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Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

Name of Project: Subcontractor Trail Maintenance 2024-25	Date of Application: 11/27/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$ 310,000.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$ 310,000.00 <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: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4283, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4283

Telephone: 1-970-948-8924 Email: kd0vsv@gmail.com

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

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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: Tom Derryberry/Jim Reed Titles: Trails Chairman/President

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4283, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4283

Telephone: 1-970-948-8924 Email: ksdby5247@msn.com/kd0vsv@gmail.com

1-970-250-5534 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.

Name: Tom Derryberry Title: Trails Chairman

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

Name: Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Email:

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Grand Junction		
County(ies): Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison		
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):		
Township/Range/Section: Numerous		
State Senate District #: 5,6,7	State Representative District #:54, 55,56,58,61	
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:		
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): <u>USFS</u>		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>400</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>350</u> Miles of Full-sized: <u>4,000</u>	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<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.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Signs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
	<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.)	
90%		
5%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
5%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
	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:	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Tom Derryberry/Jim Reed	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$	Grant Request: \$

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.)

Remove all instructional text (below) and replace it with information specific to this project request

WHO?

WSATVA is an all-volunteer 501(c)(7) nonprofit organization that will provide subcontractors, volunteers to maintain OHV trails in Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) in 2024 and 2025.

WHERE?

This project will maintain trails as designated by the USFS in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.

WHAT?

The reason for this grant request is to provide needed ongoing trail maintenance. The grant is not meant to compete with any land manager’s applications but is meant to supplement the trail work done by federal land managers. Work will consist of maintenance on existing approved OHV routes.

WORK?

Work will be selected and prioritized during a scheduled annual preseason meeting with local clubs and area land managers. It is to substitute for what clubs won't be able to do or can't do based on insurance requirements and the physical ability of volunteering club members. While clubs may be able to work on trails under the volunteer agreement they will have to have, if even available, special training to operate a tractor or other power equipment which will reduce their participation tremendously. While the trails are in good shape now, for the most part they require constant maintenance for normal use and weather that has a great influence on their condition, like muddy wet trails during the hunting season or blow downs to name a few. Another factor to keep in mind is the problems the Land Managers are having with the hiring process. While this district is adding a couple of full-time positions, it is still an unknown and this grant can work as a buffer for voids that may occur. The worst case scenario is that everything works well and we get a lot of needed trail maintenance done. Remember the commitment to the travel management plan is to maintain existing OHV approved trails.

This grant is for WSATVA to hire a sub-contractor that is familiar with and has worked with the FS in the past. They know the standards of the FS and there is a minimal learning curve. All training of staff to operate equipment is the responsibility of the contractor and is not part of this grant.

The trails to be maintained are on the Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre. The area of these trails are Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre National Forests.

Work will consist of maintenance on existing approved OHV routes. Work will be selected and prioritized during a scheduled annual preseason meeting with local club (WSATVA) and area land managers to decide the final trails and workloads to be done. We won't know the exact trails to be worked on that far out. The trails in that area will be determined in spring, 2024 and may include Monument Trail (#518) and other trails and roads as determined by agreed upon parties. The club will administer the grant and report to the Land manager as needed.

WHEN?

Estimated time of project is May 15 when trails usually open and through October. depending on weather during 2024 and 2025.

Program Funding Acknowledgement

The trails being worked on will have stickers put on trail kiosk's and all restrictors showing these trails are funded with OHV dollars.

DEFINITIONS? Do you need to define any terms or acronyms that are used in your project description?

No

Budget Form

Project Name: Subcontractor Trail Maintenance 2024-25

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)

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)	\$ 310,000		\$ 310,000.00
Other Funding Sources <small>List other sources of project funding here and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 310,000.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!		Category Total	\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
Subcontractor cost	\$ -			\$ 295,000.00
Insurance cost	\$ -			\$ 5,000.00
Administration - field inspection and grant closeout	\$ -			\$ 10,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 310,000.00
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: <u>For Volunteers Only</u> 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.</small>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
			Total	\$ 310,000.00

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

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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.

