traffic, potential Old Spanish NHT interpretive media could be incorporated to inform visitors about the Old Spanish NHT and the Fishlake Cutoff.

**Suggested Actions for Implementation:**
- Choose appropriate interpretive media
- Determine if need is orientation or interpretation
- Consult an interpretive media specialist or contractor
Map B- Fishlake Cutoff

Existing Trail Elements:

1. Silhouettes in Kingston canyon

Proposed Trail Elements:

Other Points of Interest Along the Trail:

(Non-Old Spanish NHT related)

None

See p. 50 for detailed trail element descriptions
Development Opportunities:
The Fishlake National Forest has been working to mark the Fishlake Cutoff through the National Forest. An interpretive sign as well as silhouettes are located at the Paiute ATV trailhead in Kingston Canyon. Such interpretation in Fishlake National Forest is a great way to increase visibility for the Fishlake Cutoff as well as the Old Spanish NHT.

Suggested Actions for Implementation:
• Maintain current interpretive media
• Consult further if maintenance or new interpretive media is needed
Appendix
Typical Trail Elements and Alternatives

Trailheads

*Simple Trailhead concept appropriate for non-motorized trails.*

*Multi-Use Trailhead concept appropriate for Off Highway Vehicles, Hiking, Biking, Equestrian, etc. trails.*

Waysides and Overlooks

Waysides and overlooks are areas along the trail where information and interpretation about the trail is provided. These spaces provide an opportunity to share the Old Spanish NHT’s unique history with the public in the setting where the events took place. This will connect people to the experience of the Old Spanish NHT’s original travelers.

Waysides/overlooks should be placed at locations that are easy to access from the main route of travel. They can be as simple as a parking spot and a sign, or they may be a day-use area that includes other elements such as restrooms, picnic tables, shade structures, etc.

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Typical Trail Elements and Alternatives

Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas

Campgrounds provide the opportunity to stay at a location overnight. They may be very simple—a designated area without amenities, or more established—with benches, fire-pits, tent pads, water, restrooms, picnic tables, etc.

There are several locations along the Old Spanish NHT in Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties where campgrounds could be established. These would be connected to the recreational route of the trail.

Kiosks and Interpretive Structures

Interpretive media provides the opportunity to educate people about the Old Spanish NHT’s history and the landscape through which it passes.

The Old Spanish NHT has a unique history that creates many opportunities to bring the trail to life through interpretation and kiosks. Kiosks may be placed anywhere along the trail individually, or as features of trailheads, waysides, overlooks and campgrounds.
Above: Examples of Old Spanish NHT materials that could be provided to the information center.
## Trail Chart

### Non-motorized Trails

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<tr>
<td>Candy Mountain Express Bike Trail</td>
<td>Trailhead is off Center St. and Main St. in Central Valley, UT</td>
<td>9.13 one way</td>
<td>A paved bike path along highway 89 that stretches from Central Valley and ends in Joseph, UT</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clear Creek Canyon Hiking Trail</td>
<td>1.5 miles west from the Ivie Creek Rest Stop down Clear Creek Canyon</td>
<td>.6 miles one way</td>
<td>A dirt trail that leads to several historic inscriptions that influenced the area</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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### Driving Route Routes

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<td>Salina Canyon Driving Route</td>
<td>Stretches from the Ivie Creek Rest Area on I-70 and ends at Salina City Park</td>
<td>29.3 miles one way</td>
<td>Route runs along I-70 in Salina Canyon on a frontage Rd.</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Valley 4WD/ATV Route</td>
<td>Trailhead is starts off Ross Ln in Joseph Utah</td>
<td>10.5 one way</td>
<td>The ATV/4WD route starts in Joseph and ends in Marysvale, UT</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Piute County Driving Route</td>
<td>Stretches from the Bullion Ave. in Marysvale UT to the Garfield County line</td>
<td>21.97 miles one way</td>
<td>Route runs along Bullion Ave. In Marysvale, UT then Highway 89 to Garfield County</td>
<td>Easy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garfield County Driving Route</td>
<td>Stretches from Piute County Line on Highway 89 and then Route 20 to Iron County</td>
<td>17.68 one way</td>
<td>This route follows the Old Spanish NHT through Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sevier, Piute, and Garfield County Driving Route</td>
<td>Stretches from Ivie Creek Rest Area on I-70 and ends route 20 in Garfield County</td>
<td>117.57 one way</td>
<td>This route follows the Old Spanish NHT through Sevier, Piute, and Garfield counties</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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Sign Families

Road Signs

- **Historic Route Sign 36” x 48”**: Marks the historic route of the national historic trail.
- **To Historic Route 36” x 48”**: Directs people to the historic route of the national historic trail.
- **Local Tour Route 36” x 48”**: Directs people along a defined route to multiple historic trail sites.
- **Crossing Sign 36” x 48”**: Marks where the historic route of the national historic trail crosses a road.

### Historic Route Sign Family of Road Signs

- **Old Spanish National Historic Trail**
  - Next XX Miles
  - Segment Begins
  - Segment Ends

### To Historic Route Sign

- **Old Spanish National Historic Trail**
  - To Historic Route

### Site ID Sign 72” x 42”:

- Marks a site associated with the national historic trail.

### Site Identification

- **Entrance Sign**
  - Old Spanish National Historic Trail
Pedestrian Signs

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Pedestrian Sign - Size Options

16” W x 24” H Aluminum sign
12” W x 12” H Aluminum sign
3” W x variable H Carsonite post and sticker