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

Name of Project: White River OHV Trail Crew	Date of Application: 11/25/2023
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$244,019.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$138,640.00 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>
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PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management – White River Field Office

Mailing Address: 220 E Market Street

Telephone: 970-878-3833	Email: sriebold@blm.gov
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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 *Project Contact* changes.

Name: San Delana Riebold	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
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Mailing Address: 220 E Market Street

Meeker, CO 81641

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Is this the primary contact for this grant:
YES

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)

Name: Chalanee (Shay) Harlow	Title: Northwest District Budget Analyst
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PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Meeker, CO

County(ies): Rio Blanco, Moffat, Garfield

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

Google Earth Pro BLM White River Field Office 40*02'17.72" N 107*54'10.54"W

Township/Range/Section: The entire BLM managed lands within the White River Field Office

State Senate District #: 8th State Representative District #: 57

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Bureau of Land Management
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License
 Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain) BLM Federal Land

TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Miles of Singletrack: N/A Miles of 50" or less: N/A Miles of Full-sized: 4516

TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access |

PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)
 Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals)
miles / ft. added _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)
30	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
30	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: White River OHV Trail Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM White River Field Office	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: San Delana Riebold	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$244,019.00	Grant Request: \$138,640.00

Project Description:

The Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office (BLM-WRFO) based in Meeker, Colorado is applying for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant. The BLM-WRFO Recreation and seasonal staff will be responsible for performing the project work. The field office manages approximately 1.5 million surface acres of public lands in Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Garfield Counties and includes these figures:

- 1,456,507 surface acres
- 14 Recreation Sites (2 developed)
- 2 OHV Open Areas (Open Area = open to all motorized travel)
- Unique, various dispersed OHV recreation opportunities
- 6 Travel Management Areas (TMA's)
- 1,291,500 acres limited to designated routes.
- 4,516 miles of routes of BLM-WRFO managed land
- Manages approximately 70 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) with currently 4 large Competitive Motorized Commercial Events equaling hundreds of competitors.
- Oversees 360 miles of OHV trails on BLM public land part of the Wagon Wheel West (WWW) OHV Trail System, adjacent to the 250 miles of White River National Forest Service (WRNF FS) managed Wagon Wheel East (WWE) trail system.
- Maintains 11 BLM-WRFO kiosk and parking areas and assists with 9 WWW kiosk and parking areas.
- Manages the 550-acre Rangely Rock Crawling Park and the North Dinosaur area.

For 2025, the grant funding will be used to assist with planning, route analysis, and implementation for the BLM-WRFO Travel and Transportation Management Resource Management Plan Amendment, maintenance of OHV trails located within the WRFO, monitoring of SRP events and other OHV area usage, fostering and growing OHV partnerships, planning of potential OHV project areas, and making valuable educational and informative educational visitor contacts. 2025 will be the second year that the WRFO will host the OHV crew, and the work plan will be based on 2024 actual progress of workplans and improvements.

BLM recreation staff will assist with planning, grant administration budget and tracking, monitoring, and reporting of the grant, and provide direct oversight of the OHV trail crew. The OHV crew will attend all required trainings and foster and develop relationships with community and regional OHV groups and volunteers. Recreation staff and OHV crews will work to install signs, stickers, TRFX counters, and other travel management related implementation level tasks throughout the field office including camping areas, and any suggested routes or closed/open areas throughout the 4516 miles of routes. Crews will complete required trainings and wear all proper PPE. All equipment will be maintained and repaired on a routine schedule. Crews will assist any field office deferred maintenance OHV recreation projects.

Crews will monitor and provide visitor contacts throughout the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, North Dinosaur, the 2 motorized Open Areas; LO7 and North Rangely, and monitoring OHV use on lands managed by the BLM-WRFO, specifically during the summer and fall OHV recreation seasons.

This grant will fund a two-person crew, equipment needed, and materials for approximately 26 weeks during the summer and fall months. The crew will focus on the following:

- Trail maintenance – Cleaning brush, down trees and vegetation, implementing erosion control structures and water bars, parking lot and kiosk and sign maintenance.
- Travel management – Installation of signage for newly designated and existing routes (closed, open, administrative use only), installation of new kiosks in areas, installation of restrictor gates, patrol and monitor use of illegal routes created.
- Partnerships – Working closely with the OHV communities in Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Garfield counties, along with stakeholders involved with Travel Management (TM) implementation.
- Planning – Rangely Rock Crawling Park, and North Dinosaur designation and route planning, inventory, ground truthing, and implementation of LO7, North Rangely and TMA TMPs(Travel Management Plans).
- Monitoring – Deploying trail counters on routes, making public contacts during high-use season in our OHV Open Areas during the summer, fall and hunting seasons, and monitor SRP motorized commercial events.

Ongoing field office OHV projects will continue to be planned from the time this proposal is submitted, and project timeline and completion will be in line with the 2024-2025 OHV Grant Process Timeline. Awarded funds will be expended by the grant due dates.

Project funding will be acknowledged by several methods. The BLM-WRFO will work with CPW to display Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo on kiosks, signs, etc. and other area informational signage. While working with partners and making public contacts, this will provide the opportunity to relay information about the projects and equipment that has been funded by the state grant program.

The Northwest region of Colorado is experiencing an impending shift from a natural resource extraction-based economy, and proactively planning for the future of recreation. The BLM-WRFO has unlimited potential for recreational OHV developments outside of already designated routes and the two Open Area designations. The OHV crew requested would greatly benefit the local economy, preservation of natural resource areas, open spaces, big game habitat and overall quality experience of OHV users.

