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Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

Enclosed is the 2025 Good OHV Management Program grant application from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office for the BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew. It is my belief that the OHV Good Management Crew is an asset to the Gunnison Field Office and the OHV public.

Through this partnership, we are pleased to put our OHV dollars to work providing top notch recreation opportunities and services. The OHV Good Management Program allows the Gunnison Field Office to better retain crew members, invest in their training, and more accurately plan for future trail maintenance projects. This program has demonstrated a sound reinvestment of OHV dollars into maintaining and improving our multiple-use resource. This partnership has clear benefits not only to our larger landscape and individual recreators, but to our local economy as well. We hope to continue this opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact Benny Harken (719-849-9441) or Megan Mast of my staff at (970) 642-4957.

Sincerely,

Jon F Kaminsky
Field Manager

Enclosure(s)

- 1 – Grant Application (9 p)
- 2 - 2025 Annual Work Plan (2 p)



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

Name of Project: BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew 2025	Date of Application: 11/16/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$230,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$105,000 <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, Gunnison Field Office

Mailing Address: 2500 E New York Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230

Telephone: 719-849-9441 Email: bharken@blm.gov

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Benny Harken Title: OHV Park Ranger

Mailing Address: 2500 E New York Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230

Telephone: 719-849-9441 Email: bharken@blm.gov

Is this the primary contact for this grant:
YES NO

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

Name: Benny Harken Title: OHV Park Ranger

Mailing Address: 2500 E New York Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230

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

Name: Scott Stewart Title: Budget Analyst

Mailing Address: 2505 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401

Telephone: 970-240-5350 Email: msstewart@blm.gov

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Gunnison, Lake City, Silverton		
County(ies): Gunnison, Hinsdale, San Juan, Saguache, Ouray		
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Hartman Rocks, Silverton, Lake City		
Township/Range/Section: Multiple		
State Senate District #: 5&6	State Representative District #: 59,61,62	
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>BLM</u>		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>56</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>1.22</u> Miles of Full-sized: <u>990</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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" 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.)	
75		
5	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
10	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
10	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)	
100	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)	

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew 2025	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Benny Harken	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$230,000	Grant Request: \$105,000

Project Description: The Good OHV Management Crew will develop, maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, parking and support facilities; reconstruct OHV trails and related facilities; produce, install and maintain signage for OHV trails and support facilities; develop, deliver and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service and BLM that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement.

The requested amount will cover 20 weeks of salary for a GS-07 Park Ranger and the BLM will cover the remaining weeks up to a 26-week season (6 months). This position is vital to the success of our OHV Trail Crew program. As our program has grown, so has our need to provide the crew with good direction and leadership from an experienced leader. This position is responsible for providing consistent on-the-ground crew leadership during the busiest months of the year. Also, with the additional team member we are able to contact more OHV users in the field, help coordinate additional education efforts like Stay the Trail events and allows the crew to complete larger trail and maintenance projects. The BLM Gunnison Field Office will continue to provide crew oversight, supervision, and planning by the Outdoor Recreation Planners on staff.

WHO

This proposal is being submitted by the BLM Gunnison Field Office located in Gunnison, Colorado. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a federal government agency under the Department of Interior. The BLM Gunnison Field Office will be the responsible party for this project. Four seasonal crew members will perform the field work and will be led by the career-seasonal crew leader and supervised by the Gunnison Field Office's Outdoor Recreation Planner.

WHERE

The BLM Gunnison Field Office, based out of Gunnison, Colorado will be the responsible party for this project. The field office manages 625,00 acres ranging from Crested Butte, down south to Silverton. The main OHV recreational opportunities within the GFO are at Hartman Rocks, outside of Gunnison that has 50+ miles of motorized singletrack as well as the Alpine Loop, a backcountry byway located in the San Juan Mountains that. The Alpine Loop includes hundreds of miles of 4x4 roads for OHV use.

WHAT

Our field office plans to hire 4 crew members for the 2025 season and continue Good Management Status. In addition, it is also necessary to continue funding the crew lead position for the 2025 season to guide the crew in meeting their objectives. The primary goal of the trail crew is to ensure the responsible management, conservation, and enhancement of OHV trails and associated recreational opportunities within our jurisdiction in the Gunnison field office. Our objective is to create a safe, sustainable, and enjoyable OHV experience for all users while protecting the natural and cultural resources.

