



# 2017 S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Application National Parks Centennial

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## Organization / Agency Information

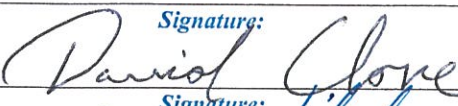

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## Project Information

**Type of Project:** ☐ New Trail Construction ☒ Maintenance and/or Restoration of Existing Trails

<b>Program/Project Name:</b> West Rim Trail to Angels Landing			<b>Amount of Grant Requested:</b> \$100,000
<b>Name of Trail(s) Affected:</b> West Rim Trail			<b>Location:</b> Zion National Park
<b>Total Organization Budget:</b> \$4,375,596	<b>Per 990, Percentage of Program Service Expenses (Column B / Column A x 100):</b> 51%	<b>Per 990, Percentage of Management &amp; General Expenses Only (Column C / Column A x 100):</b> 40% *see budget explanation p.10	<b>Per 990, Percentage of Management &amp; General Expenses and Fundraising (Column C+D / Column A x 100):</b> 49%
<b>Purpose of Grant Request (one sentence):</b> To restore damaged sections of the lower portion of Zion's historic West Rim Trail, and provide a safer visitor experience, while protecting the park's natural and cultural resources from the impacts of increased visitation.			
<b>Project Start Date (Month and Year):</b> January 2017		<b>Project End Date (Month and Year):</b> December 2017 – End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter '18	

## Signatures

<b>Board President / Chair:</b> (Print name and Title) David Clove, Board Chairman	<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 1-19-2017
<b>Executive Director/President:</b> (Print name and Title) Lyman Hafen, Executive Director	<b>Signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 1-19-2017

## 2017 S.L. Gimbel Foundation Fund APPLICATION Narrative

Please provide the following information by answering **ALL** questions (I to IV) in **Eight (8) typed pages maximum, 12 Font, One Inch Margins**. Use the format below (I to IV). Type the questions. Answer the questions accordingly. Please be thorough, clear, specific, and concise.

### **I. Organization Background**

- A) What are the history, mission and/or purpose of your organization? How long has the organization been providing programs and services to the community?

The Zion National Park Foundation is the official fundraising partner of Zion National Park. The Foundation operates as a division of Zion Natural History Association (ZNHA), a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation in the State of Utah. Established in 1929, ZNHA is governed by an elected board of directors who serve as volunteers and work in direct consultation with the Superintendent of Zion National Park. ZNHA publishes books, maps, guides and other interpretive products, and operates the retail sales in park visitor centers. The retail operations of ZNHA fund the overhead of the Foundation, making it possible for Foundation-generated funds to go directly to important projects in Zion National Park.

- B) What are some of your past organizational accomplishments (last three years)?

Since the Foundation was established in 2007, it has raised money to rehabilitate the historic Grotto House (now used for the park's Artist in Residence program), preserve historic and contemporary art of Zion, support programs to protect the endangered California condor, the desert bighorn, and peregrine falcon, as well as preserving archeological and historical sites. Our funding also supports the park's Junior Ranger Program. The Foundation has established a Trail Fund to support trail restoration and maintenance. In 2011, we helped launch the park's Zion Youth Education Initiative, a K-12 curriculum set of programs for our gateway schools, and for our park visitors. Over the last six years, more than 100,000 children and young adults have been connected to Zion through this program. In 2016, the Foundation was successful in winning a \$200,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to complete restoration work on the historic Zion Tunnel, and the park's eastern gateway, a series of majestic switchbacks leading to it.

- C) What are your key programs and activities? Describe the communities you serve. Include populations, geographic locations served, and relevant statistics.

As the official fundraising/philanthropic partner of Zion National Park, the Foundation actively solicits support for the park through:

- Annual fall mail campaign – (emerging)
- Annual spring fundraising event (Springdale and other gateway communities)
- Annual November Plein Air Art event (national connectivity through the arts)
- Dollar-ask at ZNHA retail cash registers (at all our Park Stores located within the park)
- Adopt-a-Bighorn initiative (engagement of all visitors)
- Dollar-check-off, or per-night donation from lodging properties (gateway communities)
- Website donation solicitation (national, international connectivity)
- Grant requests in partnership with Zion National Park
- Funds bequeathed by personal estates
- Miscellaneous opportunities to solicit and generate funds

The Foundation:

- Operates under the 501c3 umbrella of Zion Natural History Association
- Is overseen by the Foundation Committee of the ZNHA Board
- Is authorized by a separate Fundraising/Friends agreement with the National Park Service
- Is managed by ZNHA's Exec. Dir, Dir of Philanthropy, Dir. of Operations, and Dir. of Finance
- Is staffed by ZNHA personnel
- Is incorporated into ZNHA's accounting and annual 990 tax return

## II. Project Information:

### A) Statement of Need

1. Specify the need you want to address and are seeking funds for.

Zion National Park has experienced record visitation – with **more than 4.3 million** visitors passing through its gates in 2016. This number had a 16 percent increase from 2015, which was also a record year for visitation. The majority of these visitors connect to Zion through its world-class trail system. This project will preserve and restore the integrity of one of the most popular trails in the park – the West Rim Trail to Angels Landing. Built in 1925-26, the 2.2-mile portion of the West Rim Trail climbs 1100 feet up the sandstone cliff with a series of switchbacks, including “Walters Wiggles” 21 tight switchbacks named after Zion’s first building foreman, Walter Ruesch. It was listed on the National Register of Historic places in 1987. Trail counters report that over 231,000 visitors hiked the trail in the last twelve months. This trail project is identified as a top priority for the park because of its poor condition and high visitor use.

### B) Project Description

1. Describe your project. How does your project meet the need? What are you trying to accomplish? Is it a stand-alone trail project or part of a larger, ongoing project? Has compliance been done on the project (shovel ready) or would the funds be used to complete or offset compliance?

This project will rebuild the damaged sections of the lower section of the historic West Rim Trail. Within this 2.2 mile section of trail, approximately 750 square feet of historic stone masonry will be repaired, including several sections of dry and wet stone walls that need to be rebuilt consistent with historic preservation standards. Dry stone is a building method constructed using interlocking stones without any mortar to bind them. Wet stone refers to walls where mortar is used. Both treatments are used along the trail, depending on soil types, runoff issues, and the availability of water. Approximately 1500 linear feet of historic stone curb and 1,000 linear feet of trail tread will be

laid to protect the natural environment from increased visitor use. Trails in Zion's sandstone are highly erodible if they are not paved. If this project is not completed, increased water runoff will further damage the historic integrity of the trail causing tripping hazards and injuries to visitors.

By repairing the trail, the park will provide a safer experience for visitors and ensure access to Angels Landing and the park's backcountry wilderness for another 100 years. The West Rim Trail project is a keystone part of a larger initiative to preserve and improve Zion National Park's trails of sanctuary forever. In 2015, the park repaired Hidden Canyon Trail and a portion of the East Rim Trail that had been damaged over the years by flash floods. Following this project, we will be working with our park partner to help raise \$500,000 to rebuild the Middle Emerald Pools Trail in 2018. That trail was washed out in a landslide in 2010. The West Rim Trail is shovel ready, with all required compliance completed for the project.

C) Project Goal, Objectives, Activities and Expected Outcomes

Note: Objective, Outcomes and Evaluation must all be based on the same quantifiable criteria.

1. State **ONE** project goal. The **Goal** should be an aspirational statement, a broad statement of purpose for the project.