Does not apply to this grant

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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:

GMUG Land and Resource Management Plan (revised) Date: 1991

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

Date and title of document:

Grand Mesa NF travel management EA and Decision 1994 and 2001
Uncompahgre NF Management EIS and Decision: 2003

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:

Lacie Jurado, Trails Coordinator, Grand Valley Ranger District 970-817-4053

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).

GMUG Forest Plan Revision

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

WILLIAM EDWARDS Digitally signed by WILLIAM EDWARDS
Date: 2023.11.16 12:37:11 -07'00'

William A. Edwards, District Ranger

Land Manager Signature and Title _____ Date _____

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name _____ N/A _____ Project Sponsor _____

The project described in this application has my approval.

Does not apply to this grant

Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title _____ Date _____

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern:** Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
 - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
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 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
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2. **Habitats and their Values:** What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
 - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
 - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
 - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
3. **Potential Impacts:** List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
 - Disturbance of sensitive species
 - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
 - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
 - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

5. Benefits: List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

6. Environmental Compliance: Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Principle source of information: (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

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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):

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)***

What specifically will the project accomplish? Keep trails in good condition to provide a better riding experience.

How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities? By keeping trails in good condition they will last longer and also be safer.

Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area. By keeping trails in good condition they will have better sustainability and require less maintenance.

Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts? The terrain is challenging and keeping the trails well maintained make them safer and more enjoyable to all levels of rider experience.

Why is this project a priority at this time? By keeping trails maintained it is safer and cheaper then repairing trails that are neglected and more difficult to repair. Also because of the aging of the club, volunteer club members will not be able to do the physical work they have done in the past that helps with trail maintenance along with increased restrictions of working on the trails (IE: chainsaw training, ATV trailing, big machine training, trailer towing, first aid, etc.). Some of the required FS training are not always available to the clubs.

Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project? Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?

Thousands of OHV users travel these trails in the Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre areas. Many of the trails have been adopted by the WSATVA's Adopt-a-trail volunteer agreement with the Forest Service. Other multi users such as equestrian, hiking, mountain biking, Motorcycle, 4x4s and ATV and UTV users WHO ALL USE THE TRAILS ON the National Forests.

Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability? By maintaining these trails, they (trails) will offer decades of access to and through the Natural Forests.

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

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather than the quantity of support letters received. ***(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)***

The reason for this grant request is to provide needed ongoing trail maintenance. The grant is not meant to compete with any land manager's application but is meant to supplement the trail work done by fed land managers. Work will consist of maintenance on existing approved OHV routes. Work will be select and prioritized during a scheduled annual preseason meeting with local club (WSATVA) and area land managers. It is to substitute for what clubs won't be able to do or can't do based on insurance and requirements and physical ability of the volunteering club members. While clubs may be able to work on trails under the volunteer agreement they will have to have, if even available, special training to operate heavy equipment or other power equipment which will reduce their participation tremendously. For clarity, this grant has to meet the Forest Service requirements because they have to give final approval of the job. The intent is to partner with the Forest Service in writing the agreement with the subcontractor – together. Again, to re-emphasize, using subcontractors is not new and the subcontractors we are working with currently are working with or have worked under contract with the Forest Service.

Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services? WSATVA volunteers will assist when needed and able.

Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community? No, because this is just maintenance on existing OHV trails.

Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:

Donations, contributions, materials and other ways that this project will be leveraged.

Describe the types of funds that will be contributed to the project
Itemize any funds received from other grants or sources.

These trails are also maintained by the volunteers of WSATVA under the adopt-a-trail program. Most important is the volunteers are first on the trails, clearing them of dead fall and making them passable. They also are the eyes as to what priority is needed in fixing or maintaining those trails. This assists land managers to help prioritize their work program. The adopt a trail volunteers are also on call when unexpected wind storms or wash-outs happen that can be handled by hand tools and small power tools.