- Project deliverables and focus of the Gunnison BLM OHV Trail Crew:
 - To maintain numerous facilities for OHV users throughout the Gunnison Field Office.
 - To maintain and replace signage in popular OHV recreation areas.
 - Allocate resources to develop educational materials, conduct outreach activities, and collaborate with local OHV clubs and organizations to educate users about the importance of sustainable OHV practices. This includes respecting trail closures, minimizing environmental impact, and adhering to regulations.
 - Maintenance and improvement of parking areas, restroom facilities, and safety measures to enhance the overall visitor experience.
 - To continue implementing the 2010 Gunnison Basin Travel Management Plan decision on BLM lands and the 2020 Silverton Travel Management Plan.
 - Maintain and improve 50+ miles of motorized single track trails at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area. This includes addressing erosion, repairing damaged trail segments, and enhancing trail signage. We aim to ensure that these trails are accessible, well-maintained, and safe for OHV users.
 - Patrol the Alpine loop to ensure visitors are within compliance of the established guidelines. It also allows for the prompt identification and resolution of safety hazards, such as fallen trees, rockslides, or damaged trail sections.

The crew salary, travel for overnight work assignments or training, two BLM truck costs, PPE, trailer maintenance, and UTV/motorcycle maintenance costs would be provided by the grant.

The Gunnison BLM Field Office will provide crew supervision and support, UTV and Motorcycle training, trails training, seasonal orientation training, Law Enforcement back-up, cleaning supplies, signs and tools.

WHEN

To start off the season (May-June) the OHV Trail Crew will be opening Hartman Rocks Recreation Area after conditions permit depending on snow melt. The crew will focus on maintaining 50+ miles of motorized single track by doing routine trail maintenance, campsite clean up and maintenance as well as sign maintenance.

The crew will focus their efforts in July and August working on the Alpine Loop; conducting regular maintenance at 2 OHV staging areas, 25 toilets, and multiple interpretive pull-offs, parking areas and dispersed campsites. They will also conduct visitor information and education contacts and implement travel management work.

In September and October, the crew will split their time between the Lake City, Silverton and Gunnison areas conducting late season OHV trail maintenance at Hartman Rocks, routine facility maintenance, travel management plan implementation, and OHV visitor information and education with hunters. Travel management implementation will be focused in various areas of the field office.

Season: May 2025 – October 2025 (6 months of Crew Work)

- May and June the crew will work primarily at Hartman Rocks near Gunnison and prepare facilities on the Alpine Loop for the busy season.
- July and August the crew will work on the Alpine Loop and divide their time between Silverton and Lake City.
- September and October the crew will be based out of Gunnison working at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.

Program Funding Acknowledgement

The crew will acknowledge the OHV grant program by incorporating the Dollars at work logo on crew shirts, magnets on work trucks, BLM signs, as well as stickers on UTV's and dirt bikes.

Budget Form

Project Name: BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew 2025

Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2025

Project Sponsor: BLM, Gunnison 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)			\$ 105,000.00
BLM In-Kind:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Salary not covered by grant for additional GS-07 Crew Leader position		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
UTV/Motorcycle/Trailer Maintenance and Fuel	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies Purchased by BLM: Signs, hardware, lumber, screws/bolts, power tools, toilet paper and maintenance supplies		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
Staff Salary Dedicated to Managing OHV Use on Public Lands		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	\$ 230,000.00

I. Personnel Costs
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.

Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
GS-07 - OHV Trail Crew Leader (Permanent Career Seasonal)	\$ 38.40		\$ 20,000.00
GS-05 - OHV Trail Crew Member 1	\$ 31.00		\$ 15,000.00
GS-05 - OHV Trail Crew Member 2	\$ 31.00		\$ 15,000.00
GS-05 - OHV Trail Crew Member 3	\$ 31.00		\$ 15,000.00
GS-05 - OHV Trail Crew Member 4	\$ 31.00		\$ 15,000.00
PPE, Per Diem, OT, Training			\$ 5,000.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,741.94	Category Total	\$ 85,000.00

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

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

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

UTV, Motorcycle repairs, OHV Fuel, OHV trailer maintenance	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 10,000.00

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

2 BLM Trucks used on the OHV crew	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 10,000.00

IV. Contracted Services
Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs

	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

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

	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

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

Total	\$ 105,000.00
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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.