Budget Form

Project Name: White River OHV Trail Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2025

Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office

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)			\$ 138,640.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLM ORP Budget tracking, planning, monitoring, reporting (GS-11 4 weeks)		\$ 6,526.00	\$ 6,526.00
BLM Hiring, Direct oversight & Project Management, NEPA (GS-11 8 weeks)		\$ 13,053.00	\$ 13,053.00
BLM Chainsaw, OHV, tablet, trailer, towing and other trainings.		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Value of volunteer hours, community groups, partners, businesses (200 hours @ BLM volunteer rate \$29.00 hr)		\$ 5,800.00	\$ 5,800.00
BLM Engineering Deferred Maintenance fund for projects (FY23/24/25 \$200,000)		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. <small>(insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of grant funding (only) below

TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT

\$ 105,379.00

244,000.00

I. Personnel Costs
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr	Quantity	Total Cost
OHV Crew Member Seasonal or RMYC Intern with housing stipend	\$ -	40hr/week 26 weeks	\$ 30,267.00
OHV Crew Member Seasonal or RMYC Intern with housing stipend	\$ -	40hr/week 26 weeks	\$ 30,267.00
<small>Total RMYC intern cost includes a weekly stipend of \$650 for 26 weeks, or 1040 hours, a weekly housing stipend of \$150 for 26 weeks, direct and indirect costs associated with RMYC agreements.</small>			
PFT staff ORP for oversight, planning, training, monitoring.	\$ 40.79	40hr/week 8 weeks	\$ 13,053.00
PFT staff GS-9 Park Ranger for oversight, planning, training, monitoring.	\$ 33.71	40hr/week 26 weeks	\$ 35,053.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ 108,640.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies
Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Sign materials, gates, rock art, stickers for travel management, camping areas, restrictor materials for closed areas or suggested routes.	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
Tools:field tools ex; saws, hand tools, weed eaters, shovel, tool box, locks	\$ 2,500.00	1	\$ 2,500.00
Bungee straps for OHV, trailer, tools, fuel can.	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00
PPE: OHV Helmets, hard hats, gloves, eyepro	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
Uniforms: shirts, pants	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
		Category Total	\$11,000.00

III. Equipment
Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

Chainsaw and parts	\$ 1,000.00	1	\$ 1,000.00
Maintenance and fuel for OHV 6 month season	\$ 6,500.00	1	\$ 6,500.00
Maintenance and repair for OHV trailer	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00
TRFX Counters	\$ 6,000.00	1	\$ 6,000.00
		Category Total	\$14,000.00

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

Crew Fleet Vehicle fuel and maintenance	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 5,000.00

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.

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	\$ -			\$ -
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			Category Total	\$ -
VI. Insurance (Non-profit organizations only)				
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only) <i>Identify as:</i> administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request				
<i>Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program</i>				
			Total	\$ 138,640.00

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

White River OHV Trail Crew

Project Sponsor

BLM White River Field Office

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:

BLM White River Resource Area Management Plan

Date: 1997 RMP

- 3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:

- 1997 White River Resource Area Management Plan (RMP)
2021 TTM RMPA DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2016-EA-DR
2018 WWW OHV Trails DOI-BLM-CO-N05-2017-0087-EA
2021 LO7 Hill and North Rangely OHV Areas DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2020-0010-DNA-DR
2023 LO7 OHV Open Area Skills Course DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2023-0039-DNA

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.

N/A

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

- Bill Mills, White River Field Office Manager 970-878-3802
San Delana Riebold, White River Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner 970-878-3833

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for:

2023 and beyond.
Cultural Surveys, WRFO and public planning process for 2021 TTM RMPA TMPs for TMAs

William Mills, White River Field Office Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Handwritten signature of William Mills

Land Manager Signature and Title

11-29-2023

Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

N/A

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

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

The project will focus on continuing to build a foundation for an OHV Crew to serve the BLM-WRFO into the future, while also beginning planning for TMPs based on field office priority and budget, and planning and implementation efforts at the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, and Dinosaur North. 2025 will be the second year the BLM-WRFO will host an OHV crew. Maintenance that has been conducted on trails and at kiosk locations, as well as signage implementation, has been conducted internally, by the limited WRFO Recreation Staff, Youth Corps and/or volunteers. During every phase of this project, the trail crew will be working with the WRFO Recreation staff, and with members of the community, stakeholders, and partners.

- Building a foundation – The crew will work with the assistance of the recreation program lead, work together to develop a long-term work plan for OHV related projects and monitoring needs. Special recreation projects will be considered for planning. Implementing a trail use data system is a priority. The building up of relationships internally, as well with the community and partners, a work plan and development of data collection will benefit the region with better land management practices. Building a foundation for seasonal work plans will provide long-term value and sustainability for better land management practices of OHV riding area continually.
- Travel Management Planning and Implementation – The BLM-WRFO has a total of 1,291,500 acres limited to designated routes, 4516 routes. Based on the progress of priority, budget, and planning of TMA1 in 2024, crews may continue to work on planning in this area. While this area appears to be minimal, within it hosts a newly implemented motorized Open Area: LO7 Hill, an extremely popular OHV destination playground for motorized visitors that currently has no monitoring. While data may be lacking in the documented number of users, BLM-WRFO is aware of the type of use it sees from the OHV community on its routes by working with partners and BLM staff who assisted in route inventories. The crew will be installing signs, monitoring use of adjacent designated routes and trails, encouraging proper use of OHV's, and assisting with implementation efforts of route by route.
- Maintenance – There are 1,291,500 acres limited to designated routes within the WRFO. With over 360 miles of OHV WWW trails throughout the WRFO, maintenance of trails, parking areas, kiosks, new signage is needed, and existing signage needs replacement. The BLM-WRFO manages twenty parking areas and kiosks between BLM recreation sites and WWW informational sites and kiosks. Update maps and kiosks maintenance if a priority to encourage proper directional riding areas and promote satisfactory riding experiences. Maintenance of the two newly implemented Open Areas will help to promote a quality visitor experience and challenging riding opportunities through skills courses that are designed to enhance and educated the riders ability. Maintenance of routes, open areas and travel management implementation and signage is essential to keep long-term, sustainable OHV riding opportunities available throughout the field office.
- Monitoring – The BLM-WRFO currently has no monitoring capacity other than one local Law Enforcement Officer who oversees the entire 1,456,507 surface acres, thus a priority for a field office level monitoring work plan. Monitoring is needed for the two open areas, the 550-acre Rangely Rock Crawling Park, North Dinosaur area, and the Wagon Wheel West trail system. Monitoring promotes proper OHV riding, and increased education for visitors.

