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MEMORANDUM

To: State Trails Committee

From: Travis Black
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Subject: 2025 OHV grant applications review and comments

Date 2/2/2024

District and Area Wildlife Managers and staff have reviewed and provided comments on the OHV trail grants for applications proposing work in the Northwest Region. Below is a list by application name with a summary of our comments and concerns. Should more information be desired on any of our comments please do not hesitate to contact Randy Engle (randy.engle@state.co.us or 970 260 2379) as he has all the source data from the Area Managers. We hope that the reviewers and staff find the enclosed information useful in evaluating and scoring the grant applications.

Good Management

GM02 Statewide Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM03 Grand Lake Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM06 Grand Valley Crew

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant and requests that the Forest Service focuses on opening trails that are not near fawning/calving areas first to avoid impacting on fawning and calving.



GM08 State Forest Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM09 Dillon Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM10 Colorado River Valley Crew

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant. We would like to see more performance in non-system route closures user contact for travel management.

GM12 Flat Tops Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM15 Eagle Zoned Crew

The Northwest Region is neutral on the grant and requests more enforcement and travel management.

GM16 Grand Junction Field Office Crew

The Region is neutral on this grant and requests that the BLM work with Area 7 on their concerns with Horse Mountain.

GM17 GJFO DNCA/MCNCA

The Northwest Region supports this grant

GM19 Parks RD Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

GM21 Kremmling Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant and encourages the grantee to continue and add to their weekend/holiday safety and enforcement efforts at the North Sand Hills and at other busy locations in the field office.

Competitive:

6 Grand Valley Heavy Equipment Crew

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant.

9 Dillon Equipment

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant.

12 Megawatt Moto Complex

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

16 Silt Mesa Paleo Surveys

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant. We understand that planning for this grant and NEPA are well underway. This drainage, like the rest of these short steep drainages serve as winter deer habitat. We are concerned that this trail will be the start of multiple trails in the Silt Mesa area which could have a cumulative impact on deer populations. We request a winter closure on this and all trails in the Silt Mesa area.

18 GJFO Equipment Ops

The Northwest Region supports this grant

21 HPBE Elkhorn Bridge

The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests collaboration between USFS Fisheries Biologist (Rick Henderson) and our Aquatic Biologist (Billy Atkinson) to discuss and incorporate BMPs' to minimize and mitigate potential impacts to aquatic resources during and after construction.

22 HPBE Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests more communication between the crew and Area 10. Specifically, Area 10 requests enforce record updates showing contacts, warnings, citations on a regular basis.

24 White River Crew

The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests that major construction work be avoided in fawning/calving areas May 15- June 30.

25 Little Snake Field Office

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

31 GJ Moto Track Phase 5

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

35 Granby Moto Track

The Northwest Region supports this grant

43 Rifle District UTV Gear

The Northwest Region supports this grant

44 Return To Dirt 2025

The Northwest Region is neutral on this grant.

45 Reunion Trail Phase 2

The Northwest Regions has concerns about this project to include increasing trail densities and fragmentation. We request that the project be re-evaluated with CPW involvement and reduced fragmentation.

47 Grizzly Helena

The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests that the grant applicant and the USFS coordinate with local CPW staff if/when construction activities are planned that may affect wildlife and their associated habitat (the local DWM is Jacob Way).

49 WSATVA Supplies and Equipment

The Northwest Region supports this grant.

50 WSATVA Dozer

The Norwest Region is neutral on this grant.

51 WSATVA Subcontractor

The Northwest Region supports this grant and requests that work in fawning/calving areas be delayed until after fawning/calving has concluded.