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To whom it may concern

Please note that the copies do not contain the pages that are not applicable to a workshop grant. This is noted on the bottom of page one of the grant copies. Land acquisition, NEPA, equipment and actual trail maintenance and construction are not a part of this grant. Future locations for the workshops take months with agency cooperation and Parks is notified as soon as the locations are identified.

Thank you

2024-2025

Off-Highway Vehicle Program State Trail Grant Application



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

Name of Project: COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops (2)	Date of Application: 11/15/2023
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$80,000.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$70,000.00 <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: COHVCO Trails Partnership

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Telephone: 303 378-39125 Email: g.abboud@comcast.net

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: Keith Douglas Title: COHVCO Trails Partnership Board member

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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 *Project Contact* changes.

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

Name: Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Email:

****Please note that only the pages that require completion for workshops are included with the grant copies. For example, C-1 ,C-2 and D-2, involving NEPA, land acquisition, heavy equipment and trail maintenance and construction planning for an on the ground project are not included: they are not in any way relevant to this grant, add unnecessary cost and are a waste of paper. Thank You**

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: To be determined

County(ies):

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

Township/Range/Section:

State Senate District #: State Representative District #:

LAND OWNERSHIP

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

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

Miles of Singletrack: _____ Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: _____

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

All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input 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 35%	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.)
20%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
35%	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: 2024 COHVCO Workshops	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: : COHVCO Trails Partnership	Application Year: 2024-2025.
Project Contact: Keith Douglas	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$78,000	Grant Request: \$75,000

Project Description:

The COHVCO Trails Partnership will host a 2 day and a 3 day educational workshop focused on trail maintenance and construction and chainsaw and/or OHV trainings around these events on an as needed basis.

- (1) **3 day workshop.** The Great Trails Workshop (GTW) presented with the National Off-Highway Conservation Council. This 2023 Great Trails Workshop was held on the Sulfer Ranger District and trained approximately 30 people. This workshop targeted the skillset necessary to effectively move roads to trails. COHVCO was able to hold a motorcycle certification class for approximately a dozen riders on various crews this year. We already have requests for saw training in the upcoming summer. Never has the trails community needed the knowledge of trail sustainability by on the ground means more than today. The Great Trails Workshop is the finest means of developing agency personnel, individuals, clubs and organizations to meet a massive future obligation Based upon the 2023 workshop, the public and the agency participants hiring of staff for the agencies continues to be a barrier and hiring trained staff to address trail related issues is even more difficult.

With our trail's crews, training resources and grant program Colorado has a huge leg up on trail work and those trails crews have new members each year that need training. This is the preeminent workshop for trails crew training and for the public to obtain both on the ground training and certifications including chain saw, motorcycle and ATV certification. Full field training is also a big part of this workshop. Consider too, this is a means of multiplying our volunteer workforce. People who complete the Great Trails Workshop and associated courses are fully certified volunteers and government employees so that whether volunteer or employee they are available to work or be hired to work. At the 2023, COHVCO Workshop a major focus was on not having sufficient volunteers or employees to do the much needed trail work. This is an integral part of that solution. We have already received preliminary interest from the Canyon Lakes Ranger District in hosting a Great Trails Workshop in 2024.

- (2) This year's Annual Workshop was held in Grand Lake Colorado, immediately following a Colorado OHV Subcommittee meeting and was followed by a day long site visit to the East Troublesome Burn Scar restoration effort. Landscape challenges for recreation are becoming larger and more common across the country. The COHVCO Annual Workshop provides a unique opportunity for agency personnel and recreationists to address these landscape issues and it is open to all public riders. Understanding how these landscape issues relate to specific trail or project issues is critical to their resolution and long term success for the motorized community as a whole.

This is one of the important annual workshops as it provides a forum for motorized recreationists and agency personnel to exchange ideas, discuss major issues and plan for the future of motorized recreation. As mentioned above, topics ranged from having enough certified trail workers to what is the best model for improving our OHV program's effectiveness to emissions to changes in other relevant laws and regulations. Considerably more time and discussion are needed on these and other topics and a 2024 workshop is the best forum available to do this. The 2023 workshop was attended by approximately 70 people.

The COHVCO workshop moves around the state to new locations every year to bring as many local participants as possible. In a sense, it is a traveling forum. The subject matter may vary from critical local issues to subjects of national concern. By continuing annual workshops we not only access and discuss forest service and BLM management planning but additionally updates on the Colorado OHV Program, Stay the Trail, federal actions, agency planning, state legislative action, OHV grant writing, identifying areas of the state that need special attention, e.g., wildfire, deadfall, maintenance and other areas needing special attention. The workshop brings in experts in numerous fields of motorized recreation and land conservation to address these topics.

WHO: The COHVCO Trails Partnership is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to the education and empowerment all parties involved in motorized recreation from the recreationists to the state and to the general public regarding responsible land use, respect for nature and making Colorado trails a legacy worthy of future generations. In short: the best land stewardship skills and resources we can provide.

WHERE: As is always the case, the workshop planning and coordination with the public and the respective agencies begins in December. The CTP must rely on the availability of employees of state and federal land management agencies such as CPW and Forest Service/BLM. This takes considerable time and face to face planning.

WHAT: Workshop 1 Great Trails. Educate all parties involved in the most up to date and highly respected programmatic trails work for purposes of sustainability and public enjoyment. As a foundation value, the workshops always bring participants together to improve communication and strengthen relationships; especially between enthusiasts and agencies. Great Trails Workshop delivers both classroom and field work with the intent on participants coming away with the necessary materials and skills to be effective stewards of the land. Provides certification for sawyers and to operate OHVS for trail work. Volunteers and employees.