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

Major partnering organizations include:

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)	Meeker, CO & State	CO State Parks & Wildlife
Eastern Rio Blanco Parks and Recreation	Meeker, Colorado	Parks and Rec District
MAMBA (Meeker Area Mountain Bike Assoc.)	Meeker, Colorado	Mountain Bike Club
Yampa Valley Trail Riders	Moffat County	OHV Club
Wagon Wheel OHV Club	Rio Blanco County	OHV Club
Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition	Moffat County	Regional Focus Group
Town Of Meeker	Meeker, Colorado	Municipality
Town Of Rangely	Meeker, Colorado	Municipality
Rangely Chamber of Commerce	Rangely, Colorado	Non-profit
Meeker Chamber of Commerce	Meeker, Colorado	Non-profit
Eastern Rio Blanco Parks and Rec	Meeker, Colorado	Business/Community
Meeker Area Mountain Biking	Meeker, Colorado	Non-Profit Club
Moto Miss Fits	Rio Blanco County	OHV Club
W.E. Rock Events, LLC	Blackfoot, ID	Business/Event
Colorado Hill Climb	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Business/Event
Rangely Off-road Adventure Rally	Rangely, Colorado	Business/Event
Rally Colorado USA Racing	Aurora, Colorado	Business/Event

With the oversight of BLM Recreation staff, the OHV crew will work towards fostering OHV community relationships and emphasize potentially help to build new partnerships and volunteer groups. The staff will work towards creating community trail clean-up days, and/or educational OHV riding opportunities for the community. If ideas are presented for trail connections, re-routes, or reclamation, staff will assist with project planning. It is essential and a long-term goal of the BLM Recreation program that OHV community organizations are strengthened through responsible stewardship.

The proposed crew will work closely with clubs, businesses, stakeholders, and partners, and learn to develop new partner relationships. As part of the Partnership in the Outdoors Program initiated by the State of Colorado, the BLM-WRFO has been participating in the Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition (NCOC) meetings with another BLM Field Office, Little Snake Field Office, as well as other Moffat and Routt County clubs. The BLM-WRFO has been working with the NCOC, local community members, and partners to assist with the recreation planning efforts on BLM lands, and to provide balance of recreation and conservation in Rio Blanco, Moffat, Garfield, and Routt counties. The trail crew along with the BLM-WRFO recreation program planner and park ranger, will attend NCOC and other partner and community meetings when applicable, to promote building relationships.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities (25 points):

Protecting natural resources on BLM-WRFO managed lands, adjacent land management agencies, as well as private landowners is essential to land health, conservation, wildlife, and long-term sustainable OHV riding opportunities. The two-person crew will directly and indirectly protect critical big game habitat, range and wildlife habitat, lands with wilderness characteristics, wilderness designations, vegetation, and riparian zones. Utilizing the OHV crew will assist the BLM to be a good steward of resource protection on public lands and indirectly to private lands.

The crew will educate and monitor all OHV trails for maintenance needs and respond quickly after weather events to address drainage issues, which will help to prevent damage to trails and roads. Improvements to drainage structures and maintenance to water bars, and the need to clear trails would be monitored and completed regularly, and promptly address problem areas as they become evident. By providing information, education, and updated maps to visitors, this creates a quality user experience, as well as keeping the trails maintained to the skill level of the riders. Vegetation will be preserved for wildlife as well as the visual enjoyment of the natural environment of the OHV recreationalist, and other recreationalists.

Existing management issues in the both the North Rangely and LO7 OHV riding areas include illegal off-route travel, minor trash dumping, trespassing issues on adjacent private property, trampled vegetation, and unauthorized travel on adjacent oil and gas well pads. This project addresses these issues by allowing a trail crew to monitor where off-route travel is happening, clean up the trash left throughout our dispersed field office recreation, and provide education and rider information at the kiosk on updated maps and through visitor interaction. These planned actions are intended to improve the long-term management and use of OHV trails by assisting with resource protection.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

The 2024 motorized grant was able to assist with a large OHV and trailer equipment purchase for the BLM-WRFO. The Recreation Program lead for the BLM-WRFO will continue to be responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the equipment. The OHV crew will be responsible for daily operations and notifying staff of any repairs needed. 2025 annual budget operations, maintenance and fuel is budgeted at \$7000.00. We will have a more educated budget after the 2024 season.

The WRFO estimates the OHV crew to be in the field up to 50% of their time in a work week performing program maintenance, making enforcement, educational and visitor contacts, monitoring, sign installation/replacement, and planning for travel route inventories and/or implementation for TMAs and TMPs throughout the field office recreation areas.

During the off-season, the OHV and trailer will be stored at the BLM-WRFO locked yard in the warehouse. The OHV and trailer will be maintained, repaired, and serviced as needed. Smaller equipment proposed to purchase such as hand tools, and PPE will be the responsibility of the recreation lead also. In the off-season the tools will be kept locked in the BLM-WRFO warehouse and office.

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

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

Travel Management:

Objectives of the OHV Trail Crew proposal is to plan and implement plans from the BLM-WRFO Travel Management RMPA. Planning efforts to designate the Rangely Rock Crawling Park and the North Dinosaur area as OHV Open Areas are underway. Majority of the final implementation and monitoring of LO7 and Rangely North has been underway, starting in 2021, with efforts in 2022, and implementation in 2023. Developing long-term planning strategies with stakeholders, partners, and recreation staff based on field office budget and priorities are essential for sustainable OHV visitor use and to reduce user conflicts. Long-term planning and development of a work plan for sign installation and monitoring of designated routes and contacts with the public about proper use of OHV's is a priority. The crew will become familiar with the field offices 6 TMAs and the TMP process, for future planning and implementation and compliance regulations. The crew will become familiar with mapping tools, planning and public engagement while working on high priority signage needs and closures for resource protection and sustainable OHV use. The crew will work directly with the recreation program lead and the inter-disciplinary ID Team to address the high priority needs based on management priorities and funding, and multiple use for all public land resource programs. The BLM-WRFO will use U-channel posts with carsonites attached with rock art stickers for signage. Funding is requested annually for majority of general signs and markers. It is the long-term plan of the WRFO to work on the Travel and Transportation Management Resource Management Amendment Plan throughout the process of the TMP process throughout the 6 TMAs.