Provide your total project cost, including the total amount of all grant funds, use of volunteers, donations, and any additional contributions mentioned in your narrative.

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

(25 points):

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. ***(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)***

These are all approved OHV multi use trails and by maintaining them it provides an enjoyable experience in traveling in and through our National Forests

Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.

Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how. No.

Will the project construct or improve drainage structures to prevent erosion or repair damage from excessive runoff, or harden and/or bridge stream crossings and wet areas? All maintenance is performed to improve drainage and minimize erosion on the trails. This will help establish a sustainable maintenance on the trails.

Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area. Improves multi-use experiences on these trails.

NEW Trail Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route

New Trail Construction:

- In the case of new trail construction, provide documentation that shows all required environmental reviews are completed or indicate the current status of that work.
- Under what TM Decision the work is being performed.
- Provide a description of new trail construction.
- Provide detailed map showing the new trail location and length.

Major Re-Route: Defined as trail work that will require new and/or additional environmental approvals. (Minor re-routes taking place on an already approved trail corridor will not be considered a *major* re-route, as described here.)

- Provide the number of miles or feet that are being re-routed and why.
- Provide a detailed map of where the trail re-route is located, showing old/current route and proposed re-route.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

Large Equipment purchased with OHV funding must have commitment to Long-Term Maintenance and Operations and must only be used for OHV Trail Maintenance Activities. When not in use, equipment will be made available for use on other OHV projects currently or previously supported by CPW. When equipment is no longer in use or needed, it should be passed on to another OHV Club, the BLM or Forest Service, or returned to CPW to insure continued OHV trail maintenance activities. Describe provisions to be made for the following:

- Who will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the equipment?
- What is the expected annual budget for operations, maintenance and fuel?
- How many (machine) hours are needed to maintain the trail system?

- What is the expected annual cost for future operations and maintenance and will that be dependent upon additional OHV grants? at is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

By using a subcontractor, the above requirements are not needed because they maintain and house all the equipment.

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:

Will this project employ one or more travel management measures such as educational tools, signage, control structures, methods to reduce conflicts among user groups, visitor contacts and/or increased compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations? If so, explain those measures.

Education will be done using stickers that show these trails are maintained and funded by OHV registration dollars. Stay the Trail stickers will be posted to encourage proper trail etiquette.

Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.

Proper carbon post stickers used at all entrances or junctions will show the types of multiuse that is acceptable on this trail along with Stay the Trail and CPW stickers showing the funding comes from the OHV sticker.

Will the project assist in monitoring or closing or rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes in compliance with TMPs or MVUMs or address damaged or closed routes pursuant to an MVUM? (e.g., repair, or the placement or replacement of signage, fencing, and trail barriers or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails, etc.). If so, explain how.

Proper carbon post stickers used at all entrances or junctions will show the types of multi-use that is acceptable on this trail along with Stay the Trail and CPW stickers showing the funding comes from the OHV sticker.

Describe how this project is consistent with the long-term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

As said in the project description, this plan is to substitute the work volunteers can't or won't be allowed to do because of an aging club, insurance requirements and other restrictions like redundant training to do volunteer work on our trails.

Education

Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to "on the ground" user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.

Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.

As said in the project description that this plan is to substitute the work volunteers can't or won't be allowed to do because of an aging club, insurance requirements and other restrictions like redundant training to do volunteer work on our trails.

Does this project use or provide educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures, kiosks, or patrols to educate riders? If so, explain.

The project will hand out and talk to users on the trail about who pays for this maintenance and the proper trail etiquette.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?

Stay the Trail brochures and Kiosk's along with personal contact info will be provided to educate users of proper use.

Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?

Yes.

How will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, designated routes and OHV registration requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists?

Yes.

How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?

Through complaints sent to CPW or local law enforcement.

Include an estimate of the time and/or financial resources that will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance and law enforcement under this proposal.

Approximately 5% of the time and effort unless more is needed.

