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





Name of Project: Rifle District UTV Equip	oment Grant Date of Application: 11/26/2023
(Please limit the project name	to 5 words or less)
Total Project Cost: \$62,400	Grant Request: \$33,200
(round off to the nearest \$1)	Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address	s for entity legally responsible for project)
Organization Name: USDA Forest Service	, White River National Forest, Rifle RD
Mailing Address: 0094 CR 244 Rifle, CO	31650
Telephone: (970) 625 2371	Email: todd.parker2@usda.gov

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	e person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the ct scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.
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Mailing Address: 0094 CR 244 Rifle	e, CO 81650
Telephone: (970) 404 5565	Email: todd.parker2@usda.gov
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES X 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 SPECI	ALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)
Name: Alex Specht	Title: G&A Specialist
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PROJECT LO	CATION	
	or City: Rifle & Glenwood Springs	CO
County(ies): G		
Glenwood Springs,	of reference for mapping purposes (i.e Transfer Trail	e. a google searchable landscape feature):
Township/Ran	ge/Section: Rifle Ranger District	
	District #: 5,7,8	State Representative District #: 57
LAND OWNE	RSHIP	
2. The trail corri	name/s of the property owners:  dor is controlled by: ☐Fee Simple  Vay ☐ Land Acquisition Ownership	
TRAIL SYSTE	M INFORMATION (List the number	of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)
Miles of Single	etrack: 0 Miles of 50" or I	less: 0 Miles of Full-sized: 250+
TRAIL USER	INFORMATION (Please check all th	at apply to the work planned for this project)
	g   X Four-Wheelin	g Accessible Access
PROJECT INF	FORMATION (Please check all activi Include detailed information fo	ities that apply to this project.) r each in the Project Scope of Work.
☐ Trail Mainte	nance	☐ Travel Plan Implementation
	Construction miles / ft	Resource Protection & Improvement
☐ *Major Re-	Route miles / ft. closed	Signs
(that will require additional <i>envirol</i> <i>approvals</i>	new or miles / ft. added	☐ Youth Corps
☐ Restoration	Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	☐ Planning
☐ Visitor Cont	acts & Law Enforcement	□ Capital Equipment
☐ Education		☐ Land Acquisition or Other
		on(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration
TRAIL ACTIV	ITIES SUMMARY (Based on your proje for each of the categ	ct description and budget, provide the percentage gories listed below.)
% of Budget		struction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance,
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Cocontacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment,	ontacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor , etc.)
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementati management signs & installation, decommis monitoring, etc.)	on (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel ssion non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages,
100%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth (personnel training, certification in the use of	Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, f specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add	d to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:		
Project Name: Rifle District UTV Equipment Grant	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)	
Project Sponsor: Rifle Ranger District	Application Year: 2024-2025	
Project Contact: Todd Parker	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)	
Total Project Cost: \$62,400	Grant Request: \$33,200	

**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.)

The Rifle Ranger District on the White River National Forest is seeking 2025 state grant funding to purchase a UTV as part of our effort to strengthen and establish the district's OHV program. In the past year, our recreation program has more than doubled its permanent staffing from 2 to 5 positions, making it possible for us to pursue a more consistent and sustainable OHV program to engage the OHV community and enhance OHV recreation opportunities.

The district spans parts of Garfield and Mesa counties and manages over 250 miles of routes open OHVs. Our spectacular landscapes on the Flat Tops and Battlements offer unique OHV experiences in scenic high alpine settings providing a sense of solitude with distant vistas of meadows, lakes, and river valleys accessed by rugged and challenging routes such as Transfer Trail, Quartzite Ridge, and Battlement Jeep Trail. Easy access is provided by the I-70 corridor and trails are convenient to the local gateway communities of Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Silt, Rifle and Parachute.