Education

Providing administrative education controls such as signs, markers, educational kiosks, boundary markers and informational materials and monitoring and volunteer days is a key part of travel management success and educating the public. Public contacts are large part of education on public lands and provide a positive visitor experience. Crews will have the option to patrol OHV areas on the weekends and holidays at field office discretion and provide the following types of education:

- Explain travel management principles
- Point out "OHV" registration dollars" area improvements
- Check OHV registrations
- Give notice of upcoming volunteer projects
- Explain LNT (Leave No Trace) principles.
- Describe the state grant program.
- Distribute maps and brochures.
- Describe future trails and projects.
- Explain "Stay the Trail" principles.
- Monitor SRP events

Other educational components that are directly related to this project include: installing entrance and other route signs at Open/Closed areas; installing updated maps that display information about OHV registrations,

travel management rules, and maps for the area and surrounding landscape; placing "OHV dollars at Work" stickers at strategic locations to remind riders how this site was funded; installing fencing or boundary markers to clearly identify the Open/Closed area boundaries; designing and having hard copy maps available for the public for these sites; having georeferenced PDF's of these areas for cell phone GPS navigation; and potentially developing future OHV skills courses at the locations. These educational efforts, combined with BLM law enforcement presence and recreation staff patrols, provide a comprehensive educational component for this project. Based on monitoring, site patrols and educational efforts will be adjusted to reflect the needs of each site over the years to address any on-going management issues and be more strategic with our management resources.

The northwest region of Colorado sees a dramatic increase in use of OHV's during the hunting seasons. To ensure resource protection of Wilderness Study Area (WSA) designations, big game habitat, grazing allotments and the spread of invasive weeds, the OHV crew will be working with the program lead, CPW, Rio Blanco County, Big Game Outfitters, potentially U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and other partners within the Northwest Outdoor Coalition assist with educational elements of proper use of OHV's. Updated maps, brochures and information that is currently online representing BLM-WRFO will made to be available as hand-outs in the future with the goal of educating visitors on responsible recreation.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

The crews will work closely with recreation program staff, and law enforcement. The OHV crew would not be law enforcement and no funding would be provided to law enforcement. The trail crew would be able to provide details to the recreation program staff and law enforcement on issues that may require various levels of compliance measures. The OHV crew would be equipped with knowledge of state OHV regulations and information will be provided to the public. The project will provide an increase on the ground presence as well much needed obvious and logical signage with the overall goal of compliance.

The crew will complete daily logs describing the number and type of contacts of various visitors, trees felled, registrations checked, miles patrolled, trails visited, and hours worked. A substantial amount of time will be devoted to travel management compliance through route signage and non-designated route closures, roughly 50%. Public contacts may be conducted 10% or more of the crew season.

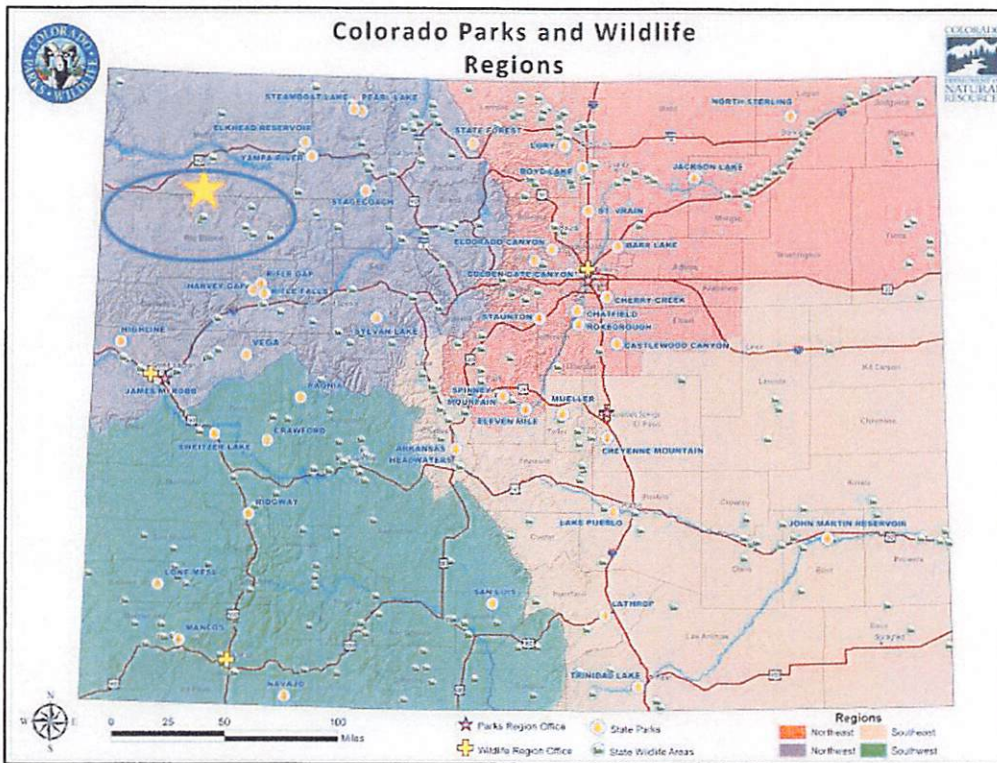
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Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

