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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

2024-2025
Off-Highway Vehicle Program
State Trail Grant Application

Name of Project: PPRD OHV Annual Operations		Date of Application: 11/30/23
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$169,382 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$94,382 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Forest Service-Pikes Peak Ranger District		
Mailing Address: 1408 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863		
Telephone: 719-225-0585	Email: jacob.ellsworth@usda.gov	
OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED): https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei		
PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Jake Ellsworth	Title: Recreation Management Specialist	
Mailing Address: 1408 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863		
Telephone: 719-225-0585	Email: jacob.ellsworth@usda.gov	
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO		
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Jen Munn	Title: Grants Management Specialist	
Mailing Address: 1617 Cole Blvd Lakewood, CO 80401		
Telephone: 605-515-8812	Email: Jennifer.munn@usda.gov	

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Woodland Park

County(ies): Teller, El Paso, Douglas

Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):

Woodland Park, Colorado

Township/Range/Section: T10-15 South by R 67-70

State Senate District #: 4 & 12

State Representative District #: 20, 21, 45 & 60

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:

2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain): National Forest**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Miles of Singletrack: 18

Miles of 50" or less: 80

Miles of Full-sized: 240

TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____ Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education Land Acquisition or Other

* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)

% of Budget	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
70%	
10%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
10%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
10%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:

Project Name: PPRD OHV Annual Operations	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: USDA Forest Service	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Jake Ellsworth	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$169,382	Grant Request: \$94,382

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

WHO?

We are employees on the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD), on the Pike-San Isabel National Forest Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands which is managed by the USDA Forest Service. The PPRD is a booming urban district comprised of 230,000 acres located along the eastern front range of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. The work will be performed by USFS employees. The USFS recreation crew will be responsible for the project.

WHERE?

The Pikes Peak Ranger District Office is located along the I-25 corridor in downtown Colorado Springs, just over an hour south of the city of Denver. The recreation crew primarily operates out of the Woodland Park Work Center, which is in Woodland Park, CO just off Rampart Range Road. Project work will primarily take place at our OHV trailheads which are Rule Ridge, Phantom Creek, Lower Trout Creek, and Rainbow Falls. This includes the Rainbow Falls/Rampart Range area located just north of Woodland Park in Douglas County, North Divide (717 trail system) west of Woodland Park in Teller County, and the Gold Camp area (Captain Jacks trail system) west of Colorado Springs in El Paso County. The North Divide and Rainbow Falls areas share borders with the South Park and South Platte Ranger Districts, improving upon the flowing connectivity of more than 700 miles of OHV recreation opportunities.

WHAT?

Accomplishments with this grant will include:

- Cleaning three vault bathrooms (CXT's) twice a week at Rainbow Falls and Rule Ridge trailheads.
- Stocking bathrooms with toilet paper and refilling MVUM maps at trailheads.
- Replacing any damage, graffiti removal, maintenance of trailhead area and infrastructure.
- Installation and funding for 2 portable toilets at Trail Creek and Phantom Creek trailheads.
- Upkeep of signing, route clearing, reduction of hazards, trail repairs, and other maintenance performed as needed on OHV routes.
- Public contacts and FPO presence.
- 2 weeks of MHYC working on the Captain Jacks single track trail system.
- Work projects with Partners, volunteers, and clubs.
- Rehabilitation of non-system routes and user created hill climbs.

WHEN?

The work for this grant will be accomplished when it's awarded in the Spring of 2025 until the end of life cycle May 30th 2026.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –

We will provide acknowledgement thru the use of OHV Dollars at work stickers and signs which are provided by Stay the Trail sticker and sign grant. Additionally, when making public contacts we will continue to educate and promote the CPW OHV grant program.

Budget Form:

See Attached

Budget Form

Project Name: PPRD OHV Annual Operations

Date Project will be Completed: 5/30/2026

Project Sponsor: USDA - Forest Service - Pikes Peak Ranger District

***ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION *** (Round amounts off to nearest dollar)

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)			\$ 94,382.00
Forest Service Personnel Salary	\$ -	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000.00
Vehicles, equipment, fuel, and materials/supplies	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000.00
Heavy equipment: Tractor, numerous tractor attachments, dump trailer, and equipment trailer	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING			\$ 169,382.00
<small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	\$ 169,382.00

I. Personnel Costs

Identified as: Crew salary and wages, benefits, travel expenses and fees, trainings, outfitting costs and required uniform components. Personal protective equipment, individual safety riding gear, rain gear, etc. OHV Conferences and other workshop attendances.

Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr	Quantity	Total Cost
Recreation Management Specialist GS-09	\$ 28.91		\$ 5,000.00
Crew Lead GS-06	\$ 21.27		\$ 15,000.00
Crew Lead GS-06	\$ 21.27		\$ 10,000.00
Crew Member GS-05	\$ 18.47		\$ 15,000.00
Crew Member GS-05	\$ 18.47		\$ 15,000.00
Number of personnel and GS grades may vary based on hiring ability			\$ -
<small>2,075 For CPW use only. Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,075.41	Category Total	\$ 60,000.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies

Identified as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, tools, etc.

Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
CXT toilet supplies including: hardware, toilet paper, and cleaning supplies	\$ -		\$ -
Upkeep of OHV Trailhead infrastructure, including but not limited to: signs, picnic tables, map boxes, loading ramps, and kiosks	\$ -		\$ -
Misc. Supplies including but not limited too: batteries, lumber, hardware, signs, educational handouts, tools, concrete, paint, etc.	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 6,500.00

III. Equipment

Identified as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.

ATV, UTV, and Dirtbike: oil changes, repairs, and services, accessories, tires, fuel, tire down straps	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 2,500.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

IV. Contracted Services

Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs

Mile High Youth Corps (Two Weeks)	\$ 9,691.00	2	\$ 19,382.00	\$ 19,382.00
CXT Pumping	\$ 400.00	9	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Portable Toilets for 2 OHV Trailheads for 6 months	\$ 200.00	12	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Category Total				\$ 25,382.00

V. Volunteer Support

Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.

	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -

	Category Total	\$ -
	Total	\$ 94,382.00

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

USE OF FUNDS	
I. Personnel Costs	
II. Project Materials/Supplies	
III. Equipment	
III.A. FLEET Equipment	

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name	PPRD OHV Annual Operations	Project Sponsor	USDA – USFS - Pikes Peak Ranger District
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

Pike & San Isabel National Forest – Land & Resource Management Plan	Date: 1984
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3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:
No NEPA Required

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Samantha Gooch, Recreation Planner, 719-505-4044

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Carl Bauer, District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

CARL BAUER Digitally signed by CARL BAUER
Date: 2023.11.08 10:19:19 -07'00'

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project (25 points):

Being immediately adjacent to the Front Range Metropolitan area, it is estimated that between 800 and 1,000 OHV users access the district on a typical weekend day. These surrounding cities rely on the tourism and recreation opportunities provided by this program. OHV rentals, sales, service, fuel, lodging, and dining associated with OHV activities in the area all help to contribute to the economic base of these local communities.

There are three OHV riding areas on the PPRD. North Divide (717 trail system), Rainbow Falls (adjoining with the Rampart riding area), and Gold Camp (Captain Jacks trail system). Between these areas, OHV enthusiasts are provided with a wide range of trails and terrain that vary in difficulty from easy to advance; this accommodates both novice and expert riders alike. Full sized/UTV, single track, and 50" trail opportunities are present on the district. These trail systems also give access to other recreational activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. Successful funding will improve safety, user experience, and help protect the land by reducing off system routes.

Grant funding will accomplish:

With the continued growth of the OHV community there is a necessity for managing human waste. Without proper management to contain human waste it can become a hazard to wildlife, humans, soil contamination and water quality. Having facilities that are clean and functional not only helps with containment but also improves the riders experience knowing clean facilities are there for their use. Twice a week employees will go to the CXT's to sweep, mop, and squeegee the floors. Risers are scrubbed and sanitized, toilet paper is restocked, map boxes are filled with MVUMs, and trash/litter is removed from parking areas. Often our CXTs are not used properly, and human waste is frequently cleaned from the floors, risers, and walls. Frequently large amounts of trash including but not limited to household trash, alcohol containers, mattresses and diapers are left in the CXTs or at the trailhead parking areas. Graffiti is removed or painted over within a week of it appearing. Damage to the facilities occurs several times throughout a season which we fix or replace within a timely manner. Other maintenance required for CXTs consists of replacing door handles, new coats of paint and roof repairs which are done on an as needed basis. These Trailheads are often the first image a user has of our trail system, and we strive to set a good impression from the start of the rider's experience. To maintain this standard requires a large time commitment because of the issues listed above.