We are seeking funds for the purchase of a new UTV capable of seating 4 people, with sufficient cargo space for transporting tools and materials, and capable of operating in the inclement weather and rugged terrain found in the high elevations of the Flat Tops. Our program currently does not possess an OHV and we borrow older UTVs from other programs to conduct management activities. These machines are over 14 years old and have become increasingly unreliable and costly to operate. A new UTV dedicated only to our OHV program would enhance our ability to efficiently maintain signage, increase educational and compliance contacts with the public, support the route maintenance efforts of our OHV club partners and support the Blanco district OHV crew in their efforts to maintain and patrol the 2290 OHV trail and other routes that connect the two districts.

The purchase of a new UTV is anticipated in the spring of 2025 or upon receipt of grant funds.

We will apply decals to the equipment recognizing the state's OHV grant funding support and giving credit for the funds. As part of our efforts to educate and inform the public of registration requirements, we will continue to inform riders with an explanation of how registration revenue is used and examples of how it improves the experiences of OHV users with funded projects.

# **Budget Form**

Project Name: Rifle District UTV Equipment Grant

Date Project will be Completed: 7/1/2025

Project Sponsor: Todd Parker

\*\*\*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	Water Contract		(N	In-Kind Ion-Cash)	
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)		CASH	Cor	ntributions	 TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$	33,200			\$ 33,200.00
Other Funding Sources	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Forest Service employee and intern salary/wages			\$	16,000	\$ 16,000
Uniforms and PPE			\$	1,500	\$ 1,500
Forest Service Trailer			\$	1,500	\$ 1,500
Forest Service crew cab truck #6886			\$	2,000	\$ 2,000
Signs, Hardware, Posts, maps, education materials			\$	2,000	\$ 2,000
UTV monthly FOR costs total (fuel, maintance, replacement)			\$	4,200	\$ 4,200
Training (OHV, 1st Aid, CPR, chainsaw)			\$	2,000	\$ 2,000
List other sources of project funding here and for what the funding will be used.  (insert more lines if needed)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ _
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$		\$	-	\$ -
	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

USE OF GRANT FUNDING

**TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT** 

\$ 62,400.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

I. Personnel Costs							
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.		529 Fam				I	
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III. Equipment <a href="https://doi.org/lde.tifv.as:">Identifv.as:</a> Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.							
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III.A. FLEET Equipment Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.							
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IV. Contracted Services  Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs							
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Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program		Total	\$ 33,200.00
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V. Volunteer Support  dentify 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.			

# 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	Rifle District UTV Grant	Project Sponsor	Rifle Ranger District
As the offici	al responsible for managemed, I agree to the following:	ent of the land o	on which the project will be
2. The project	et as described in this application in the street is located on federal public langement Plan, BLM Resource A	inds and is in co	val. nformance with the appropriate nt Plan or other decision document
	Decision for the White River Na ent Plan (TMP)	ational Forest Tra	avel Date: March 17, 2011
3. A decision	has been issued as part of the	NEPA environn	nental review process.
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#### 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):

The purchase of a new UTV will enable the Rifle Ranger District to establish it's own OHV program and provide the essential equipment and the means to maintain OHV routes, conduct patrols, make safety and educational contacts and join our partners on trail projects. With the ability to transport staff, interns, and volunteers out on the trail we can improve signage, trail maintenance, drainage features, and promote responsible riding with the goal of improving trail conditions, rider safety, resource protection and maintaining a high quality OHV experience on our unique and rugged landscape.

All routes between Meadow Lake and the Coffee Pot Road on the Flat Tops are open to all vehicles but the predominant use is OHVs with their share of use estimated to be well above 75% by our staff and partners. Several routes such as Quartzite Ridge, Transfer Trail, and Forest Road 601 east of Blair Mountain are very challenging and not suitable for stock full size vehicles but very popular among OHV users. The combination of rugged terrain, long distance riding, hunting opportunities, and camping with scenic vistas continues to draw more OHV visits from all over the country. The routes can be very challenging for inexperienced riders unfamiliar with the area and Garfield County Search and Rescue along with Hi Country 4 Wheelers typically respond to a few calls for assistance annually.