To ensure that historic access to Angels Landing and the park's backcountry wilderness via the West Rim Trail is available for all visitors to experience for generations to come.

2. State at **ONE objective**. Objectives should be specific, measurable, verifiable, action-oriented, realistic, and time-specific statements intended to guide your organization's activities toward achieving the goal.

Within one year, the lower West Rim Trail will provide a safer visitor experience through restoration of its historic features, and repair/replacement of its surface tread.

**Specify the activities** you will undertake to meet the objective and number of participants for each activity.

750 square feet of stone masonry walls will be rebuilt. 1500 feet of trail curbing will be repaired. 500 feet of new trail tread will be laid.

**Expected outcomes** are the individual, organizational or community-level changes that can reasonably occur during the grant period as a result of the proposed activities or services. What are the key anticipated outcomes of the project and impact on participants?

Damage caused by increased use and deferred maintenance backlog will be addressed, extending the life of the trail, preserving its historic integrity, while providing a safer visitor experience.

**Evaluation:** How will progress towards the objectives be tracked and outcomes measured?



Provide specific information on how you will collect relevant data and statistics that meet your objective and validate your expected outcomes as you describe your evaluation process.

Use the following format for your objectives, respective activities and expected outcomes:

GOAL:

Objective:

Activities:

Expected Outcomes:

Evaluation:

### **Project Evaluation:**

Working with park staff, we will conduct monthly project check-ins, and quarterly project status reports that feature project budget review, workscope review to plan, on site field visits, and photographic documentation of field conditions including before, during and completion images for project reports and for public engagement and marketing purposes in digital and print. We will also conduct and feature a project year-end report featuring images, visitor quotes, and other content to share as part of our marketing/communication plan for 2017.

The outreach plan will include digital and traditional media outreach featuring the project through joint press releases with the park; on park and partner websites, social media sites; through select e-blasts to our supporters; features in our enews; and through compatible in-park signage connecting visitors to our project work. Following grant award notification, we will begin working directly with our park's social media and communications team to create and implement a communications strategy for the project to fully connect and engage park visitors (literal and virtual) to the project and to our role as the park's official non-profit partner.

### **D) Timeline**

Provide a timeline for implementing the project. State the starting date and ending date of the project, include timeframes for specific activities, as appropriate.

The planning for this project is underway, compliance has been completed. Implementation will begin in 2017. February- July 2017- Dry stone wall repair and begin to install new sandstone curbing; Sept- Dec 2017- Continue to repair and replace sandstone curbing, install new additional curbing, begin to repair lower wet stone retaining walls; March 2018- Repair swail area, pour concrete tread and repair remaining wet stone retaining walls.

### **E) Target Population**

Who will benefit from this grant? How will the project directly benefit the visitor experience? How many people will be impacted? Provide a breakdown: Number of Children, Youth, Adults, Seniors.

To date in 2016, more than 230,000 visitors have used this trail. It is one of the park's most heavily used trails. The West Rim Trail brings visitors up the canyon for three reasons: 1) The adventure of Angels Landing, a trail that climbs a sandstone spine that is in some places just two feet wide with

drop-offs of 1500 feet on either side, with a minimal chain link system to help hikers with balance; 2) As an entryway into Zion's designated wilderness, the West Rim Trail provides access across the park's less-populated plateau, offering primitive camping and hiking in Zion's backcountry; 3) As one of the best places to see the endangered California Condors in Zion – the park's volunteer condor patrols are often on site teaching visitors about condor conservation. Approximate % of ages: Children- 25%; Youth (25 and under) 60%; Adults 35%; Seniors 5%.

F) Youth/Young Adult Engagement, Volunteers, Community Partners

Are you engaging and/or employing youth/young adults in this project (i.e. Youth Conservation Corps, Public Land Corps, etc.) If so, describe in detail their involvement in the project. How are you utilizing volunteers and/or community partners, if any?

Through this project, we are also engaging our Youth Conservation Corps partner to provide hands-on trail crew experiences for young adults (high-school to college age) under the supervision of our trail crew experts, including stone masons.

Two American Conservation Crews worked at Zion in 2016. The young adult crews will be supervised by the park's trail crew and will learn from the park's masons and those who specialize in sandstone trails. We call this project a two-fer – we protect one of the park's most important natural and recreational assets, while engaging the next generation of park steward and advocates through hands-on in the park experiences as trail crew members. This truly is a win-win.

We have engaged the park's gateway communities, local businesses, the Rotary including Springdale and Kanab, the park's main concessionaire, Xanterra, and others in our fundraising efforts, through dollar add on programs and special events, including our 8<sup>th</sup> Plein Air Festival. Our Park Stores fund the park's interpretive and educational programs, and underwrite our administrative costs, and we host more than eighty field school workshops, symposiums and in-park programs during the year through our Field Institute. We will leverage this Centennial Initiative to drive greater public awareness of the park's Trails System through increased foundation outreach as part of our emerging Zion Forever Project in 2017.

G) Use of Grant Funds and Leveraging

How will you use the grant funds? Does the park have the ability to leverage the grant through matching funds?

The \$100,000 grant request from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation will be matched more than 2 to 1! Our Zion National Park partner has secured \$250,000 to support this project and leverage the grant from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation.

### **III. Project Future**

A) Sustainability

Explain how you will support this project after the grant performance period. Include plans for fundraising or increasing financial support designated for the project.

The park will continue to repair trails through a leveraged combination of entrance fee funds, and the direct fundraising efforts of the Zion National Park Foundation through targeted campaigns,

foundation support, and by establishing an annual giving and major gifts program integrated around our first 2017 Field Guide to Park Projects publication (virtual and hard copy) which will include the park's trails priorities short and long term.

#### **IV. Governance, Executive Leadership and Key Personnel/Staff Qualifications**

##### **A) Governance**

Describe your board of directors and the role it plays in the organization. What committees exist within your board of directors? How does the board of directors make decisions?

Zion Natural History Association/Zion National Park Foundation: ZNHA bylaws call for a volunteer board of directors consisting of from nine to 15 members. Currently the number of board members stands at nine. Board committees include: Executive Committee, Budget/Finance Committee, Governance/Nomination Committee, and the Foundation Committee, which focuses on and guides the organization's fundraising efforts. The board meets quarterly and as needed through the fiscal year. They adopt an annual work plan and budget in collaboration with the park.

##### **B) Management**

Describe the qualifications of key personnel/staff responsible for the project.

##### **Lyman Hafen, Executive Director**

With nearly three decades experience in non-profit/public lands agency partnerships, he has served as executive director of ZNHA for 18 years, forging effective and successful partnerships with five different park superintendents. Author of 12 books on the history, culture and landscape of southern Utah.

##### **Mark Preiss, Director of Philanthropy**

Innovator and proven leader in the world of non-profit/public lands agency partnerships, most recently, before coming to Zion, as founding director of the Glacier Conservancy. Member of the board of directors of the Public Lands Alliance.

##### **Jill Burt, Director of Operations**

With expertise in all facets of interpretive product development, marketing, merchandising and retailing, she has overseen the doubling of ZNHA's retail sales in the last six years, and played a key role in the Foundation's fundraising projects, including the annual Plein Air Art event which has become the signature event in the park.

##### **Tracy Jones, Director of Finance**

Having served ZNHA in different capacities for nearly 20 years, she assumed her current position four years ago and has overseen the establishment of well-conceived annual budgets and managed all the organization's in-house accounting functions which have resulted in clean independent audits each year.