Trailhead upkeep and improvements will consist of replacement of signs that become faded from sun exposure or vandalism. Loading ramps will be fixed as needed from regular use or degrading materials. Kiosks which explain federal laws and regulations along with large maps need annual upkeep due to sun exposure, bullet holes, vandalism, and degradation of materials. Tractor work is often needed to smooth out the grade and fix any erosion areas within the parking areas.

Trail maintenance will be addressed when hazardous conditions arise such as trees falling on trails and roads. Washouts will be fixed to best of our abilities, if washouts are beyond our capabilities we will contract heavy equipment operators to fix them or start the process for reroutes. Width restrictors are needed in our OHV areas to prevent larger OHVs from going onto trails that cannot accommodate large OHVs. Restrictors often need re-painting and reflective chevrons stickers to maintain good visibility for users. It's very common for users to go around our restrictors which at that point we install wing fences off the restrictors. All this is done for the safety of our users because when the 50" or less OHV trails were designed and made they were not designed for large capacity OHVs. Signage is also very important at our restrictor locations due to most of them being at intersections with roads. Along the trail intersections we install carsonite trail markers and small yield signs. Along the roads we install caution trail crossing signs for road users and reassurance route markers for all users. We also have reassurance maps along our OHV trails where they meet roads for users to reference their locations which need upkeep and replacement every few years.

Restoration work for this grant will consist of protecting natural resources thru closures of illegal routes and hill climbs thru signage, fencing, and felling trees to obscure the illegal trail, thus creating better sustainability for the land and users for generations to come.

Located on the Front Range are approximately 18 miles of single-track trail known collectively as the Captain Jacks trail system. Continued improvements are planned in this area for 2025 utilizing the Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) for 2 weeks which is essential to maintaining our single-track trails. With this grant we can make sustainable improvements and improve rider satisfaction and safety. These trails are considered intermediate to expert level riding experience

2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):

Included in this grant application are letters of support from various partnerships including clubs, volunteers, non-profits, and other entities with whom we work closely. In fiscal year 2023 the PPRD recorded 3,789 OHV volunteer hours with over 150 volunteers.

With over 40 active volunteer agreements in place, the PPRD receives assistance and support from groups and individuals of all backgrounds and interests. Working with volunteer clubs such as Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee, Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, Bighorn 4x4, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC), Colorado Springs Christian 4x4, Boy Scouts of America, and numerous individuals help us carry out a large range of trail improvements and restoration projects.

The PPRD has been providing a bridge between young adults and the outdoors for several years through the utilization of MHYC. The PPRD recreation crew works closely with the Youth Corps to rehabilitate areas of the forest impacted by illegal OHV use, work on small trail reroutes, and perform trail maintenance and enhancements. As in past seasons, we plan to employ the services of MHYC for 2 weeks to improve single track trails on the district.

The CPW OHV program plays a fundamental role in our active management of OHV use on the National Forest. The crew will continue to provide acknowledgement to the State OHV program while educating the public when making contacts in the field. In addition, clear and concise signing will be provided. Motor vehicle travel maps will be distributed, and blue and white "OHV Dollars at Work" signs and stickers will be attached to route markers and at trailheads to educate the public about their OHV registration dollars.