We have many new riders whose first language is Spanish and they are just getting familiar with trail etiquette, minimum impact principles for OHVs and even registration requirements. We emphasize education and awareness in our contacts and have noted benefits in doing so. Our partners have asked us to get out and do more and we have responded with a successful effort to hire a Spanish speaking intern last season. There is a real opportunity for us to include Spanish educational materials in our efforts to promote safe riding and resource protection and we are eager to engage this growing segment of visitors on the forest.

The greatest benefit of this equipment grant is that it will get Forest staff and interns out on the ground making a difference in all aspects of OHV use on the district. The key to long term success is our sustained presence and visibility where the public is riding. This presence will allow us to identify issues in a timely manner, develop and implement OHV route improvements, collect data on use patterns, and continue to engage and promote positive experiences for the new generation of riders with each project and contact.

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

We are fortunate to have a great working relationship with our local OHV clubs with two letters of support from our local clubs and one letter of support from our neighboring district that jointly manages approximately 12 miles of OHV routes located on the Rifle District.

The White River Trail Runners were a key player in helping the district establish the 2290 Buford New Castle Parallel OHV trail about 10 years ago. This trail links the West Elk Trailhead, near the town of New Castle, to the Meadow Lake area and provides an alternate access for OHVs to use as a springboard to legally access Meadow Lake and hundreds of miles of riding opportunity. OHV users coming from the local communities along the Colorado River are conveniently able to park, unload, and access the network of OHV routes that are spread across the greater Flat Tops between Rifle and Dotsero on the west and east and New Castle and Meeker on the south and north. The club continues to maintain the trail through scheduled volunteer days and members serve as ambassadors to other trail users, promoting tread lightly/stay the trail principles.

The Hi Country 4 Wheelers work closely with the Rifle and Aspen-Sopris district to maintain and repair route damage, implement travel management projects, patrol popular 4x4 trails, and assist with seasonal gate closures. Each year they complete a few projects on rugged routes that are difficult to access with Forest Service trucks. Most recently they did some trail repair on the Battlement Jeep Trail which is a popular trail for OHV riders due to its difficulty. They also host the annual cleanup of Hubbard Mesa OHV riding area on BLM lands outside the town of Rifle and have provide search and rescue-recovery assistance for motorized users from all user groups.

We have a third letter of support from the Blanco Ranger District which maintains some of the Rifle District OHV trail miles with a CPW Good Management OHV grant. Our shared district boundary near Meadow Lake is a prime destination for OHV recreation and is where many of our newer riders go camp and explore for a weekend. The Blanco district fully supports a UTV equipment grant for the Rifle district to complement their trail management and maintenance efforts using our own staff and interns independently from their grant funded program. The additional management of adjacent areas and increased visibility and contacts will help us foster safe and minimum impact habits with people new to the OHV community.

In kind contributions from the Forest Service on an annual basis that are complimentary with this equipment grant:

Forest Service Staff/Intern salary wages:	\$16000
Uniforms and PPE for OHV patrol crew and volunteers	\$1500
Forest Service Trailers to transport OHV and materials	\$1500
Forest Service Crew Cab Truck (fuel, maintenance, fleet costs)	\$2000
Signs, Hardware, Posts, Maps, English/Spanish educational materials	\$2000
UTV annual Fleet costs for maintenance/fuel/replacement	\$4200
Training including OHV, 1st Aid, CPR, Chainsaw	\$2000
Total:	\$29,200

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

The district has no specific plans for new trail construction or major re-routes. We anticipate decommissioning illegal routes to curb resource damage as they occur and ongoing route maintenance with our field crew and partners. In the future as our program develops, we may identify and seek additional grant resources to implement projects or grow our OHV program into a larger crew along the lines of a good management grant.

Our request for a UTV does not fit the category of heavy equipment such as a trail dozer or mini excavator, however the Forest Service would be responsible for maintaining the UTV and would set aside funding in our fleet system for regular maintenance, fuel, and eventual replacement of the machine at the end of its life cycle. All operators would be trained/certified to operate UTVs by the district. The UTV would be stored at the district shop facility in Rifle when not in use and be made available to neighboring districts/agencies or returned to CPW should it no longer be required in our fleet.