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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

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

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

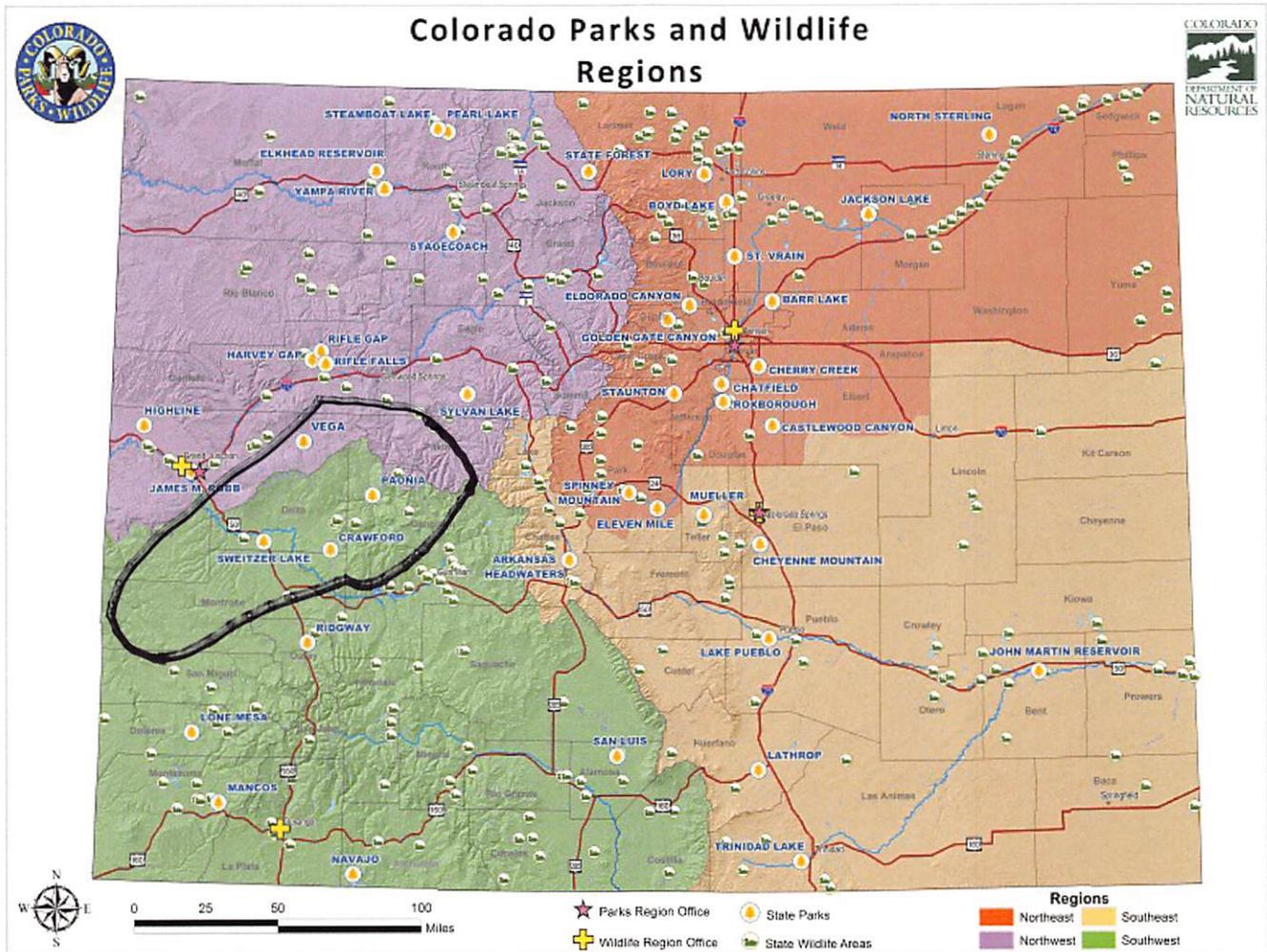
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments 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.