Project Name: BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew; Project Sponsor: BLM Gunnison 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 Gunnison Resource Management Plan Date: 1993

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

Date and title of document:

- Gunnison Basin Federal Lands Travel Management BLM Record of Decision – June 28, 2010
Gunnison Resource Management Plan – February 1993
Alpine Triangle Special Recreation Area Management Plan – September 30, 2010
Hartman Rocks Special Recreation Area Management Plan – July 28, 2014
Silverton Travel Management Plan – September 21, 2020

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

N/A

N/A

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

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for None Planned.

Jon F. Kaminsky, Field Manager Gunnison Field Office

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

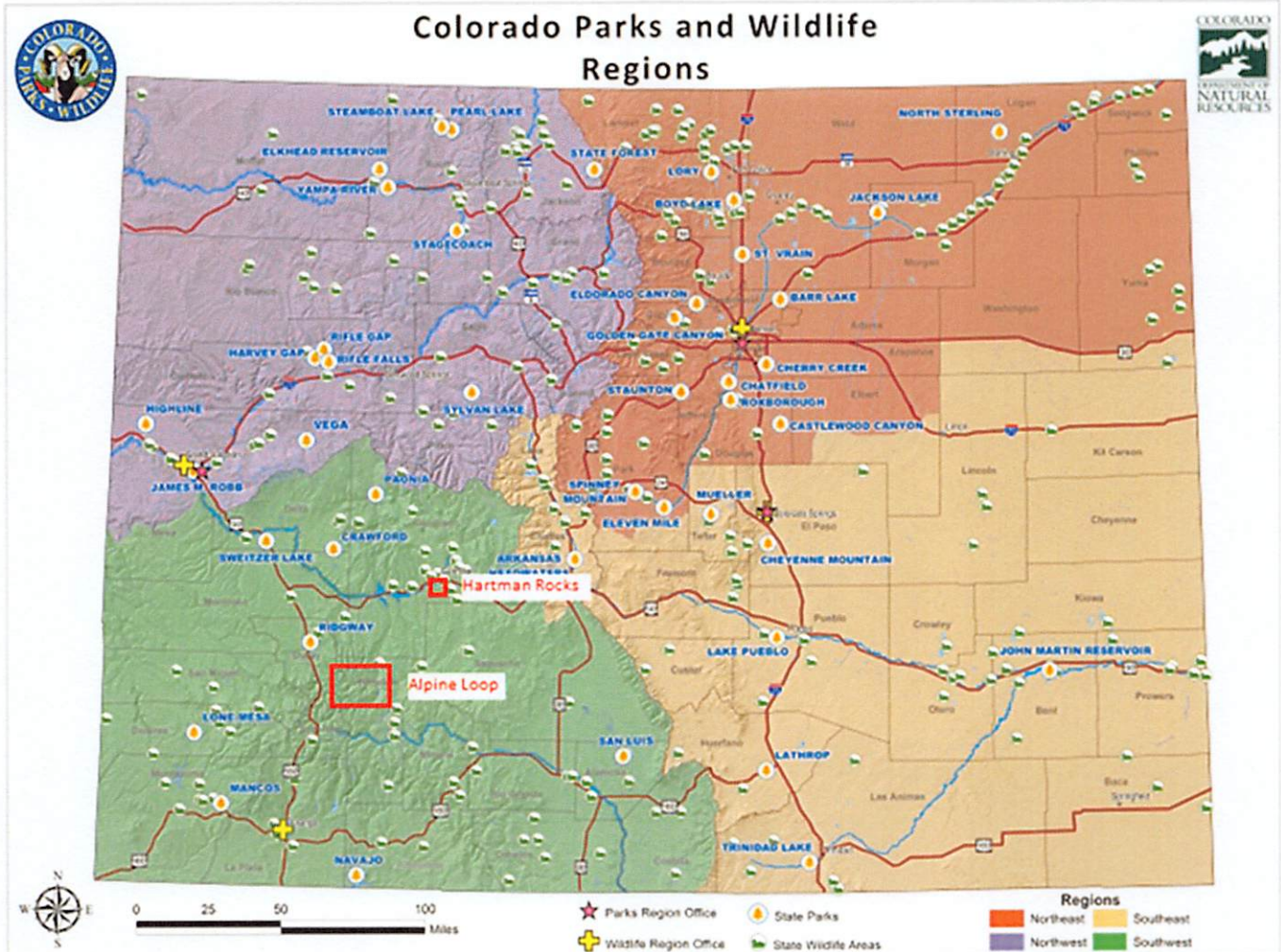
Jon F. Kaminsky
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/16/2023