## 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 <u>must</u> incorporate at least <u>one</u> of the following components. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

#### Travel Management.

This project provides the means for increased field presence and visitor contacts by our staff and interns with the added benefit of regular patrols to monitor route conditions and off route travel. Trail damage and signage will receive quicker repairs which will encourage riders stay on designated routes. Increased contact with visitors encourages accountability to follow OHV regulations. In the past year, the district has more than doubled its permanent recreation positions and increased the number of summer interns. We now have the staff capacity to maintain regular patrols once we have a vehicle.

#### Education

OHV patrols will utilize educational materials provided by Stay the Trail which are also available in Spanish and also provide district motor vehicle use maps to the public. New maps will be installed on trailhead kiosks to show route designations and help orient riders to the routes open to OHVs. Public contacts will occur more frequently in areas that are not easily accessible by full sized vehicles and this additional contact could help prevent search and rescue incidents far from trailheads. Visible presence will also help reduce potential for conflicts among groups and the OHV crew can serve as ambassadors providing information to all user groups about natural resources, partner agencies and clubs, and provide helpful information about route conditions and opportunities to enhance their visit to the district.

#### **Enforcement and Compliance Activities:**

Our first approach is public engagement through education and positive visitor contacts and most of the time this is an effective technique to retain future compliance to regulations. The goal is to build awareness, gain compliance and build public support and understanding of regulations that protect natural resources and quality experience on multiple use routes.

When it is necessary to pursue enforcement, most of our recreation staff are qualified as Forest Protection Officers(FPOs) with ability to issue written warnings and violations notices pursuant to 36 CFR subpart A and B of the Code Federal Regulations. Our OHV patrols will typically have one qualified FPO or the ability to contact Forest law enforcement officers. We also work closely with our local CPW Officers who have successfully issued tickets for us in the past for OHV violations under Colorado state law when Forest Service law enforcement is unavailable.

Our OHV crew would spend approximately 20-25 hours of their time making public contacts, checking compliance with OHV registration requirements with the use of a UTV. Other time may be spent on OHV related projects, training, etc. They will maintain a patrol log and record trail conditions and incidents for the district to track use trends, collect data, and identify issues requiring additional resources.

# **D-2-**(Not Applicable to this grant application)

# Land Acquisition Grant - Supplemental Criteria

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering. Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

#### Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

#### Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

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#### I. Site Description

A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

## II. Planning

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

#### III. Public Notice

A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

#### IV. Public Involvement

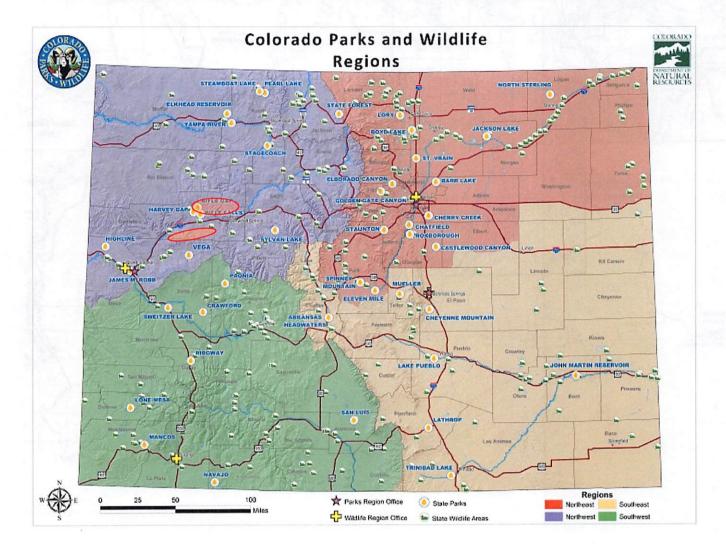
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