(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



Monument Trail (# 518) Mudhole Repair

Before



After



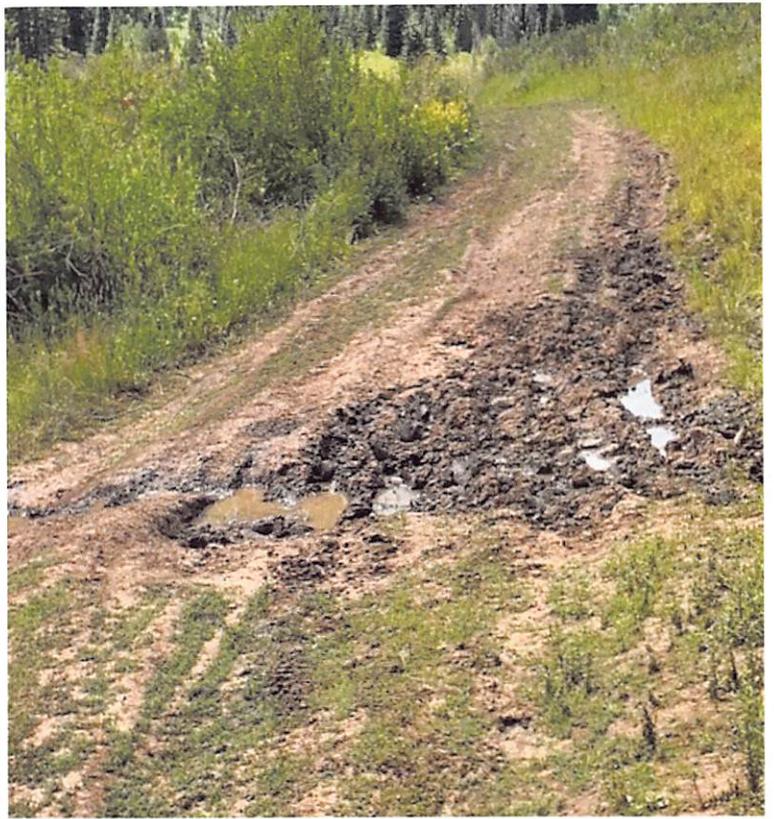
Willow Creek Crossing

Before



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Road 263 Mudhole and Active Water Source