Date

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

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.

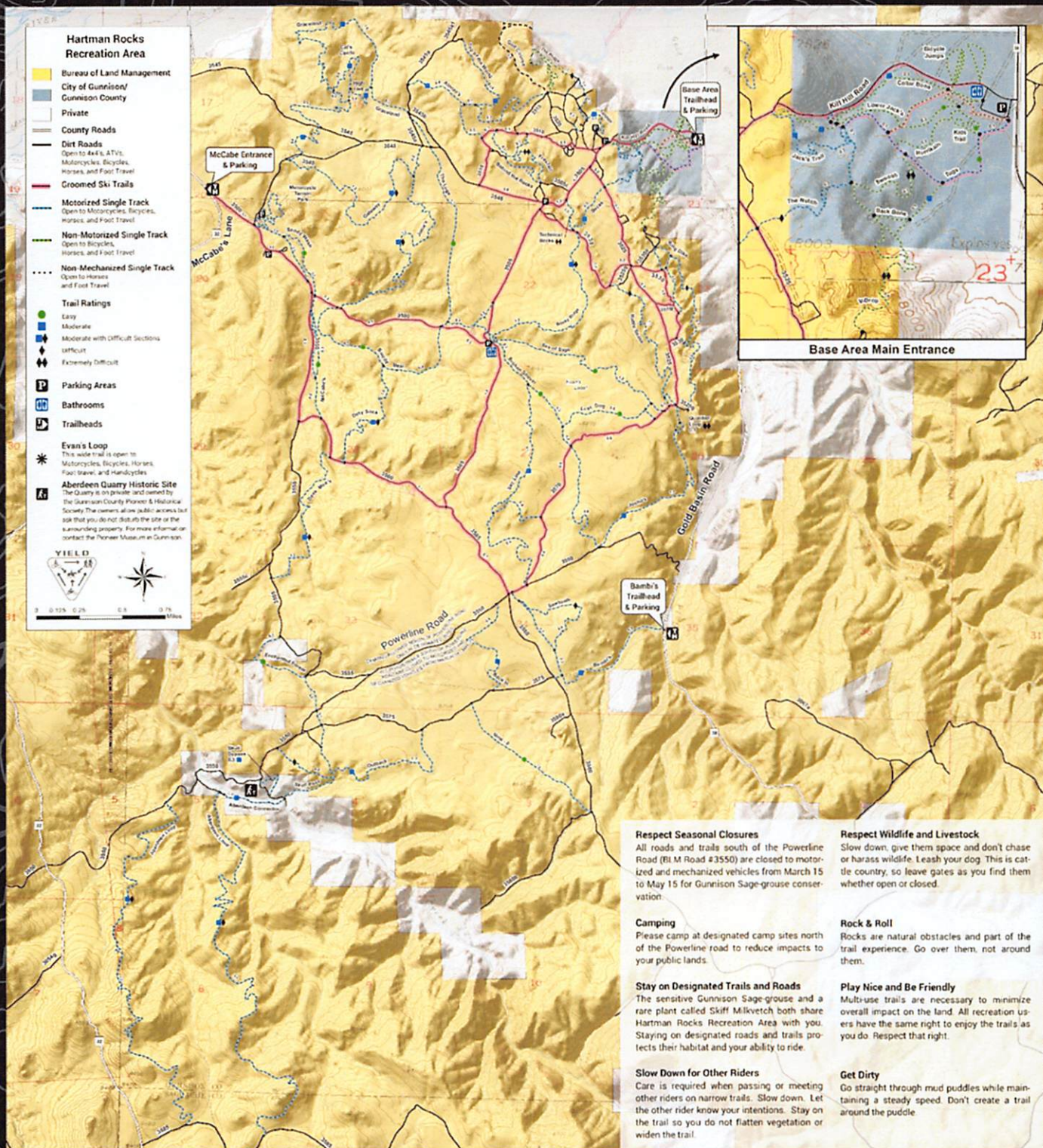