# 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)

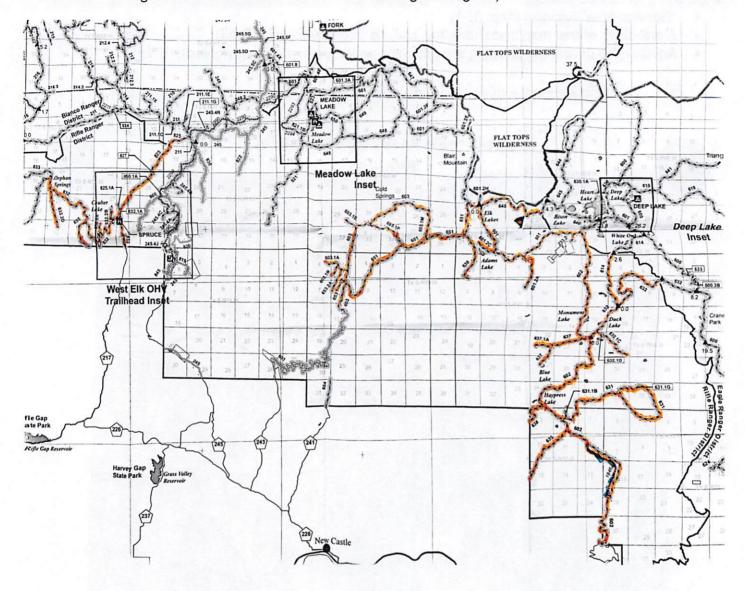
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.

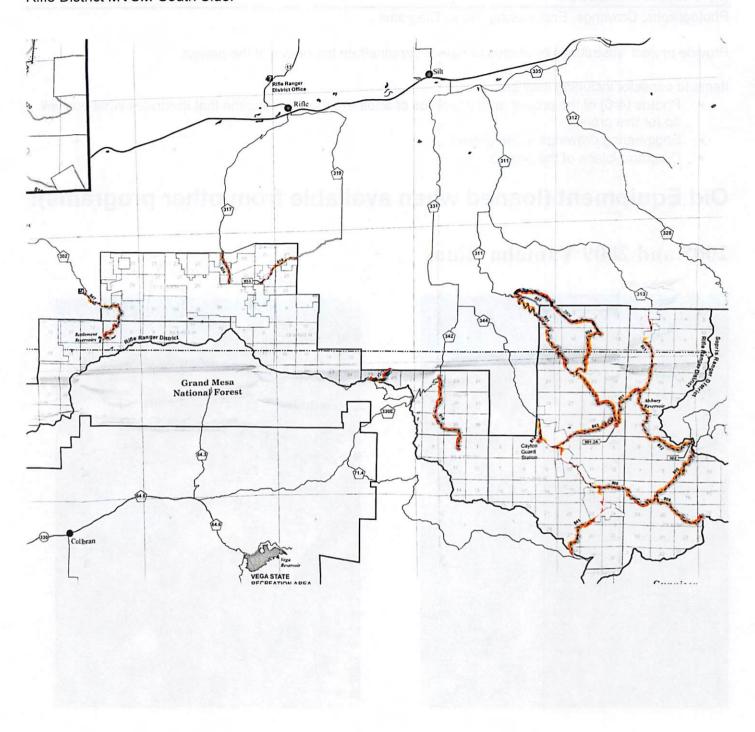


E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site. (Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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.

Rifle District MVUM-North Side with routes open to OHVs highlighted. (This map excludes Rifle District OHV routes managed under the Blanco District Good Management grant).





# (F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will
  do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project

# Old Equipment (loaned when available from other programs):

# 2007 and 2009 Yamaha Rinos





# Examples of proposed new equipment dedicated to OHV program:

This equipment would replace the seating capacity of the two old UTVs, be able to carry heavy tools and materials, has sufficient clearance for Battlement Jeep Trail and Quartzite Ridge, able to operate in inclement weather(windshield/doors) at high elevations (9000 to 11400 ft) and be able to extract itself with a winch in snowy conditions.