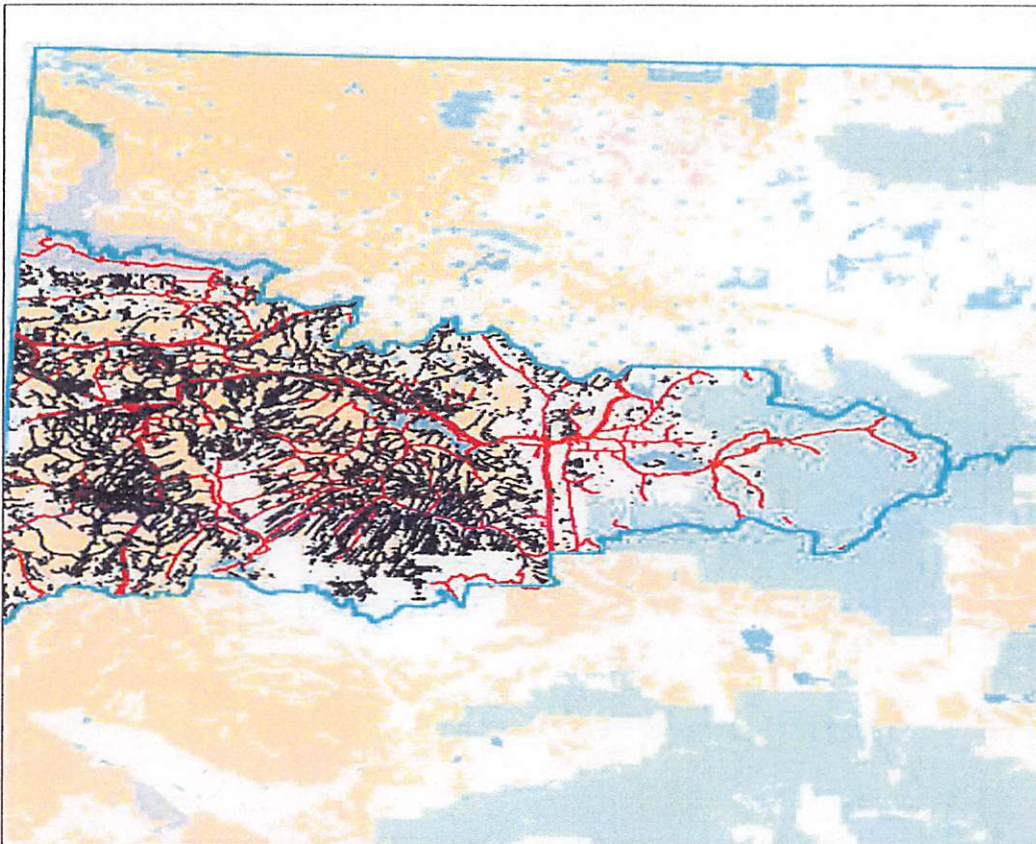
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E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

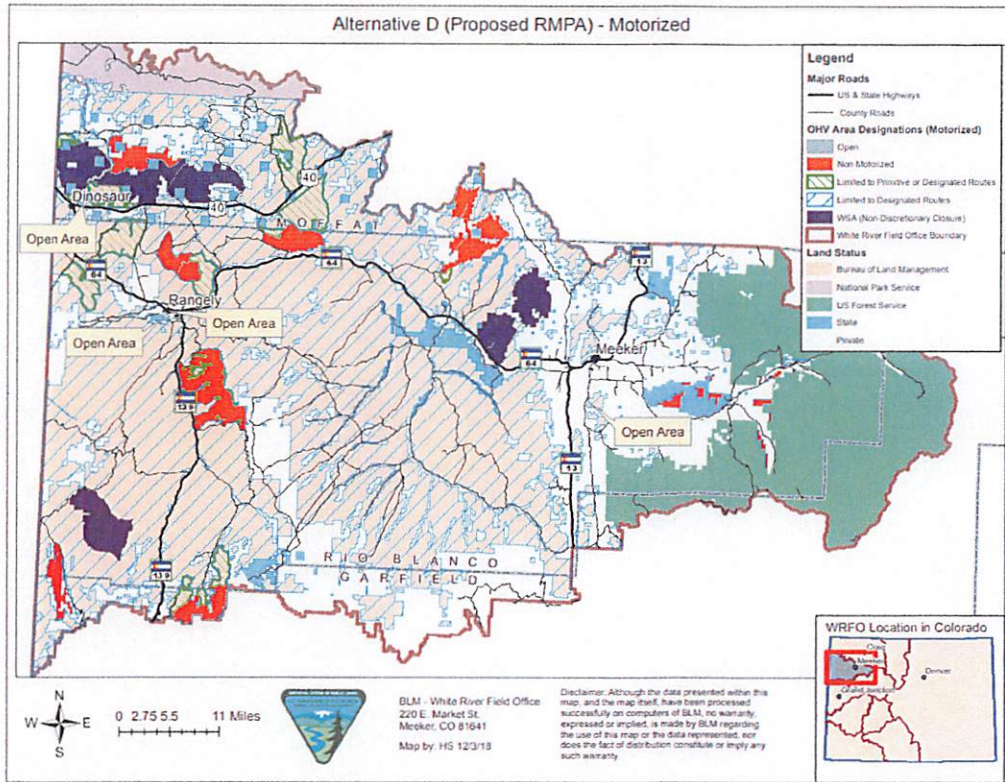
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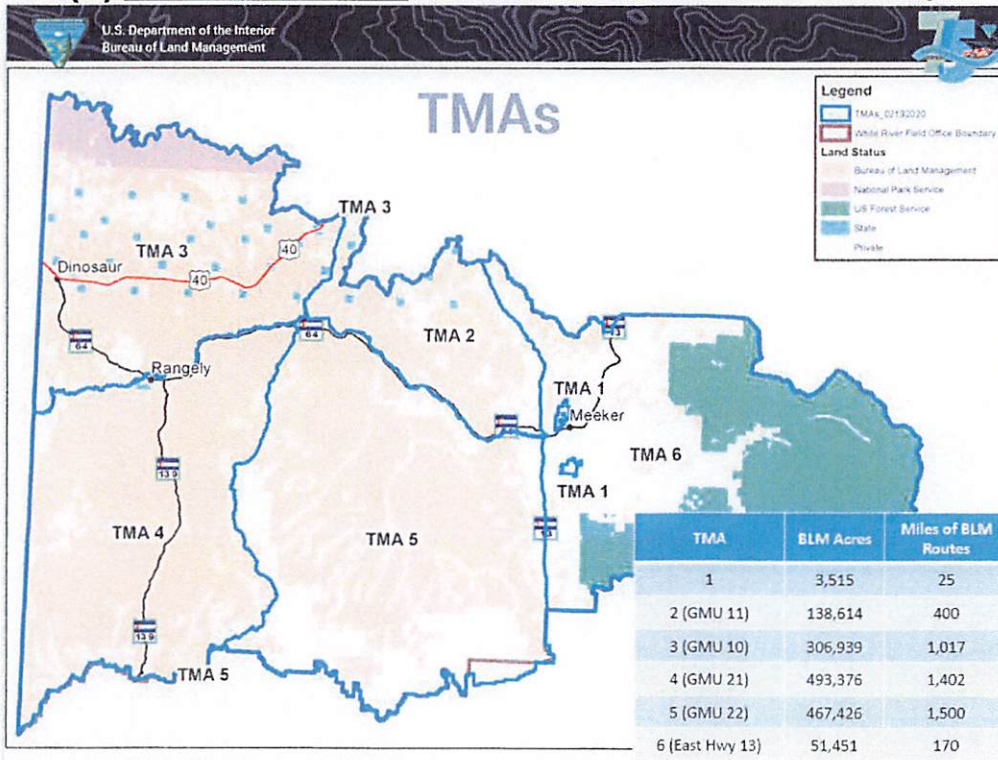
E-2(a) Project Vicinity Maps: BLM White River Field Office Map