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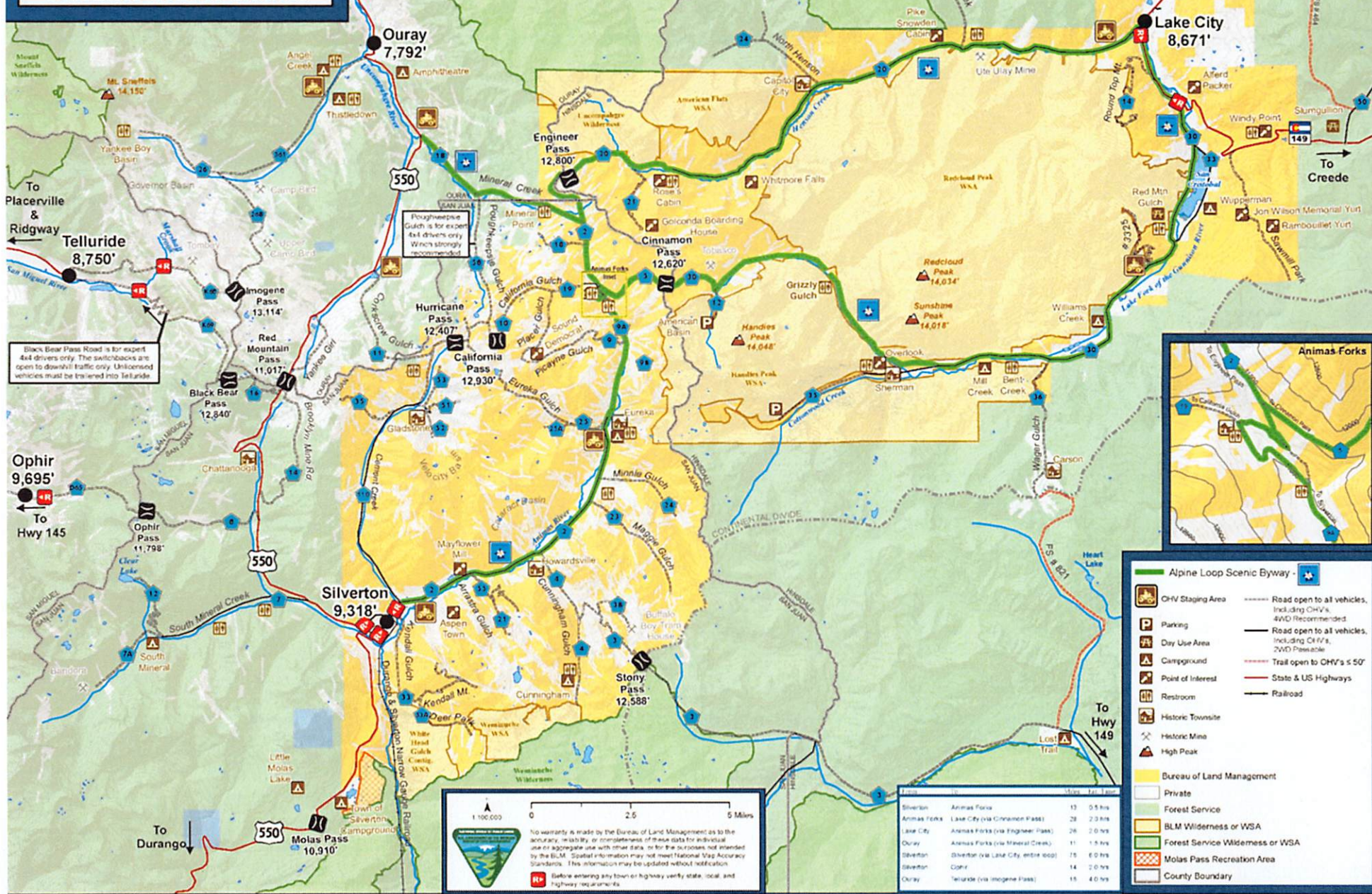
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Hartman Rocks Recreation Area Trails