The PPRD will support our recreation crew by providing training, salary, and supplies, (i.e. miscellaneous signs and decals for route markers, support vehicles, radios and other specialized equipment needed for field work). Part of the in-kind matching funds will be permanent FS employees, within the scope of overall job duties, administering and managing the PPRD OHV program. We are aware of NO controversy over this proposed project

The Pikes Peak Ranger District will leverage this grant by \$75,000. A summary of these matching amounts include:

Inkind Matching Item	Description	Inkind \$
Crew various field training	ATV, motorcycle, chainsaw, driver license, FPO recert. & trailer towing certifications	\$8,000
Crew personnel mandatory training	Computer, in-house operations: no fear, civil rights, defensive driving, 1 st aid/CPR	\$5,000
Fleet vehicles	Additional support of fixed cost fleet vehicles	\$23,000
Communications Equipment	Vehicle radios, handheld radios, other equipment	\$3,000
Tractor & Specialized Equipment	Welder, equipment trailer, rake & blade, tractor, auger	\$16,000
Hand tools & shop expenses	Drill press, table saw, air compressor, cordless drills, chainsaws, rock bars	\$2,500
PPRD Employee Salary costs (oversight)	Rec Mgmt Specialist, Rec Planner, Fleet Manager, other permanent FS employees	\$24,000
Existing materials and supplies	Fencing, t-posts, u-channel, lumber, signs, seed, fuel, chainsaw parts, and chain, etc	\$2,500
TOTAL In-Kind matching Cost		\$75,000
State Parks OHV Grant Request	PPRD OHV Annual Operations	\$94,382
TOTAL Project Cost		\$169,382

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities

(25 points):

Our natural resources draw users of all interests to the PPRD however; it is not without impact. Providing these recreation opportunities results in the need to protect the environment that supports these opportunities. The PPRD recreation crew will continue to aid in the sustainability and improvements of OHV routes to meet this requirement. As an indirect benefit, field presence will help to mitigate resource damage and creation of non-system routes. Providing clean and safe areas for people to start and end their riding journeys will make a lasting impression on our users. This generally begins at Trailheads and sets the tone for rider experience.

Another portion of the PPRD OHV crew's efforts will be to stop resource damage in its tracks. Rehabilitating and closing illegal routes and hill climbs as soon as possible to stop further damage will be vital for sustainability of motorized routes. Many sites require harrowing with OHVs, erosion matting, mulching/slashing, and installing water dissipating systems. Heavy equipment such as tractors, mini excavators, and trail dozers are vital to this rehab effort and sustainability of these trail systems. To ensure the reclamation of these project sites on the PPRD there is a need to install fences to protect the areas. This continued work at addressing non-system routes and resource damage is essential to keeping existing areas open for riders' enjoyment.

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement (25 points):

The PPRD recreation crew is the backbone of our boots on the ground philosophy. Through the crew's presence in the field the public sees that we are actively involved in the management of their public lands. Through our work performed in the field, we will be carrying out our important mission of "Caring for the Land and Serving the People." Project work combined with patrols ensure we create a plethora of opportunities to interact with the public for educational and enforcement purposes.

The use of signing is one major way to ensure constant communication to OHV users, visitors, and residents for implementation of travel management. Signs which are well maintained in our OHV areas shows the users that we are actively managing the lands and want users to respect it. The PPRD crew will install and maintain route markers, reassurance markers along FST 717, and enhance trailhead informational kiosks at all our trailheads and major entry points for the Pike National Forest where OHV users will access public lands. Maintaining this form of communication informs the public of their responsibilities as a rider, as well as various multiple use opportunities open to them. It also encourages them to stay on designated routes to minimize impacts to resources, while also displaying where their OHV registration dollars go.

The crew will have an abundance of information available to the public related to safety and responsible OHV use. Most importantly, the crew will be able to hand out the free Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) and explain the US Forest Service Travel Management rule, which makes the MVUM the formal legal document for all official motorized routes. This service of offering free maps and availability to share knowledge of forest regulations is critical to encouraging responsible use. Use of FPOs and working with permanent Forest Service law enforcement officers will increase enforcement of proper motorized practices and state OHV registrations, which will be documented in the Law Enforcement & Investigations Reporting System. Crews will engage in weekend patrolling of OHV areas during busy summer months. This usually occurs in conjunction with CXT cleaning scheduling.

Funds from the CPW OHV grant will allow for continued proactive rehabilitation of hill climbs along with clear and concise signing, maps, and other posted information. This encourages and gives accountability to foster a responsible land use ethic in all users of the Pike National Forest consistent with current MVUM rules and regulations.