Can Am Defender Max XMR







# Estimated costs for new UTVs (do not include shipping and delivery fees):

#### Build Summary 30 Nov 2023





#### 2024 DEFENDER MAX X MR WITH HALF-DOORS 0008PRA00

\$29,278.98

#### **Key Features**

- · Smart-Lok featuring 4WD MUD mode
- Premium half doors
- · Strategically positioned CVT air intakes and exhaust.
- · Heavy-duty front steel bumper, Aluminum rock sliders
- 30 in. tires on 14 in. cast-aluminum wheels

Total MSRP \$29,278.98 \$552.40/m

## Polaris Ranger Crew XP1000

**Build Summary** 



RANGER CREW XP 1000 Premium



Desert Sand

Lock & Ride Full Windshield - Hard Coat Poly \$579.99 | #2883300

Half Doors - Poly \$1,799.99 | #2889814

Half Doors - Rear - Poly \$1,899,99 | #2889815

3:1 Hitches - 2" x 2" Receiver \$39.99 | #2830522

High-Mounted HD 4,500 lb. Winch

High-Mounted HD 4,500 lb, Winch \$759.99 | #2889272

High-Mounted Front Brushguard \$619.99 | #2889271

**Additional Notes** 

\$22,099 US MSRP \$27,798.94 US MSRP

\*Plus Logistics Surcharge of \$500 Plus Destination Charge of \$1,395,00

# All Terrain Motorsports - Rifle 1014 Access Rd Rifle CO 81650 970-625-2041 Purchase Invoice

TODD PARKER

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94 COUNTY ROAD 244 RIFLE COLORADO 81650 H W

Date Invoice #: Salesperson DYLAN SCHWARTZ

C 970-404-5565

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## (G) Letters of Project Support

Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators

## **Letters of Support Submissions:**

- -White River Trail Runners
- -Hi Country 4 Wheelers
- -White River National Forest, Blanco Ranger District



White River Trail Runners 651 Cedar Breaks Road Rifle, CO 81650

White River National Forest Rifle Ranger District 94 County Road 244 Rifle, CO 81650

To Whom It May Concern:

The White River Trail Runners originated in 2009 with the goal to enhance and create motorized Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) opportunities throughout the Western Slope of Colorado. Our group consists of both corporate and individual members. Since our establishment, we have worked closely with the local Bureau of Land Management Office and Forest Service Agencies. We aim towards working more closely with local land managers to plan and enhance future off-roading opportunities. We have played an important role in dispersing travel rules and regulations out to the public and held annual trash cleanup events. We have participated in motorized recreation and community events (Garfield County Fair, the Rifle Parade of Lights, Colorado River Valley Chamber Chili Cook-off, etc.) to reach out and gain more support on responsible off-road riding.

The White River Trail Runners is in support of the Rifle Ranger District's proposal to purchase a new ATV/UTV for their recreational program. We understand the Rifle Ranger District currently owns no off-road equipment. We feel a dedicated one would be in the best interest for all involved because this would help staff get to places where their current pickup trucks cannot.

We would also like to request bilingual literature and signs. Kept on the UTV, brochures and leaflets handed out by Forest Service employees and volunteers would be extremely helpful. In addition, signs in Spanish placed in current kiosks would help educate users on where to ride, "watch out situations," tread lightly techniques and registration information.

If you would like additional information about our club or partnership with the Rifle Ranger District, please contact me at (970) 309-7042 or nicholsfui@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Susan C. Nichols-Alvis, President/Secretary White River Trail Runners ATV/UTV Club



Hi Country 4 Wheelers/P.O. Box 2494/GW5., CO. 81601 Hicountry4wheelers74co@gmail.com

Dear OHV Grant Program Committee,

I am writing today on behalf of Hi Country 4 Wheelers OHV group based out of Glenwood Springs.

Hi Country 4 Wheelers is a family-oriented OHV group established in 1974. We enjoy the opportunity to recreate on our public lands encouraging tread-lightly policies and being good stewards of the land. We work together with local Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management agencies organizing and assisting with public land cleanups and trail maintenance to preserve and maintain roads, trails, and off-road open use areas.