Greater Alpine Loop Area Motor Vehicle Summer Travel Routes





2025 Work Season Project List

Trail Crew Plan for May-June 2025

- 1. Hartman Rocks Recreation Area Maintenance:** Maintain 48 miles of trail at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for motorized riders.
- 2. Collaboration with Gunnison Valley OHV Alliance of Trail Riders:** Collaborate with the local OHV club to maintain the Motorcycle Terrain Park and the new skills course trail at Hartman Rocks.
- 3. Litter and Campsite Clean-Up:** Ongoing litter and campsite clean-up at Hartman Rocks to maintain a clean and welcoming environment.
- 4. Sign Maintenance/Installation:** Maintain and install road and trail signs at Hartman Rocks for improved wayfinding and safety.
- 5. Hartman Rocks Spring Clean-Up:** Organize and participate in the Hartman Rocks Spring Clean-up, a volunteer workday.
- 6. Visitor Contacts:** Conduct visitor contacts at Hartman Rocks to provide information, assistance, and promote responsible trail use.
- 7. Gate Opening:** Open road and trail gates at Hartman Rocks in the spring to mark the start of the season.
- 8. Alpine Loop Facilities Maintenance:** Maintain facilities on the Alpine Loop for a safe and comfortable experience.
- 9. Alpine Loop Signage:** Install and repair signs on the Alpine Loop to enhance wayfinding and safety.

Trail Crew Plan for June-July-August 2025

- 1. Sign and Barrier Maintenance:** Fix and replace damaged signs and barriers on the Alpine Loop Backcountry Scenic Byway.
- 2. Deferred Facilities Maintenance:** Address deferred maintenance on facilities related to OHV recreation on the Alpine Loop.
- 3. Visitor Contacts - Alpine Loop:** Conduct visitor contacts on the Alpine Loop Backcountry Scenic Byway to provide information and enhance visitor experiences.
- 4. Facilities Maintenance - Alpine Loop:** Maintain 25 restroom facilities, 2 staging areas, and numerous interpretive pull-outs on the Alpine Loop.
- 5. Travel Management Signs:** Install and maintain travel management signs, barriers, and directional signage on the Alpine Loop.
- 6. Campsite Clean-Up:** Clean up dispersed campsites and address litter issues on the Alpine Loop.
- 7. Information Conveyance:** Convey information about trail conditions and updates on the Alpine Loop to the Lake City and Silverton Visitor Centers.

8. **Alpine Loop Patrol:** Patrol the Alpine Loop by truck, UTV, and motorcycle to monitor trail conditions and ensure visitor safety.

9. **Parking Issues:** Address parking issues on the Alpine Loop to ensure safe and organized parking for visitors.

10. **"Stay the Trail" Event:** Host the "Stay the Trail" trailer at various locations on the Alpine Loop to promote responsible OHV use.

Trail Crew Plan for September-October 2025

1. **Late Season Trail Maintenance at Hartman Rocks:** Conduct late-season trail maintenance at Hartman Rocks as needed to ensure safety and quality trail experiences. Clean campsites and empty fire rings.

2. **Travel Management Signage:** Install travel management signage as needed to improve wayfinding and safety.

Tasks:

3. **Facilities Maintenance:** Conduct facilities maintenance as needed on the Alpine Loop and near Gunnison. Prepare facilities that may need closed for the winter.

4. **Hunter Patrols:** Conduct hunter patrols to ensure compliance with OHV regulations and promote responsible hunting practices.

5. **Late Season Trail Maintenance at Hartman Rocks:** Continue late-season trail maintenance at Hartman Rocks to address any remaining issues. Prepare trails for winter closures.

6. **Maintain equipment:** Winterize and maintain all dirt bikes and UTV's before the season is over.