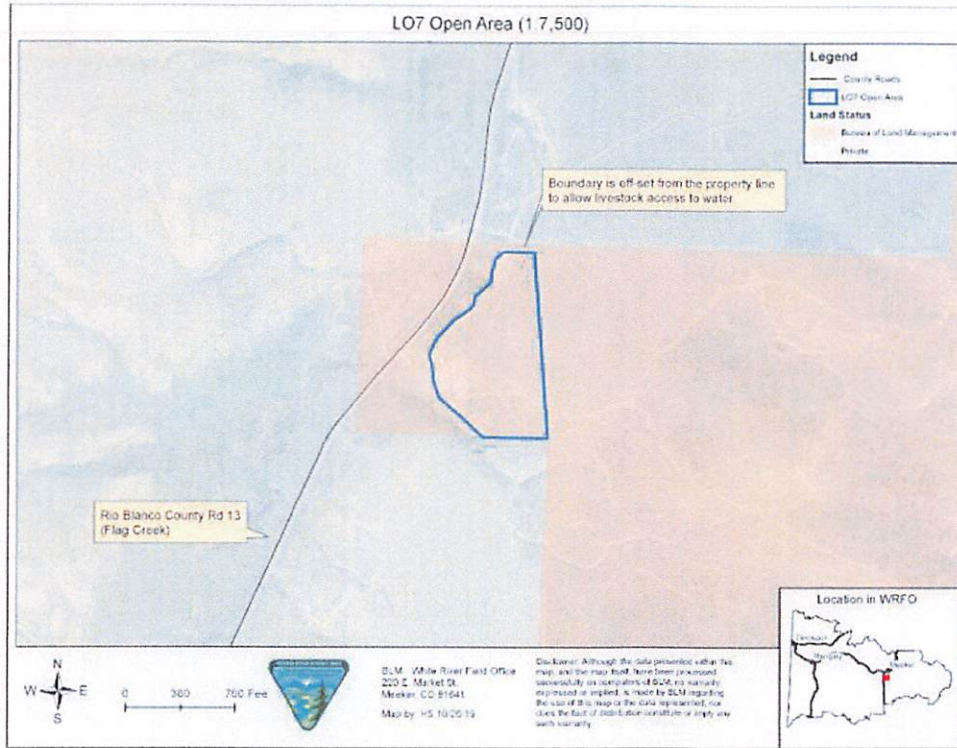
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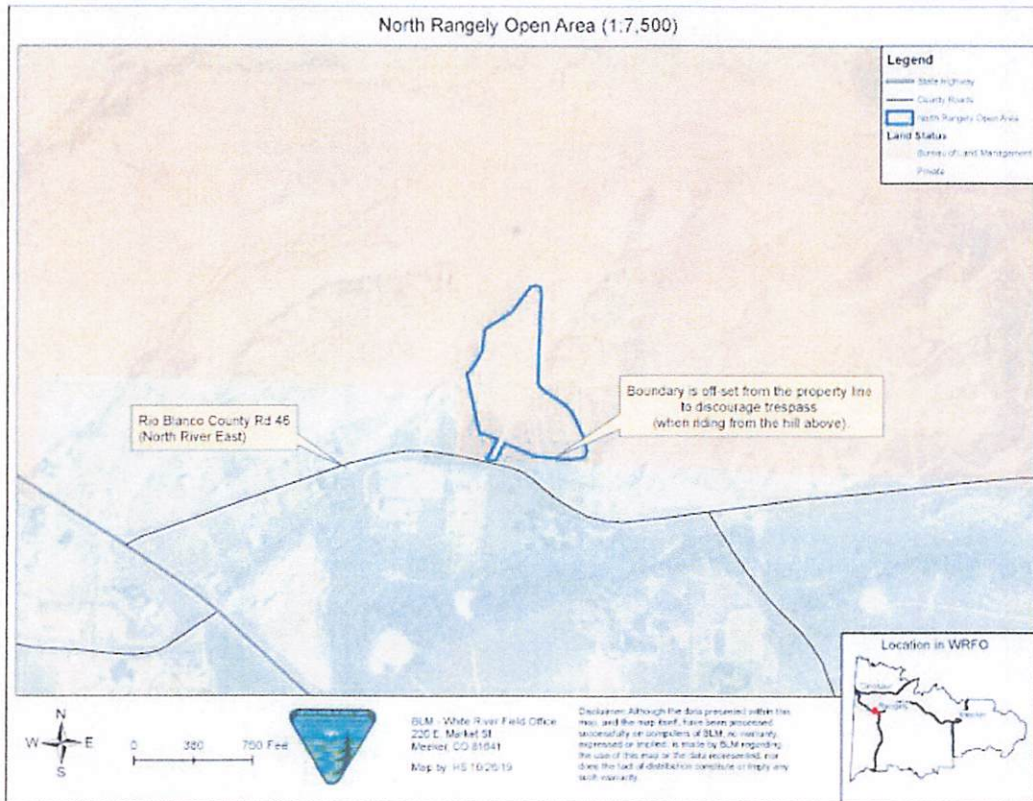
E-2(c) Project Vicinity Maps: BLM White River Field Office TMA Map