For many years HC4W has had a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Rifle District of the White River National Forest. In our agreement, we have adopted many local forest service roads in the Flat Tops area north of Glenwood Springs and Rifle. The routes in this district range from simple 4x4 routes to more rugged locations (Battlement Trail, Quartzite Ridge, Blair Mountain).

The recreational opportunities offered in our area have seen an immense increase in recent years, more often in UTV-type vehicles. This increase is an important economic driver for our communities and also allows access to some of the more remote areas of our beautiful national forest; however, this use often creates damage to travel routes by uneducated OHV users and has the potential for conflict.

As part of our commitment to the FS agreement, several times a year we perform trail maintenance work days to help repair damage to these travel routes due to increased use. The Rifle District recreation crew generally assists and guides HC4W on these trail work projects, quite often in areas where their full-size vehicle can travel. For the above-mentioned trails in the WRNF requiring appropriate off-road OHVs including vehicles with proper clearance, HC4W assists the Rifle District crew by offering a seat in our UTVs to reach these more remote areas for trail repair projects.

HC4W would like to express our support to the WRNF Rifle District in receiving OHV grant monies for the purchase of an appropriate UTV type OHV which would allow the Rifle District to join all our trail maintenance projects. With the increase in OHV/UTV use in the WRNF the Rifle District crew will be able to have more presence including in the more rugged areas of the Flat Tops between Blair Mountain and Coffee Pot Road. The need for FS patrols to educate and assist the OHV community is vital to improving everyone's experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Isenhart President Hi Country 4 Wheelers

#### Parker, Todd - FS, CO

From: Grimes, Aaron - FS, CO

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 5:14 PM

To: Parker, Todd - FS, CO
Subject: OHV grant support letter

Dear OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee members.

This letter is to support the White River National Forest (WRNF)-Rifle Ranger District's OHV grant requesting funding for a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV aka side-by-side). The WRNF-Blanco Ranger District has been in the OHV Good Management Program for over ten years and is home of the Flat Tops OHV trail Crew. This crew conducts annual trail maintenance (clearing, signing, drainage maintenance, etc) and deferred trail maintenance (tread re-construction, reroutes, new drainage installations, corridor brushing, etc.) on motorized roads (level 2) and trails on the Blanco Ranger District but also northern portion of the Rifle Ranger District. Over the past few years there has been an increase in OHV use on Rifle Ranger District, especially in the Meadow Lake area and surrounding areas off the Buford New Castle Road FSR 245. This area is would benefit from greater Forest Service presence, regular patrols, and illegal route decommissioning. The primary mode of transportation by the public in this area is by UTV and this area is over 1 hour drive from either anger station. We have hosted the CPW State Parks dirt bike riders/rangers to increase patrols on busy weekends as well as the Statewide OHV Trail Crew, but feel this area could still use more presence and management.

With a new UTV the Rifle Ranger District can increase patrols and Forest Service presence across their district, compliment the Flat Tops OHV Trail Crew's trail maintenance efforts, access areas they are currently not able to access, and overall improve OHV riding opportunities in this area. This UTV would be an ideal tool for the Rifle Ranger District to contribute to managing OHVs while not encumbering the grant program with additional staff funding requests or any additional funding requests. The Blanco Ranger District fully supports this grant and I am available for any further discussion or questions about how this grant complements our existing OHV management program and expands the overall capacity for managing OHV riding opportunities in Northwest Colorado.

Thanks,



Aaron Grimes District Recreation Staff Officer

Forest Service White River National Forest, Blanco Ranger District

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

Provide a trail crew work plan for the 2024 work season

Consider including specific details, such as:

- List 5 of your most important goals for this work season
- Anticipated work the crew will be focused on (e.g. clearing corridor, building drainage systems, tread repair, turnpike repair, etc.)
- Planned location/names of the trails the crew will work on
- Time of year you anticipate the work will be done
- Planned volunteer workdays/events
- Collaboration efforts with OHV user groups / partners (involvement with potential projects)
- Describe any issues encountered during the 2023 season and your plan to overcome them

Not Applicable to this grant request.