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#### **V. Project Budget and Narrative**

A) **Budget Table:** Provide a detailed line-item budget for your **entire** project by completing the table below. Requested line items should be limited to Ten (10) line items. The less the better.

A breakdown of specific line item requests and attendant costs should include:

- 1) Line item requests for materials, supplies, equipment and others:
  - a. Identify and list the type of materials, supplies, equipment, etc.
  - b. Specify the unit cost, number of units, and total cost
  - c. Use a formula/equation as applicable. (i.e. 40 books @ \$100 each = \$4000)
- 2) Line item requests for staff compensation, benefits: **Do not use FTE percentages.**
  - a. Identify the position; for each position request, specify the hourly rate and the number of hours (i.e. \$20/hr x 20 hours/week x 20 weeks = \$8,000)
  - b. For benefits, provide the formula and calculation (i.e. \$8,000 x 25% = \$2,000)
- 3) Line items on Salaries/Personnel included in budget (contribution or in-kind) but NOT requested from the Gimbel Foundation must be broken down per number 2) above: Provide rate of pay per hour and number of hours.

Item	Unit cost	Quantity	Support From Other Funders	Requested Amount From S.L. Gimbel	Total
Historic stone masonry	\$72/sq ft	750 square feet		\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
Historic stone curb	\$47/ft	1500 linear feet	\$ 69,200	\$ 1,300	\$ 70,500
Trail tread	\$43/ft	500 linear feet		\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500
Drain Dips/ Swail Rebuild	1 lump		\$ 6,900		\$ 6,900
WG-7 trail lead	\$19.24/hr	2120 hours	\$ 40,789		\$ 40,789
WG-5 trail worker (3)	\$16.45/hr	6360 hours	\$ 104,622		\$ 104,622
WG-3 trail worker	\$13.63/hr	2120 hours	\$ 28,896		\$ 28,896
Zion Youth Cons. Crew	\$2,900/week	8 weeks		\$ 23,200	\$ 23,200
Total			\$ 250,407	\$ 100,000	\$ 350,407

B) **Narrative:** The budget narrative is the justification of “how” and/or “why” a line item helps to meet the project deliverables. Provide a description for each line item request as necessary. Explain how the line item relates to the project. If you are requesting funds to pay for staff, list the specific duties of each position. See attached SAMPLE Project Budget and Budget Narrative

- 1) Materials: Stone for retaining walls = \$54k, stone curbing = \$70,500
- 2) Trail base treading (best practice materials for site, based on habitat protection and high use) = \$21,500
- 3) Rebuild of drain and swail = \$6,900
- 4) Personnel: Trail Crew lead, stone masons, trail crew members (WG-7, WG-5, WG-3) = \$174,307



- 5) Zion Youth Conservation Crew @\$2900/week at 8 weeks = \$23,200 (targeted outreach to under-represented participants)

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**VI. Sources of Funding:** Please list your current sources of funding and amounts.

### *Secured/Awarded*

Name of Funder: Foundation, Corporation, Government	Amount
The Anschutz Foundation	\$ 10,000
State of Utah	\$ 17,851
Washington County	\$ 7,000
National Trust for Historic Preservation	\$ 191,000
Margaret Malm Estate	\$ 50,000
Zion Plein Air Art Event (November 2016)	\$ 150,000 (est.)

### *Pending*

Name of Funder: Foundation, Corporation, Government	Amount	Decision Date

**Diversity of Funding Sources:** A financially healthy organization should have a diverse mix of funding sources. Complete those categories that apply to your organization using figures from your most recent fiscal year.

Funding Source	Amount	% of Total Revenue	Funding Source	Amount	% of Total Revenue
Contributions	\$ 78,547	1.8	Program Fees	\$ 33,628	.77
Fundraising/Special Events	\$225,858	5.2	Interest Income	\$ 1,227	.02
Corp/Foundation Grants	\$ 16,500	.38	Other:	\$3,931,643	89.8
Government Grants	\$		Other: Membership	\$ 74,119	1.7

**Notes:**

**\*Management and General Expenses Explanation, p. 1:**

The following explanation responds to Trustee's comments regarding our Form 990 and Budget summary, Column C Management and General Expenses and Project Evaluation.

- 1) As the park's official nonprofit partner, the Zion Natural History Association operates six bookstores located within park visitor centers, providing direct interpretive services and support to more than 4.3m visitors to Zion National Park in 2016.
- 2) ZNHA underwrites all of our Foundation expenses, with one-hundred-percent of donations provided through ZNPF going directly to support the park's highest priority projects and initiatives.
- 3) ZNHA also provides direct fiscal support the Zion National Park through revenues generated through its bookstore sales, focused primarily on the park's Youth Education Initiative.
- 4) Item #5 in Form 990: Seventy percent of this figure is devoted to park program service including park program development, park publications, and collaboration with our park partner on special projects including the Zion NP Youth Initiative, and the Zion Plein Air Event.
- 5) Item #7 in Form 990: Sixty percent of this figure directly impacts park programs through park store product curation with park staff, grant program management, membership development, outreach and event coordination. The remaining 30% covers traditional administrative expenses including HR.

The Zion National Park Foundation was established under the auspices of the Zion Natural History Association, in 2007, under the direct request of its Zion National Park partner. Together with the Field Institute, we are recognized as the park's official non-profit partner providing interpretive, educational, publication, in kind and fundraising support to Zion National Park. The ZNHA park bookstores provide direct interpretive service and support to park visitors through guide books, publications, maps, outdoor equipment and other products directly tied to the park's interpretation and education plans and visitor safety. The products available have all been approved by the park's chief of interpretation.

You will also note that some of our staff salaries are identified as Aid to Park. This breakout is consistent with NPS practices -- understanding that ZNHA provides value-added expertise directly in support of visitor services that the park depends upon to deliver its overall mission.

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### VII. Financial Analysis

Agency Name: Zion Natural History Association/Zion National Park Foundation

Most Current Fiscal Year (Dates): From 01/01/2015 To: 12/31/2015

This section presents an overview of an applicant organization's financial health and will be reviewed along with the grant proposal. Provide all the information requested on your **entire organization**. Include any notes that may explain any extraordinary circumstances. Information should be taken from your most recent 990 and audit. **Double check your figures!**

#### Form 990, Part IX: Statement of Functional Expenses

**1) Transfer the totals for each of the columns, Line 25- Total functional expenses (page 10)**

(A) Total Expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management & general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
\$ 2,000,286	\$ 1,025,086	\$ 798,568	\$ 176,632

**2) Calculate the percentages of Columns B, C, and D, over A (per totals above)**

- Program services (B) – A general rule is that at least 75% of total expenses should be used to support programs
- Management & general administration (C) – A general rule is that no more than 15% of total expenses should be used for management & general expenses
- Fundraising (D) – A general rule is that no more than 10% of total expenses should be used for fundraising

(A) Total Expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management & general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
2,000,286	Columns B / A x 100	Columns C / A x 100	Columns D / A x 100
Must equal 100%	51%	40%	9%

**3) Calculate the difference between your CURRENT year budget for management & general expenses and your previous management & general expenses per your 990 (Column C)**

Percentage of Organization's <u>Current</u> Total Budget used for Administration	Column C, Management & general expenses per 990 above	Differential
22.5 %	17.6 %	4.9 %

If the differential is above (+) or below (-) 10%, provide an explanation:

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**Quick Ratio:** Measures the level of liquidity and measures only current assets that can be quickly turned to cash. A generally standard Quick Ratio equals 1 or more.