Before

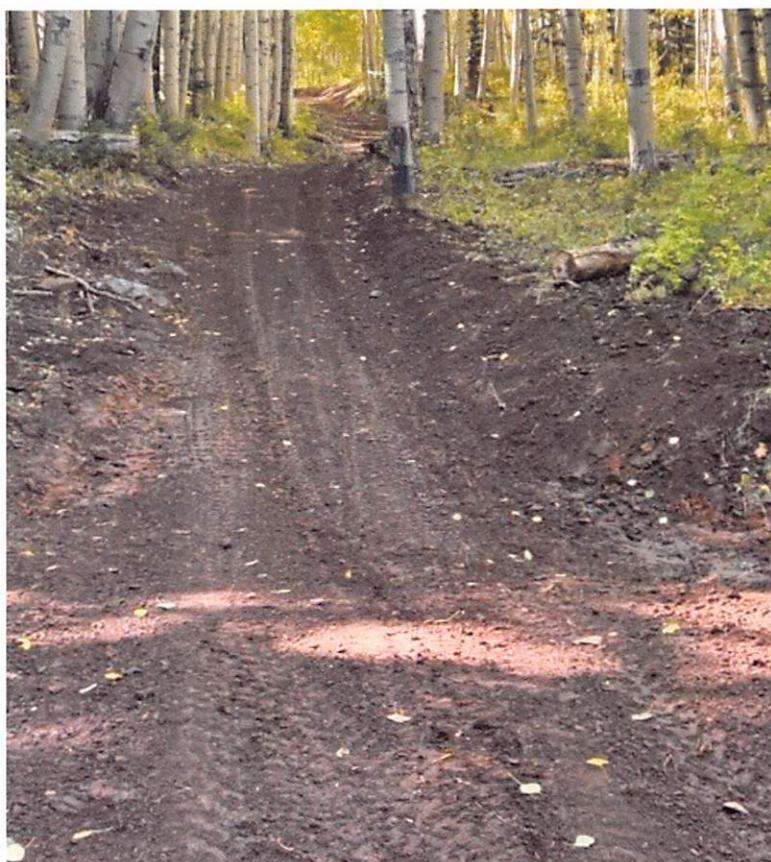


After



Monument Trail
(#518) Mudhole

Before



After

(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
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24525 Ute Trail Road
Cedaredge, CO 81413
Nov. 22, 2023

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this letter from me as a former OHV subcommittee member of over 28 years as an official letter of support for the WSATVA OHV sub-contractor grant for the 2024-2025 grant season.

The reason I support this grant request is because it is a solution to the existing problems that **have not been solved**. The biggest problem is the ability for the clubs to get insurance to work on trails. And based on the latest meetings and feedback from clubs, it is almost impossible to get insurance for working on trails.

This grant is to use a sub-contractor that can get insurance and in this grant the estimates given are from contractors that currently work for the FS or have in the past. Using contractors is nothing new. This grant is **not** competition to the FS but support for voids that may occur in their hiring process and would do work the clubs will no longer be able to do because of the restrictions and the average age of these clubs. Most members are in their late sixties or older. This club turns in over three thousand volunteer hours a year and if they cannot work on the trails like in the past because of insurance and additional training, this is a solution to fill that void. If there are other options, I have not heard of any through the countless meetings we have sat through. This type of program is a partnership that allows the clubs to stay involved as they will oversee the contractor. Rampart Range has been doing a similar program for over 18 years.

WSATVA still plans to collaborate with the volunteer agreement to remove fallen trees, clear water bars and basic trail clearing (Adopt a Trail). They do an excellent job of working with the Grand Valley Ranger District and Ouray Ranger District and this program would assist needed trail maintenance without competing with existing FS grants. Together this program provides the important consistency in trail maintenance on the GMUG. The sub-contractor grant that WSATV received this past year has been working very well.

It is our understanding that this grant would specifically target Monument Trail (#518) and other trails in that area that need trail maintenance. Together this program provides the very important consistency in trail maintenance on the GMUG.

I support a program such as the grant application that WSATVA is applying for. This program would increase funding to do routine trail maintenance knowing that clubs cannot do what they have done in the past because of insurance along with the ongoing hiring problems the FS has. I do not see any changes for next year except hiring one or two full time people and that does not solve the hiring issues for the Good Management crews and other support crews.

I support the concept of this grant application for WSATVA and would like to see move innovative and collaborative efforts like this in the future.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Liebetrau

TMW Board Member, Uncompahgre Trail Riders member and former OHV Sub-Committee Member



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November 16, 2023

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manger
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter of support for the Subcontract Trail Maintenance 2024-2025 Application that the Western Slope ATV Association is submitting to Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Western Slope ATV Association volunteers hundreds of hours each year to maintain ATV trails and bridges on Forest Service Lands in and around Mesa County. They have adopted more than 50 trails on the Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre and BLM lands in Mesa and Garfield Counties. The benefit of this work is not just enjoyed by our citizens, but all of the recreating public that visits our area as well. This grant would assist the Association by funding a program to build and maintain their adopted trails.

The Mesa County Board of County Commissioners fully supports the efforts of the Western Slope ATV Association in this request and we respectfully request that you consider awarding them the Subcontract Trail Maintenance grant so they may continue their much-needed work on behalf of the recreating public.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Rowland".

Janet Rowland
Chair, Mesa County Commissioners



November 13, 2023

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

SUBJECT: Western Slope ATV Association, Trail Maintenance Support Grant Application

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as a letter of support for Western Slope ATV Association's (WSATVA) grant application to provide supplemental support to their local land management trail maintenance crew(s). The TPA is an advocacy organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and takes the necessary action to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trail recreational opportunities.

