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Rio Grande Trail Wins "Outstanding Community Tourism Initiative Award" at Governor's 2008 Colorado Tourism Conference

Glenwood Springs, CO (October 10, 2008) -The 44-mile recreation trail between Glenwood Springs and Aspen was recently honored with the **Outstanding Community Tourism Initiative Award** at the Governor's 2008 Colorado Tourism Conference on October 1. Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) board chairperson Dorothea Farris accepted the award on behalf of the Roaring Fork Valley project.

Kate Collins, Glenwood Springs Vice President of Tourism Marketing said, "We nominated this project because it makes our destination even more desirable. Cycling has always been good in the Roaring Fork Valley; the addition of the Rio Grande Trail makes it great! The trail adds to the activity base for three seasons, and is used by cyclists, pedestrians and even equestrians."

A Rails-to-Trails type project, the Rio Grande Trail is built in the historic Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (D&RGW) right-of-way corridor. Train operation in this corridor ceased in the mid-1990s.

The Rio Grande Trail passes through Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Basalt, Woody Creek and Aspen, following the Roaring Fork River and Highway 82 in some sections. It is a relatively flat trail with some rolling hills and a 2 percent grade from Glenwood Springs to Aspen. The path is paved for 33 miles from Glenwood Springs to Woody Creek; it is a soft-surface dirt trail for 11 miles from Woody Creek to Aspen.

Partners in the project included: RFTA, Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado State Trails, Garfield County, Pitkin County, Eagle County, Colorado Department of Transportation, City of Aspen, Town of Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, MidValley Trails Committee, and Pitkin County Open Space.

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*Rob Perlman, CTO Board Chairman;
 Don Elliman, Director of the Colorado
 Office of Economic & International Trade;
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***Rio Grande Trail
 with Mt. Sopris backdrop***

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