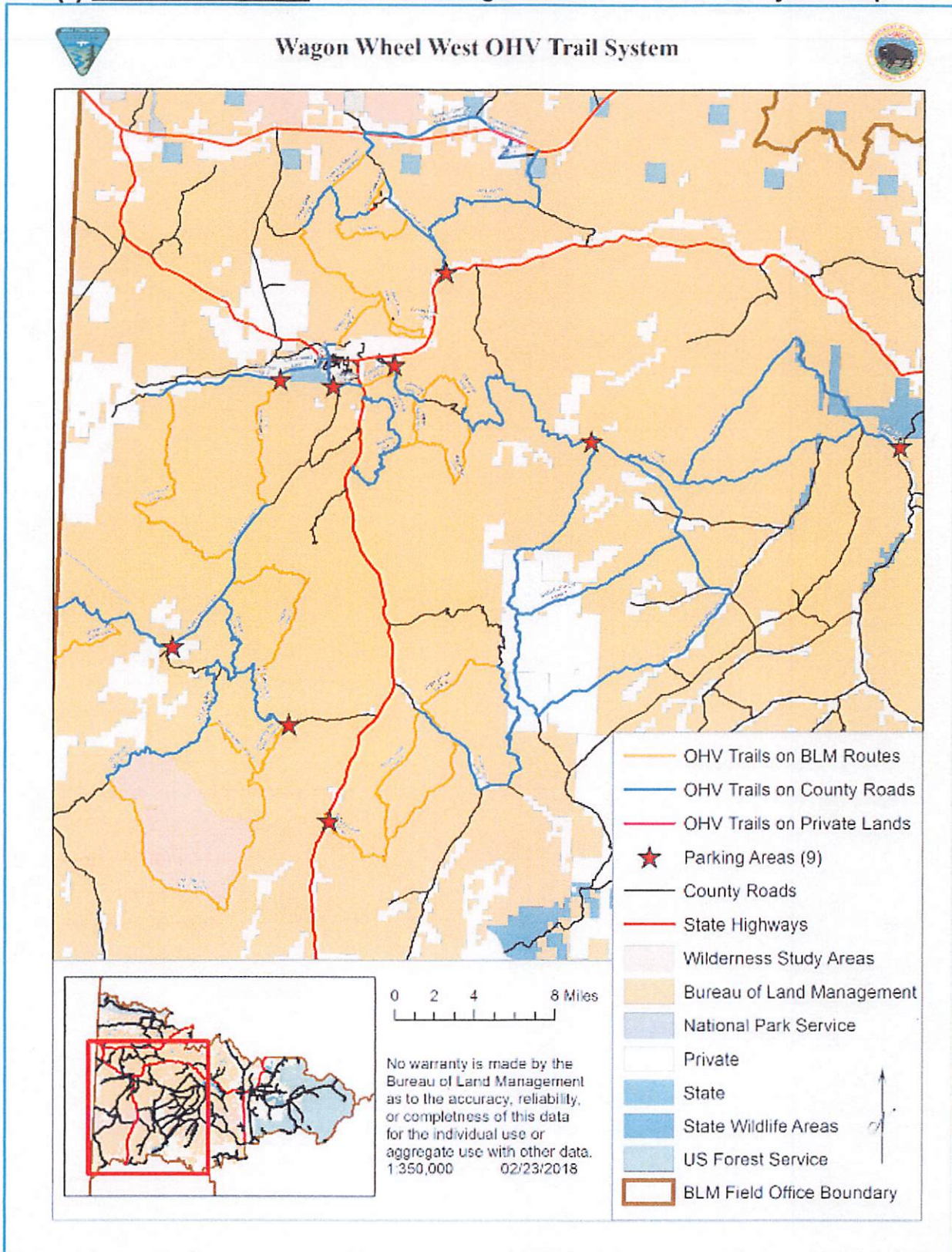
E-2(d) Project Vicinity Maps: BLM WRFO LO7 Open Area Map



E-2(e) Project Vicinity Maps: BLM WRFO North Rangely Open Area Map



E-2(f) Project Vicinity Maps: BLM WRFO Wagon Wheel West OHV Trail System Map



(G) Letters of Project Support

**YAMPA VALLEY OHV TRAIL RIDERS
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CRAIG, CO 81625**

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Park OHV Program
13787 South Highway 635
Littleton, CO 80125

November 17, 2023

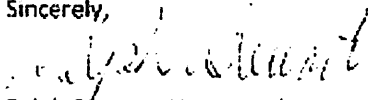
RE: Bureau of Land Management- White River Field Office OHV Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Yampa Valley OHV Trail Riders supports the application for an off-highway vehicle grant submitted by the Bureau of Land Management-White River Field Office (WRFO). The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide funding for 2 park Ranger career seasonal salaries, UTV maintenance, tools, fuel, and other related field work supplies. Having Park Rangers will assist the BLM in managing our 2 new OHV Open Areas; LO7 and North Rangely, travel Management planning and implementation, trail maintenance, patrolling, and other recreation related improvements and projects that will enhance the recreational visitor experience.