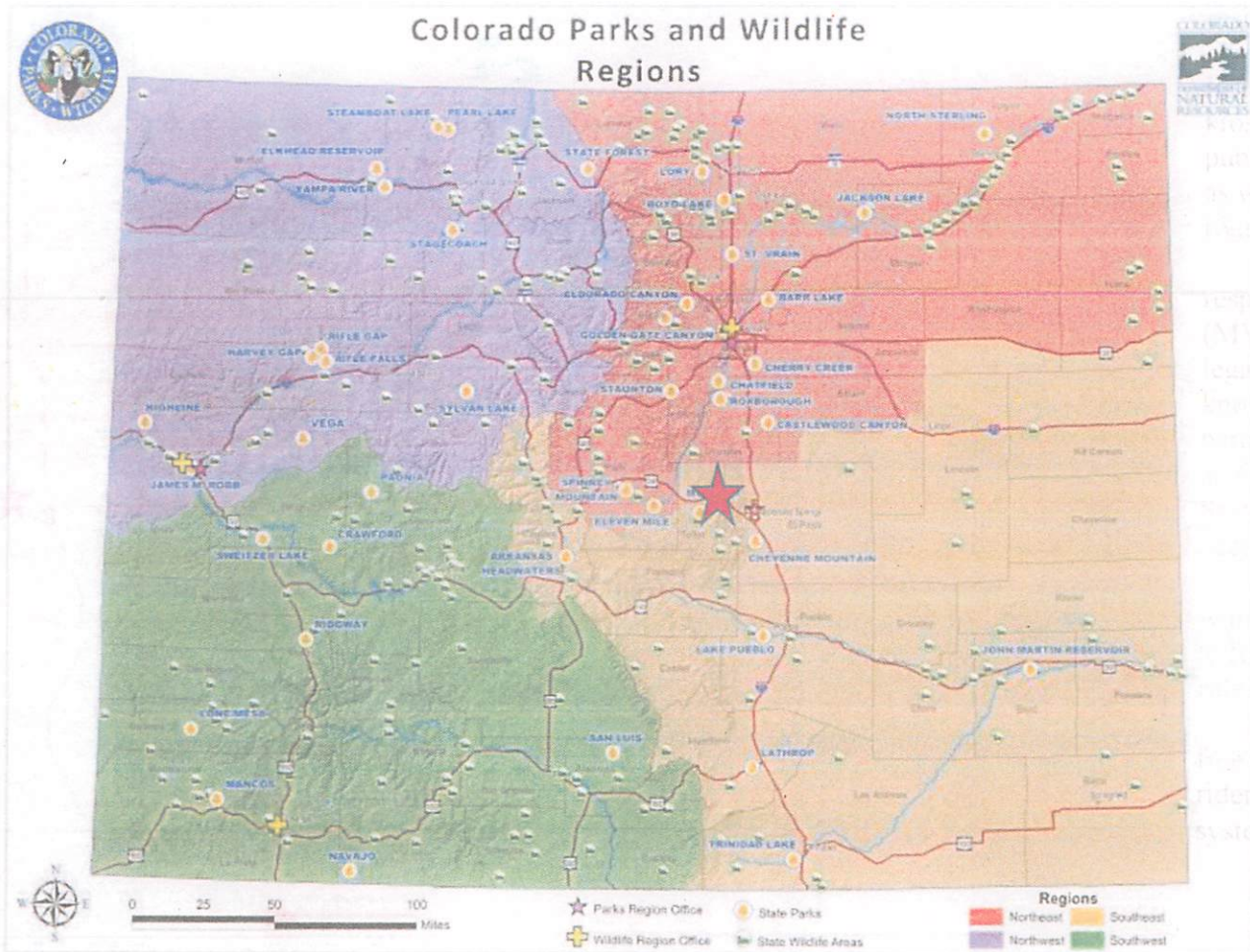
Providing great trailheads with clean bathrooms, stocked with toilet paper, ample parking for trailers, free maps, loading ramps, picnic tables, "you are here maps", and no trash or graffiti sets the standard for the riders experience. This translates into more personal respect and responsibility for resources and the trail system while users enjoy the motorized recreation opportunities on the PPRD.