<b>Cash</b>	<b>+ Accounts Receivables</b>	<b>/Current Liabilities</b>	<b>= Quick Ratio</b>
\$ 1,421,523	\$ 1,474	\$ 217,092	6.55

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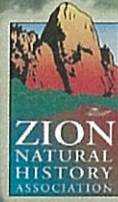
### **Excess or Deficit for the Year:**

<b>Excess or (Deficit) Most recent fiscal year end</b>	<b>Excess or (Deficit) Prior fiscal year end</b>
\$ \$446,527	\$ 295,923

**Notes:**

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# **Zion National Park West Rim Trail**

**West Rim Trail:  
Gateway to Angel's Landing  
and Zion backcountry wilderness.**



## West Rim Trail



The West Rim Trail traverses the high plateau and offers sweeping views into Wildcat Canyon for the first 6.5 miles and then drops into Potato Hollow. The trail climbs out of Potato Hollow to the junction with the Telephone Canyon Trail. The Telephone Canyon Trail provides a shortcut between Potato Hollow and Cabin Spring, or a possible loop for hikers entering and exiting the same trailhead. The West Rim Trail follows the rim with views of Phantom Valley and the canyons to the south. At Cabin Spring, the trail begins a descent of 2,500 feet over the next 4.7 miles, ending at The Grotto Trailhead. There are nine campsites and three springs along the trail.

**Distance:** 14.2 miles (22.9 km) from the West Rim Trailhead to The Grotto Trailhead

**Elevation Change:** 3,400 feet (1,063 m)

**Water Sources:** Sawmill Springs (seasonal), Potato Hollow (seasonal), and Cabin Spring

**Best Seasons:** late spring, summer, and fall

**Trailheads:** West Rim Trailhead (near Lava Point) and The Grotto Trailhead

**Connecting Trails:** Wildcat Canyon Trail





# West Rim Trailhead

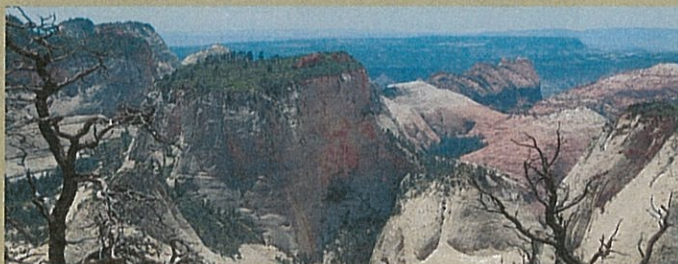
Welcome to the Zion Wilderness. Over 124,000 acres of Zion National Park were designated as wilderness in 2009, ensuring that 84 percent of the park will remain wild and untrammelled for generations to come.

This trailhead accesses:

## West Rim Trail

14.2 miles (22.9 km) to The Grotto Trailhead, 0.1 mile to the Wildcat Canyon Trail

This trail traverses the forested plateau, with stunning views of the surrounding canyons and mesas along the way, eventually winding 3,400 feet down into Zion Canyon. There are several campsites and three springs along the trail. This trailhead also connects to the Wildcat Canyon, Northgate Peaks, and Connector Trails.



## Your Safety

Traveling into the wilderness has inherent risks. Your safety depends on your own good judgement, adequate preparation, and constant observation.

### Steep Cliffs

Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in deaths. Be careful when using cameras or binoculars. Loose sand can be slippery. Never throw or roll rocks, as there may be hikers below you.

### Lightning

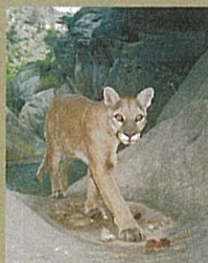
Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning are common every day in the summer.

### Be Prepared

Temperatures vary greatly in the desert. Always bring and drink plenty of water, and filter all spring water. Check at park visitor centers to find out the flow rate of the springs. Bring extra food, layers, a first aid kit, and a headlamp.

### Respect Wildlife

Please keep all animals wild and healthy by viewing them from a safe distance. Do not approach, feed, or touch wildlife. Store food and trash responsibly to ensure that animals cannot access it.



Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been seen in the park.

## Help Protect Your National Park



### Preserve the Wilderness

Please preserve the landscape by not carving or writing on natural surfaces. Leave natural and historic objects where you find them. Do not construct rock cairns or structures. Keep noise to a minimum.



### Travel Lightly

Help protect fragile vegetation and biological soil crusts by hiking on existing trails, in canyon bottoms, and on slickrock. Camp in designated sites or areas on durable surfaces (rock or bare ground).



### Pack It Out

Keep your national park pristine by packing out all of your trash, including toilet paper. If you do not have a human waste disposal bag, waste can be buried in a small hole four inches or deeper, at least 200 feet away from water sources.

## Wilderness Regulations



**Wilderness Permits** are required for overnight camping. Permits are available at park visitor centers.



**Group Size Limits** apply for all wilderness trails. Groups are limited to a maximum of 12 people that share the same affiliation on the same trail or drainage on the same day.



**Pets**, with the exception of service animals, are prohibited on this trail and in the wilderness.



**Campfires** are prohibited on this trail and in the wilderness.



**Vehicles**, including UHV/ATVs, bicycles, and strollers, are prohibited on this trail and in the wilderness.



**Stock Use** is permitted on the Wildcat Canyon Trail, the North Gate Peaks Trail, and on the West Rim Trail to campsite one. Please inquire at park visitor centers for regulations.



**Firearms** are subject to state and federal regulations in national parks. Discharging of firearms is prohibited.



**In an emergency, call 435-772-3322 or 911.**

For wilderness information, please call 435-772-0170.



# Historic Photos: Building the West Rim Trail



WEST RIM TRAIL - During construction. Showing heavy side cut, to get trail width enough on steep slope - sandstone rock.