The LO7 and North Rangely open Area will provide better OHV riding opportunities within the WRFO and meet public demand to diversify OHV riding opportunities in the WRFO. With these grant funds the WRFO will be able to provide these opportunities to the public in well managed settings that create positive OHV experiences. Yampa Valley OHV Trail Riders recommends approval of the Bureau of Land Management-White River Field Office grant application and our support towards improving OHV riding opportunities in Northwest Colorado.

Sincerely,



Ralph Stewart, Vice President
Yampa Valley OHV Trail Riders



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November 7, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Re: Colorado State Parks OHV Program

The Town of Meeker is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant application being submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) White River Field Office. The Town of Meeker strongly supports this grant application and the focus on OHV recreation management on the Wagon Wheel Trail Systems.

The Wagon Wheel Trail System provides unique recreational opportunities in Meeker and all of Rio Blanco County, with over 600 miles of designated trails. Outdoor recreation, such as OHV trail riding, is an essential aspect of the tourism industry in our community and is a significant contributor to our local economy through sales tax, lodging and retail sales. In FY23/24 the BLM used grant funding to support two Park Ranger seasonal salaries, a new UTV and trailer, as well as tools and Personal Protective Equipment. For FY24/25, the BLM intends to use the funding for two park ranger seasonal salaries, UTV maintenance, tools, fuel, and other related field work supplies. Having Park Rangers will assist the BLM in managing new OHV Open Areas, travel management planning and implementation, trail maintenance, patrolling, and other recreation related improvements and projects that will enhance the recreational visitor experience in our communities.

The BLM White River Field Office continues to be a community partner and is highly involved in community organizations that support OHV recreation. Through these partnerships the funds awarded by this grant will make the most significant impact on our local trails and help promote Meeker as a top location for outdoor recreational tourism.

The ongoing efforts and grant support for projects such as this one contributes to the much valued tourism, recreation and commerce that sustain to our community. The Town of Meeker appreciates the opportunity to write this letter supporting the BLM's application and this request has our full endorsement.

Sincerely,

Mandi Etheridge
Administrator, Town of Meeker

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Regas Halandras, VP
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Meeker, CO, 81641
970-629-9714



RE: 24/25 CPW Motorized Grant Application
BLM/White River Field Office

To Whom it May Concern

This letter from the Meeker Area Mountain Bike Association Corp is in support of the BLM/White River Field Office's commitment to the use of our natural resources and outdoor recreation. Through the agency's stewardship, the northwest corner of Colorado has benefitted from an increase in OHV / UTV and other motorized offroad recreation. The continued support of the CPW motorized grant funding is necessary to continue the BLM's management and pursuit of a broad, well maintained, recreational visitor experience.

Funding from the annual CPW motorized assists the BLM with additional salaried employees, tools, equipment, and other related costs incurred. In turn, they can offer a larger, more enhanced experience to locals and visitors alike. Additionally, visiting, out-of-town, users help support the local communities through their patronage of local services; The trickle-down of the CPW grant is beyond the initial support of the BLM as those funds eventually contribute to the local economy and benefitting the surrounding rural communities.

MAMBA whole heartily supports the BLM's efforts towards building and maintaining a broad availability of outdoor experiences. We applaud their efforts to diversify their funding sources to ensure the stability of the outdoors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

MAMBA Board Members: Carly Anderson (Pres), Regas Halandras (VP), Boadachia (Events), Joseph Wilson (Sec), Gracie Gardner (Youth Liaison)



November 7, 2023

To Bureau of Land Management,

The Meeker Chamber of Commerce fully supports your CPW Motorized grant application for two park ranger career seasonal salaries, UTV maintenance, tools, fuel, and other related field work supplies.

We understand that having additional Park Rangers will assist the BLM in managing the two new OHV Open Areas of LO7 and North Rangely, as well as providing travel management planning and implementation, trail maintenance, patrolling, and other recreation related improvements and projects that will enhance the recreational visitor experience in our communities.

As the Visitor Center for Meeker, we understand that trails in our area are a very important recreational amenity for our residents and visitors, and their continued maintenance and improvement is imperative. The efforts of the BLM staff continue to provide OHV riding opportunities while also supporting our economic growth. We fully support this grant application and the benefits it would provide.

Please contact the Meeker Chamber of Commerce if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Hanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Stephanie Hanson
Executive Director,
Meeker Chamber of Commerce

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Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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October 30, 2023

The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) is pleased to submit this letter in full support of the BLM-White River Field Office's (WRFO) FY 24/25 grant application to secure CPW Motorized Trail Program funding. Financial assistance toward these WRFO targeted OHV initiatives are critically needed in order to continue maintaining our county trail resources and cultivating this important recreational opportunity in our region.

ERBM and the BLM-WRFO have collaborated on a number of projects over the past several years which seek to improve and expand recreational trail usage for hiking and mountain biking on our adjoining parcels which comprise the Meeker Trail System. WRFO has proven to be a sound steward of these local resources and always maintains a priority toward the ongoing care and upkeep of the system. The White River area's substantial OHV trail system demands a wholistic approach in order to maintain in a sustainable manner. Local and regional public and non-profit land management partners rely heavily on WRFO's leadership and expertise to this end. Without additional assistance in the form of equipment and personnel, WRFO is under-resourced to help lead these management efforts effectively.

Identifying and addressing the many and varied ongoing issues of providing and improving OHV trails that promote positive user experiences on BLM-WRFO public lands is a year-round undertaking. To successfully move forward in this endeavor will take the collective resources of all local, state and federal agencies working in partnership. ERBM enthusiastically supports this grant application with the intent of accomplishing this valuable regional stewardship initiative. If we can answer any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sean VonRoenn'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'S' at the beginning.

Sean VonRoenn
Executive Director
ERBM Recreation and Park District

(H) Trail Crew Work Plan (Good Management or reoccurring crews)

Provide a trail crew work plan for the **2024 work season**.

N/A We hope to gain Good Management status after our third successful grant administration year, or 2025/2026 grant cycle.