E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

Maps being requested include:

- "General area" (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* "project vicinity". (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

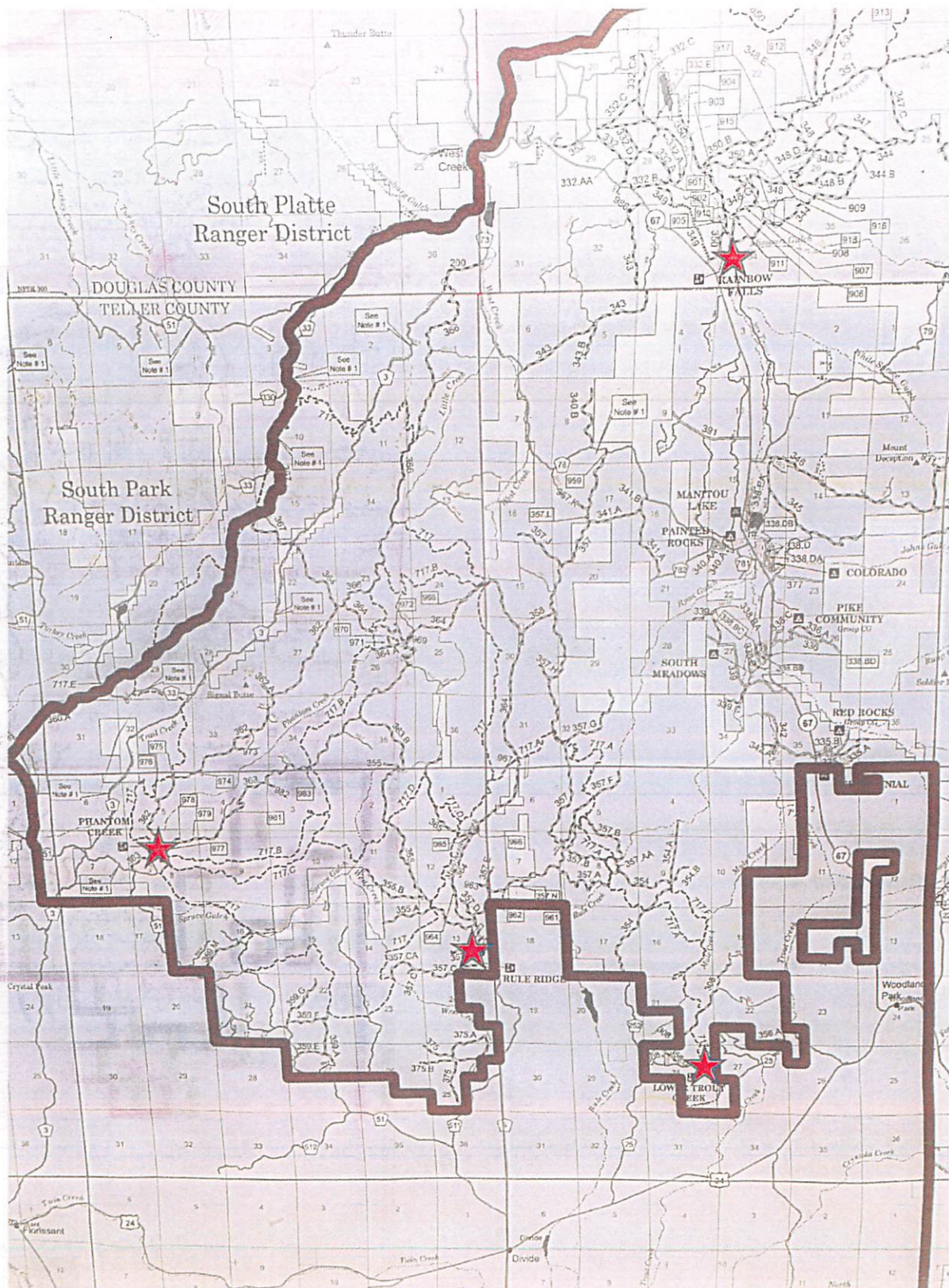
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)

That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.