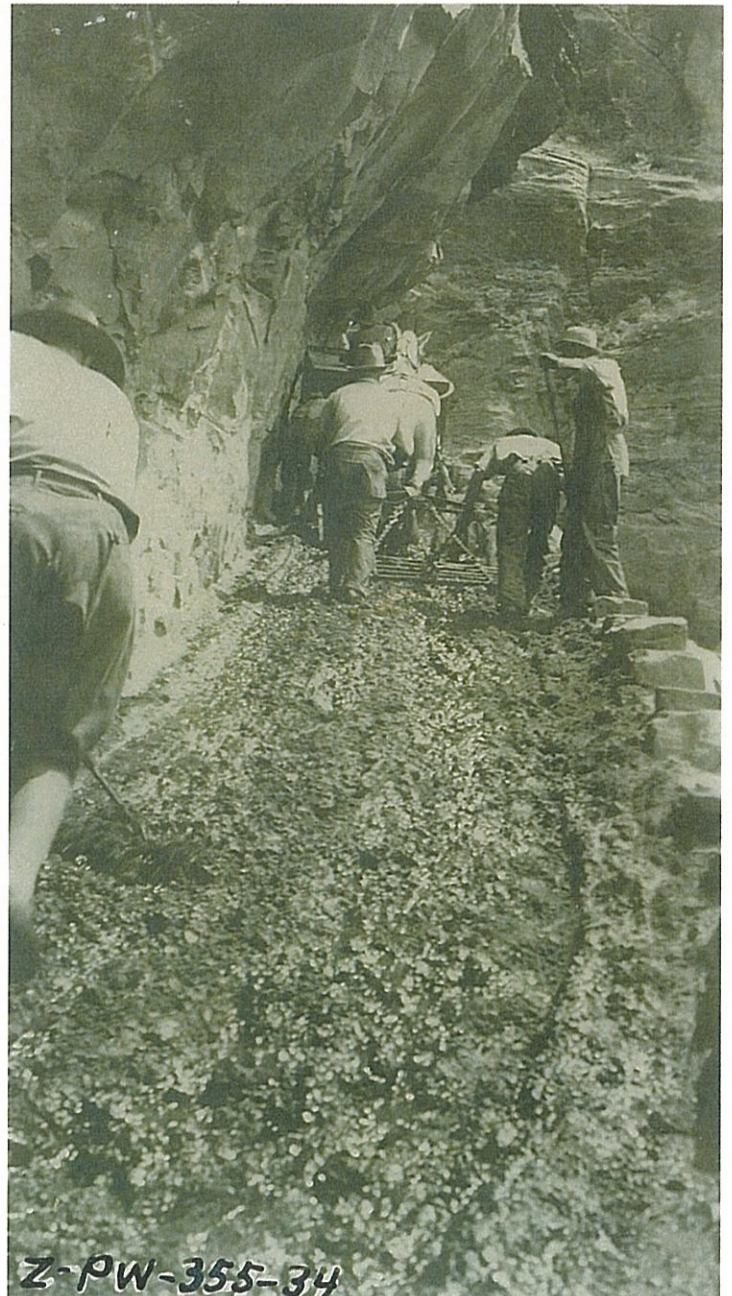
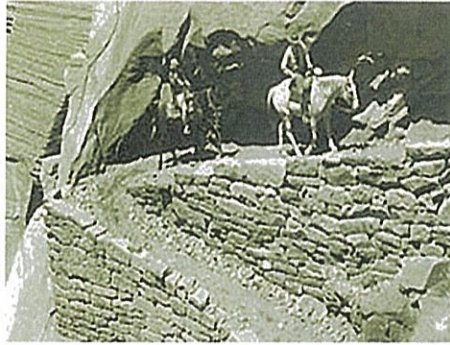
Exposures by  
Harold Russell,  
Zion Park Ranger.



Section of West Rim Trail just below Refrigerator Canyon - showing switchbacks and expensive wall work.



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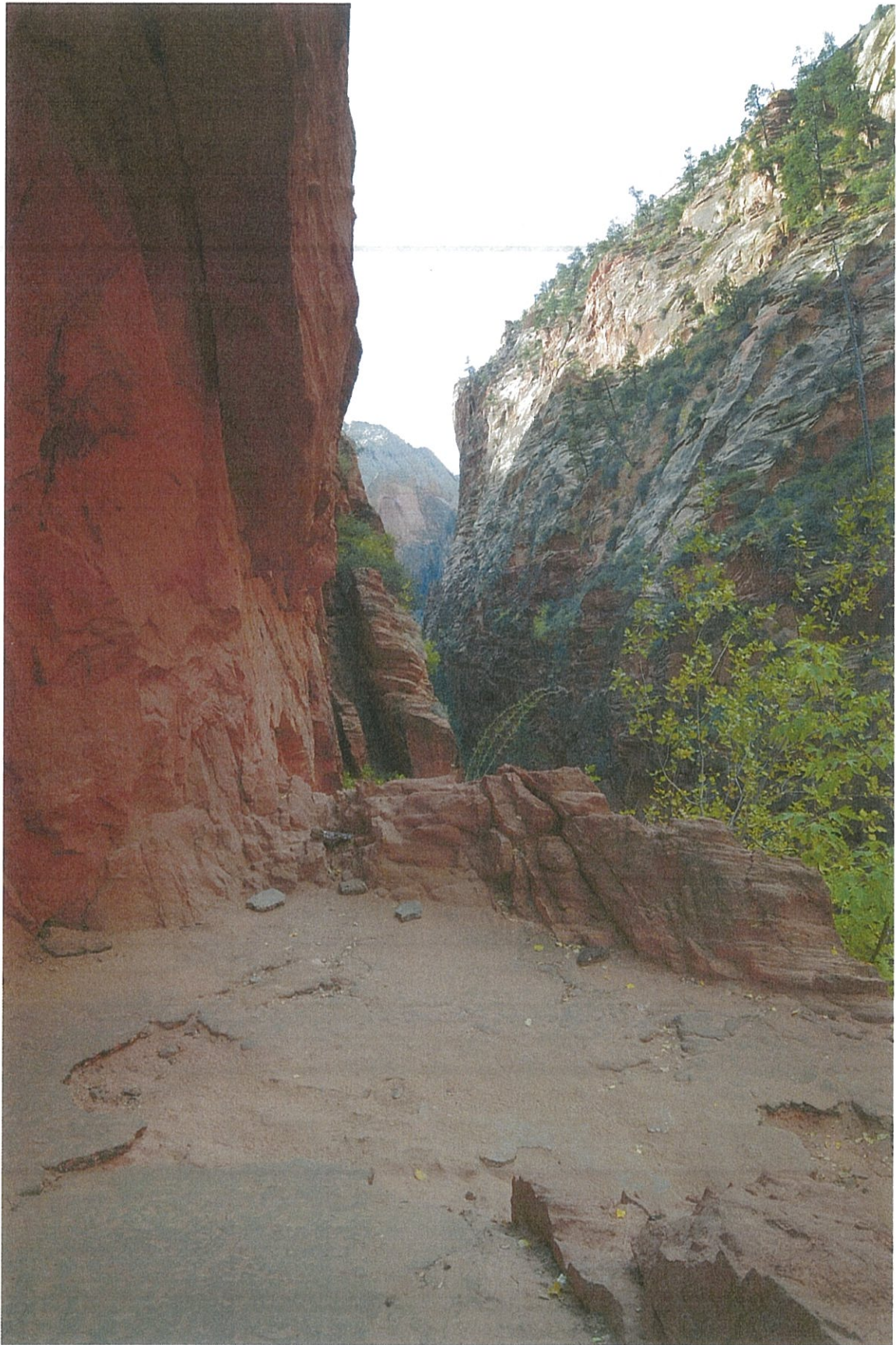