Building on the efforts of WSATVA in past CPW OHV grant cycle(s), the TPA supports and endorses continuation of the concept and innovation to utilize contractor support to augment the existing trail maintenance model to improve the effectiveness of collective trail maintenance activities. WSATVA's grant application will strive to improve productivity of trail maintenance tasks, increase the miles of trails maintained and improve the Grand Mesa's recreational trail network and infrastructure. Specifically, this grant application will build upon the work previously accomplished on the Monument Trail system (aka Trail #518) by WSATVA. Relocation of Trail #518 (approximately 11 miles) is due in part to the planned raising of the dam crest and resulting pool elevation of Monument Reservoir. The TPA appreciates that creative solutions like this work from WSATVA are necessary in light of the challenges faced by our land manager partners to hire and field experienced, productive trail maintenance crews in a timely and efficient manner.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance



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Grand Valley Ranger District

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File Code: 1560; 2350
Date: November 16, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Grant Proposal – WSATVA Contractor Grant 2025

Dear OHV Subcommittee Members:

The Grand Valley Ranger District supports the grant submitted by Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA). The proposed grant will provide funds to hire a subcontractor for reconstruction of the Monument Trail on the Grand Mesa National Forest.

WSATVA has partnered with the Grand Valley Ranger District for many years to determine maintenance needs on Forest Service managed trails and to help set priorities. Once those priorities have been set, we determine if the work would best be completed by agency crews or volunteers and often through collaboration of both. The club has dedicated countless volunteer hours to perform maintenance, including removal of downed trees, installing signage, building, and hardening drainages, and repairing and installing structures such as bridges.

The Grand Valley Ranger District and WSATVA successfully administered contract work in the Park Creek drainage, allowing agency crews to work on other trails on the district. With 1.5 miles completed in 2023, we are excited to see this work continue. Monument Trail is a locally loved trail and offers great views and engaging riding terrain. Getting this trail back into a sustainable condition is important for the recreation opportunities it provides and for protecting the use of landscape.

The Grand Valley Ranger District recognizes the benefits of this project and supports the continue funding of this OHV opportunity.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS
District Ranger



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November 9, 2023

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager & OHV Sub-Committee Members
Colorado State Parks and Wildlife
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Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA) Grant Request - Trail Maintenance 2024

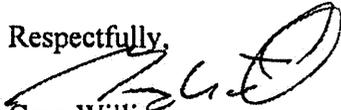
Dear Mr. Metsa & OHV Sub-Committee Members:

The volunteers for the Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA) contribute significant time and effort in the repair, maintenance, and construction of trails on public lands that ultimately benefits many users. Ute Water Conservancy District (District) is one of those beneficiaries of the volunteer work performed on motorized trails and bridges which the District utilizes to operate and maintain its reservoirs and ditches on public land.

It is our understanding that this grant application is requesting funds to continue to perform maintenance of existing and approved OHV routes which in some areas will involve the use of heavy equipment. In consideration of the limited time and personnel resources potentially available to the Forest Service or similar land management agencies, enabling the WSATVA to continue their important partnership efforts towards maintaining trails is essential. Their efforts help keep trail enthusiasts and users on the trail by addressing concerns such as fallen trees and erosion prone areas while protecting sensitive areas and maintaining access for local, state, and federal land managers.

We recognize that while some wait for others to step forward, WSATVA understands the impacts to trail systems and subsequently makes efforts to proactively maintain the approved trails their members and others use and enjoy. On behalf of the District, we support the efforts of the WSATVA and appreciate your consideration of this grant request. We urge you to award this grant to WSATVA so they can continue the beneficial service they provide, on the behalf of water users and the recreating public.

Respectfully,



Greg Williams

Assistant Manager - Ute Water Conservancy District



(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 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