(F) Project Illustration





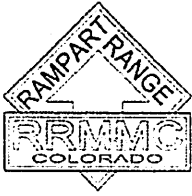
PLEASE
DO NOT put trash
in toilets.
it is extremely
difficult to remove
THANK YOU





(G) Letters of Project Support

See Attached



Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee

P.O. Box 3511
Englewood, CO 80155
<http://www.rrmmc.org>

October 31, 2023

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks

Dear Tom and OHV Subcommittee members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) to support the Pike and San Isabel National Forest, Pikes Peak Ranger District's (PPRD) Grant applications, Sawyer Training and OHV Annual Operations. We believe that the district's requests will be beneficial to maintaining a high quality and safe OHV experience in the Pikes Peak Ranger District.

We appreciate their efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this area and maintaining and conserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the enjoyment of generations to come.

We would like to thank the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Jim Peasley

RRMMC Liaison Officer



November 25, 2023

Mark Miquelon
President, Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association
P.O. Box 38006
Colorado Springs, CO 80937

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

Write a paragraph or so that describes your organization and how these grant proposals will benefit your interests

I strongly support the OHV grant application of the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD). I appreciate and applaud their persistent efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this area and maintaining and conserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the generations to come.

I would like to commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Mark Miquelon
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MEDICINE WHEEL
TRAIL ADVOCATES

To: Tom Metsa

October 30, 2023

OHV Program Manager

Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates (MedWheel) is a singletrack trail advocacy non profit organization, operating in the Pikes Peak region since 1991. We advocate for, build and maintain trails for mountain bikers and all trail users. Our organization has enjoyed a 30+ year partnership with the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD), and our members consistently benefit from the work that the district does on multi-use trails. Specifically the Captain Jacks and Jones Park OHV trails are of high value for our members, as is our long collaboration with the PPRD OHV program and the Colorado Motorized Trail Riders Association (CMTRA).

MedWheel supports the OHV grant application of the PPRD. We appreciate and applaud their ongoing work to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region, and the team's promotion of responsible trail use particularly in the highly scrutinized Bear Creek Watershed, which contains a federally listed fish, the greenback cutthroat trout. Cooperation between users and the PPRD is a key component to balancing recreation and conservation values in this location, and the OHV team provides outstanding support of this balance.

The PPRD team continues to advance the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use, to the benefit of ALL trail users, while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation continues to be prevalent in this area, and the PPRD OHV program contributes to the cooperation between various user groups, further facilitating this shared use on motorized trails.

On behalf of MedWheel, I commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for their ongoing efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Cory Sutela, Executive Director

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates

PO Box 2543 Colorado Springs, CO. 80901

info@medwheel.org

October 30, 2023

Tom Metsa

OHV Program Manager

Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

The Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers is a local club consisting of about 100 families on average and would be classified as a full size motorized recreational OHV club. We primarily use Jeeps and other full-size vehicles as our vehicle of choice, but some of our members use other types as well – such as dirt bikes and side by sides. I know of a few members and club directors – such as myself – that also own ATV's and enjoy using them for recreational use on the trail systems here in this area.

We are a big supporter of the USFS through our annual clean up event in the Pikes Peak and San Isabel National Forest land. Our adopted trail system is the Mt. Baldy trail and surrounding areas. (FS 379 off Gold Camp Road). We have partnered with the USFS for many years now and are proud to be involved with them through our successful cleanup efforts.

It would be great for the Pikes Peak Ranger District to receive a grant that would allow them to provide a more attractive, safer and more enjoyable trail system for all of us to use. We would like to see improvements made to the amount of trail signage, trailhead facilities and also the maintenance of these facilities and the surrounding trails. A grant would allow them to do just that.

We strongly support the OHV grant application of the Pikes Peak Ranger District. I appreciate an applaud their efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has increased GREATLY over the past 10 years in this area so preserving and maintaining these trails and facilities is essential to the local economy and also for the future generations of motorized users.

I would like to commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant request so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,



Kirk Bode

President, Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers

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Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

We, Big Horn 4x4 of Colorado Springs, are a small club of 25 members who enjoy getting out to enjoy our local trails and helping the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD) in the maintenance of those trails where we can. We have an active program with PPRD and continually volunteer to take care of a local trail; Eagle Rock. We take pride in our trails and are eager to assist the Ranger District in any way we can.

We strongly support the OHV grant application of the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD). I appreciate and applaud their persistent efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this area and maintaining and conserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the generations to come.

I would like to commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Donald Sims
Vice President
Big Horn 4x4