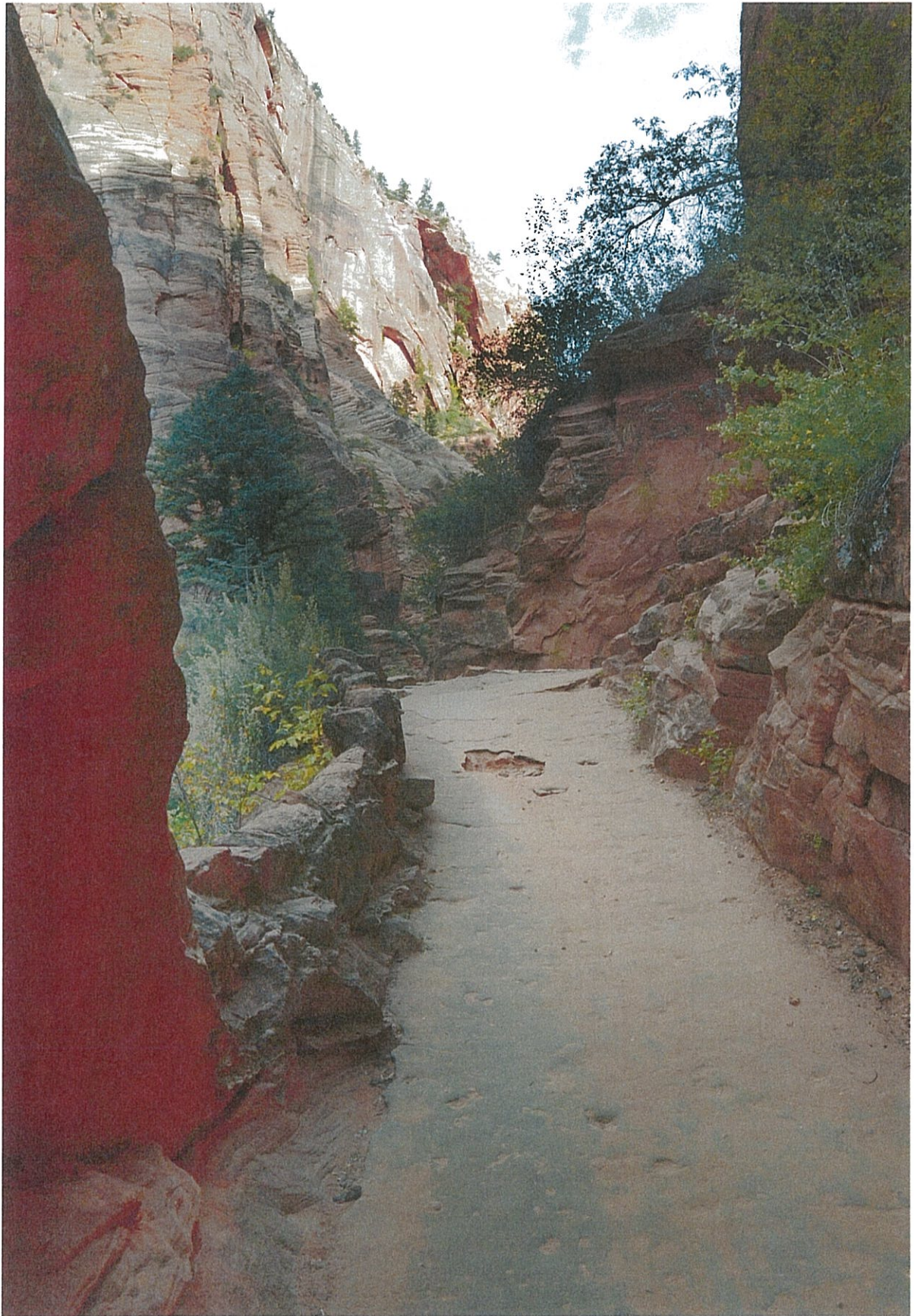




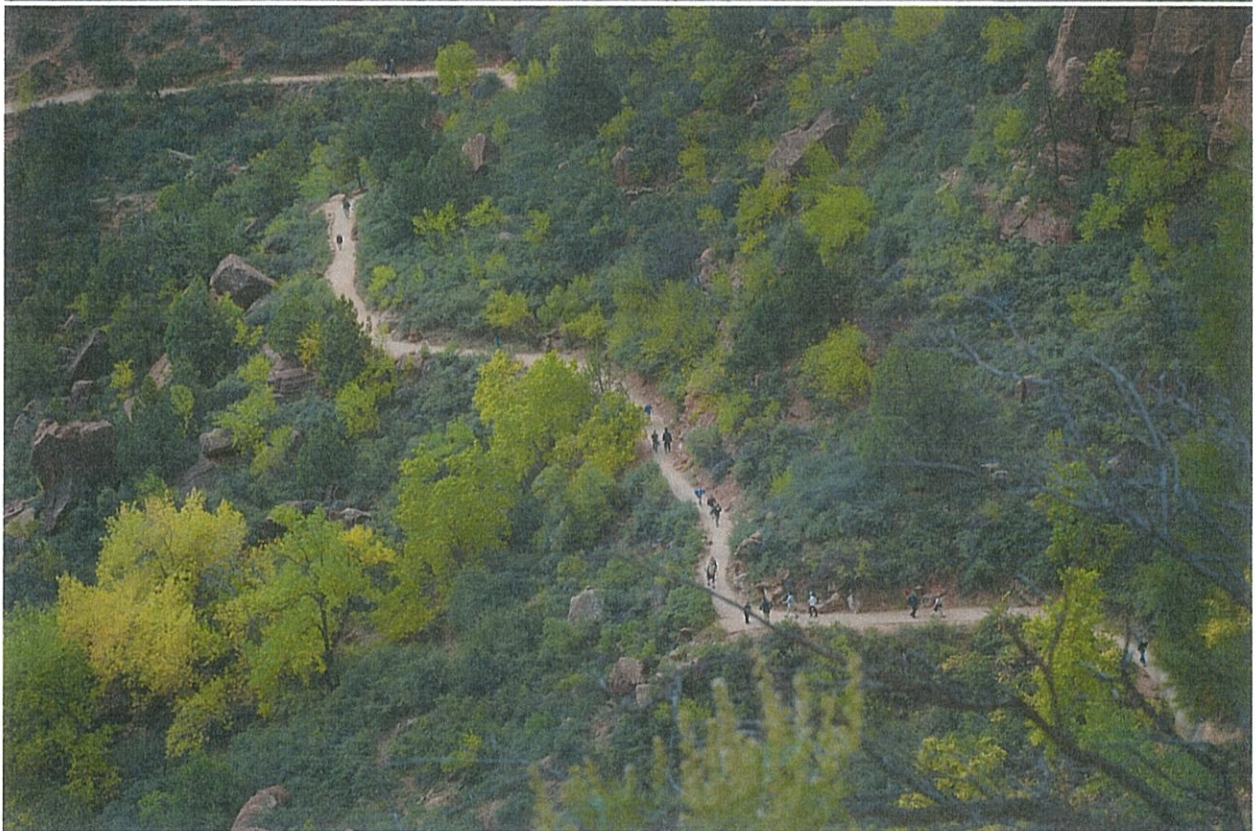




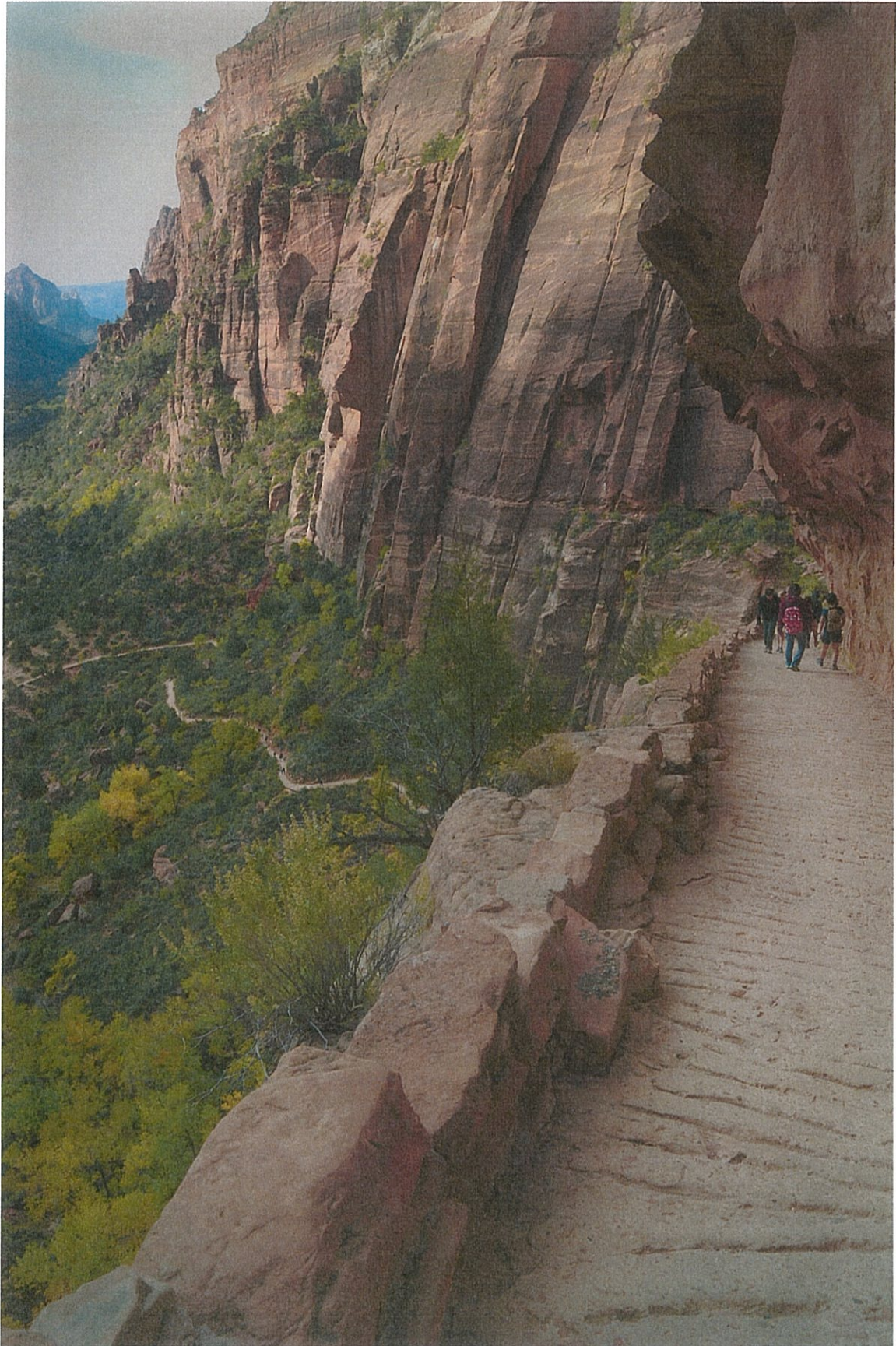




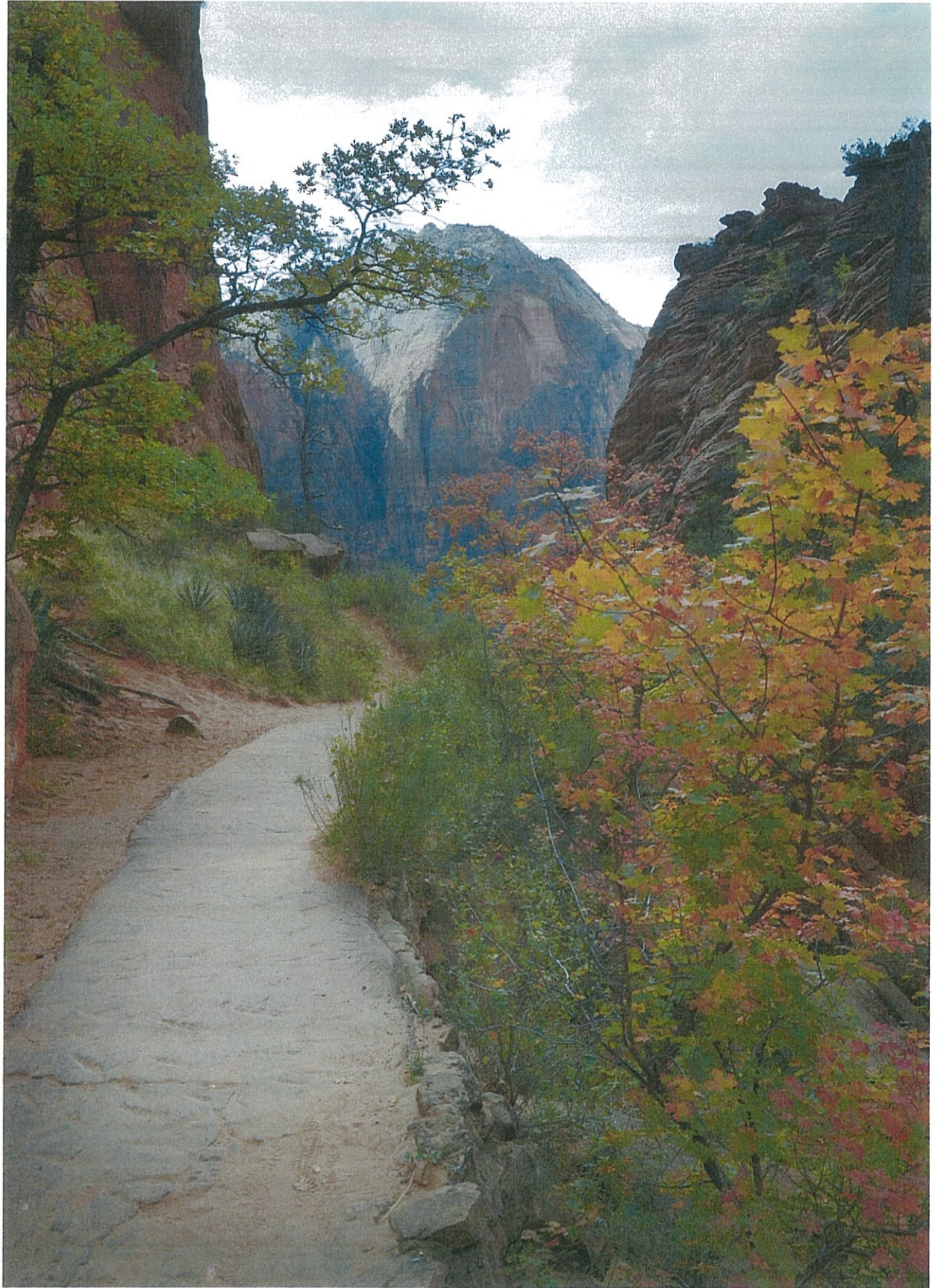














**Internal Revenue Service  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
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**Department of the Treasury  
P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45201**

**Date: AUG 04 2008**

Zion Natural History Association  
Zion National Park  
Springdale, UT 84767

**Federal Identification Number:**  
87-0256961  
**Person to Contact – ID#:**  
Sirijun Mayi - # 31-07372  
**Contact Telephone Numbers:**  
877-829-5500 Phone

Dear Applicant:

This letter is to confirm that our records indicate that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code as an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

You are required to file a Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, only if your gross receipts are normally more than \$25,000.

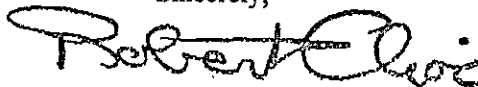
Please let us know about any future changes in the character, purposes, method of operation, name or address of your organization. This is a requirement for retaining your exempt status.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

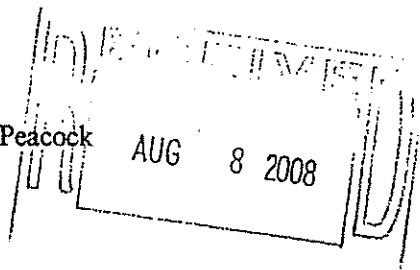
If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll free number shown in the heading.

Sincerely,



Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
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cc: Morris J Peacock





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Springdale, UT 84767

Dear Mr. Hafen:

Congratulations! A grant has been approved for Zion National Park Foundation in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the S.L. Gimbel Foundation. The performance period for this grant is April 15, 2017 to April 15, 2018. Additional funding beyond the performance period is not guaranteed. It is highly recommended that alternative funding sources be sought accordingly. The grant is to support the following as specified in your proposal:

*Restore damaged sections of the lower portion of historic West Rim Trail.*

This grant is subject to the terms outlined in the enclosed Grant Agreement. After you have reviewed the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement, please sign and date the agreement and return with original signature to The Community Foundation by Friday, April 28, 2017. Be sure copy the signed agreement for your records. Funds will be released upon receipt of the signed Grant Agreement.

A condition of this grant is that you agree to submit the Grant Evaluation Form which includes a narrative report and fiscal report. The Grant Evaluation is due by May 15, 2018 and a copy will be available online.

We wish you great success and look forward to working with you during the grant performance period. If you have any questions, please call me at 951-241-7777, ext. 114.

Sincerely,

Celia Cudiamat

Executive Vice President of Programs

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## S. L. Gimbel Foundation Fund Grant Agreement

**Organization:** Zion National Park Foundation

**Grant Amount:** \$100,000.00 **Grant Number:** 20170148

**Grant Period:** April 15, 2017 to April 15, 2018 (*Evaluation Due: May 15, 2018*)

**Purpose:** Restore damaged sections of the lower portion of historic West Rim trail

### 1. Use of Grant Funds

Grant funds must be expended within the grant period, for the purpose and objectives described in your grant proposal. Grant funds may not be expended for any other purpose without prior written approval by The Community Foundation. If there are significant difficulties in making use of the funds as specified in your proposal, or if the grant funds cannot be spent within the grant period, notify us in writing promptly.

Formal requests for extensions or variances must be submitted to the Foundation's Board of Directors for approval a minimum of 60 days before the end of the grant period.

Requests for variances or extensions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Board of Directors. If a request is denied, unused funds must be immediately refunded to the Foundation.

Grant funds will not be expended for any political or lobbying activity or for any purpose other than one specified in section 170(c)(2)(b) of the Code.

### 2. Payment of Grant Funds

The grant funds will be paid in full by the Foundation upon receipt of the signed Grant Agreement. Challenge grant funds will be paid in full upon receipt of the signed Grant Agreement and upon receipt of documentation providing evidence that condition(s) of the challenge grant has/have been met.

### 3. Certification and Maintenance of Exempt Organization Status

This grant is specifically conditioned upon Grantee's status as an eligible grantee of The Community Foundation. The Foundation has obtained a copy of the Grantee's IRS determination letter. Grantee confirms that it has not had any change in its legal or tax-exempt status, and shall notify the Foundation immediately of any such change.

### 4. Final Report and Records

The Grantee will submit the Grant Evaluation report per the deadline set forth in the award letter. This report includes a narrative on outcomes based on goals and objectives set forth in the grant proposal and an expenditure report documenting use of grant funds. If equipment was purchased, copies of receipts need to be included.

### 5. Grantee's Financial Responsibilities

Grantee will keep records of receipts and expenditures of grant funds and other supporting documentation related to the grant at least four (4) years after completion of the grant and will make such records of receipts, expenditures and supporting documentation available to the Foundation upon request, for the purpose of conducting financial audits, making verifications, and investigations as deemed necessary concerning the grant.



## 6. Publicity

The Community Foundation appreciates publicity for the grant in all relevant published materials, such as brochures, newsletters and annual reports. The credit line of "Made possible in part by a grant from **The Community Foundation, Strengthening Inland Southern California through Philanthropy**" is suggested. The Grantee will allow the Foundation to review and approve the content of any proposed publicity concerning the grant prior to its release, upon request. When your donors are listed in printed materials, include the Foundation in the appropriate contribution size category. Sending a brief press release to your local paper is appreciated. Please email Charee Gillens, our Marketing & Communications Officer, at [cgillens@thecommunityfoundation.net](mailto:cgillens@thecommunityfoundation.net) with copies of any printed or publicity materials that highlight the grant. When publishing our name, please note the "The" at the beginning of our name is a legal part of our name. It should always be used and capitalized. Attaching a logo is also appreciated. Our logo can be downloaded on our website at [www.thecommunityfoundation.net](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.net).

Grantee agrees to allow the Foundation to include information about this grant in the Foundation's periodic public report, newsletter, news releases, social media postings, and on the Foundation's website. This includes the amount and purpose of the grant, any photographs you have provided, your logo or trademark, and other information and materials about your organization and its activities.

## 7. Indemnification

In the event that a claim of any kind is asserted against the Grantee or the Foundation related to or arising from the project funded by the Grant and a proceeding is brought against the Foundation by reason of such claim, the Grantee, upon written notice from the Foundation, shall, at the Grantee's expense, resist or defend such action or proceeding, at no cost to the Foundation, by counsel approved by the Foundation in writing.

Grantee hereby agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Foundation, its offices, directors, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) directly, indirectly, wholly, or partially arising from or in connection with any act or omission by Grantee, its employees, or agents in applying for or accepting the Grant, in expending or applying the Grant funds or in carrying out any project or program supported by the Grant, except to the extent that such claims, liabilities, losses, and expenses arise from or in connection with any bad faith act or omission by the Foundation, its officers, directors, employees, or agent.

## 8. Termination

The Community Foundation may terminate this agreement, modify or withhold payments under this grant award, require a total or partial refund of any grant funds, or all at any time, if, in the Community Foundation's judgment: a) The Community Foundation is not satisfied with the quality of the Grantee's progress toward achieving the project goals and objectives; b) the Grantee dissolves or fails to operate; c) the Grantee fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this agreement; d) the Grantee fails to comply with the requirements of any law or regulation applicable to you, the Foundation, or this grant.

## 9. Limitation of Support

This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Grant and supersedes any previous oral or written understandings or agreements.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Lyman Hafen  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

April 3, 2017  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Executive Director  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Grant Number: 20170148

Organization: Zion National Park Foundation

cc 4/18/17



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Dear Mr. Hafen:

The Community Foundation is pleased to enclose a grant check for \$100,000 from the S. L. Gimbel Foundation, a component fund at The Community Foundation. By cashing the grant check, you are agreeing to the conditions stated under the *Terms of Grant* which you have signed and returned. **The completed Grant Evaluation form is due by May 15, 2018** and will be available online on The Community Foundations website under Grants/Forms. Please note that any grant variances or extensions must be requested in writing and in advance. Any remaining grant funds must be returned to The Community Foundation at the end of the grant period.

We greatly appreciate any help you can give us in publicizing the grant. Please use the following credit in any grant announcements or materials funded by the grant: *"Zion National Park Foundation is supported by a grant from The S. L. Gimbel Foundation."* You may send us copies of articles printed in local papers, stories in your agency newsletter, annual report, press releases, and other publications for our files.

Please feel free to contact me or Angie Valdericeda, Grants Manager, at 951-241-7777 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Celia Cudiamat  
Executive Vice President of Programs

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