Application of techniques in real world situations all the way down to the use of hand tools is applied. The budget provides for venue, planning, travel, materials, food speakers scholarships and staff. It also provides for management by an expert consultant.

WHAT: COHVCO Workshop 2 Provides a meeting of recreationists and land managers among others to discuss all aspects of motorized recreation. Entertaining multiple points of view for issue identification purposes and subsequently problem solving are applied to critical activities on the federal state and local level. Discussions of the successes of the OHV program and how to make improvements to grant writing and grant updates may also be presented for comment.

WHEN: Efforts are made during planning to work around the busiest times for agencies. Often this includes fire season and peak tourist season including maintenance crew scheduling. We are anticipating that planning for the Great Trails Workshop during midsummer and the COHVCO Workshop in the fall gives the best possible opportunity for the largest attendance.

Program Funding Acknowledgement. The Colorado OHV Workshops are one of the best ways to promote the Colorado OHV Program through workshop publicity, communication and related materials.

Budget Form

Project Name: _____

Date Project will be Completed: _____

Budget Form

Project Name: 2024 COHVCO OHV Workshops 2

Date Project will be Completed: 31-Dec-24

Project Sponsor: COHVCO Trails Partnership

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)	\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000.00
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>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 80,000.00

I. Personnel Costs

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

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Scholarships for clubs members and other participants	\$ -		\$ 6,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ 6,000.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies

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

The Workshops frequently use a large amount of printed materials for education and other goals but these cannot be itemized at this time due to the highly variable > nature of the need and item specific costs	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 2,000.00

III. Equipment

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

Misc supplies as needed	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 3,000.00

IV. Contracted Services

Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs

COHVCO Trails provides a wide range of volunteer support for the Workshop including but not limited too facilitation of the event, agenda development and other services on an as needed basis	\$ -			\$ 54,500.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 54,500.00

V. Volunteer Support

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

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	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
		Category Total		\$ -

VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

Insurance requirements are traditionally covered by contractors but occassional event specific coverage has been needed	\$ -			\$ 1,000.00
		Category Total		\$ 1,000.00

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)

Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)

Grant Adminsitration 5%	\$ 3,500.00			\$ 3,500.00
	\$ -			\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 3,500.00

* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request

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

Total	\$ 70,000.00
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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?
- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?
- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.
- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?
- Why is this project a priority at this time?
- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?
- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

Workshop one will be devoted to the Great Trails Workshop. Based upon the national and regional strategy of the Forest Service and BLM for volunteer stewardship by the public regarding Colorado's trails. Volunteers and agency trails' crews must know how apply best stewardship techniques (based upon best available science) when performing trail maintenance and construction, repairing burn scarring and necessary trail closures for ghost trails. Also, saw training and OHV certification are available and a necessity to perform competent work on public lands.

Workshop 2 is for motorized recreationists to share information and build and strengthen bonds with agency personnel. Motorized recreationists have a huge task in employing sustainability strategies in keeping with the direction of the FS. For 30 years we have de facto assumed much of the role of stewards, but now more is being asked. But now there is a blueprint and we must know the blueprint. We must also do our best to develop conflict strategies and educate OHV users regarding their use. As mentioned much of what was traditionally performed by agencies has fallen upon the shoulders of the people who pay to enjoy the backcountry and that means keeping abreast of the condition of the resources and how best to spend the money. At least once a year we need an intensive, cooperative exchange of ideas. Additionally, review of changes in federal and state laws and regulations are discussed including the impact such laws and regulations bring.

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)*

- Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?
- Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?
- 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
 - 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

The Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) Trails Partnership is a volunteer organization whose Board will provide input and direction to professional conference/event planners on the development of the agenda, acquisition of speakers, processing of registrations, payments, contracting with Hotels & Caterers, meeting material preparation, transportation, presenter coordination and on-site assistance. All of this is uniformly done in conjunction with Parks & Wildlife, Forest Service and BLM State staff.

Instructors in different environmental disciplines may be represented including wildlife, air quality, soils, riparian and cultural resources. Other Resources will include USFS, BLM, State Parks, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, a variety of OHV groups and their members to serve as reference information and a staff resource. OHV group members may also serve as volunteer support for conference planning, registration assistance, participate in activities such as facility clean-up, rider education and be used as onsite trail guides.

Implementation issues will be developed with the land management representatives and the public to assure implementation objectives are vetted so workshop contents will meet the necessary objectives. Educational curriculum will be coordinated with the land management representatives and allows for providing technical assistance to ensure trail maintenance and management objectives meet their standards for resource protection.

The following agencies, organizations and clubs support the workshops:

- U.S. Forest Service, BLM, and Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Thunder Mountain Wheelers
- Northern Colorado Trail Riders
- Front Range Trail Riders
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)
- ATV Safety Institute (ASI)
- Public Access Preservation Association (PAPA)
- Kawasaki Motors Corporation USA
- Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado
- Trails Preservation Alliance
- Responsible Recreation Foundation
- Fay Myers Motorcycle World
- Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee
- Colorado Horse Council
- Mile High Jeep Club
- Creede OHV Club
- Colorado 4wd Association
- San Juan Trail Riders

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)**

- 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.
- 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?
- Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area.

Great Trails Workshop This grant is a foundational grant to develop the necessary awareness and understanding of the changes in focus, mission, focus, and allocation of the resources by the Forest Service. As mentioned earlier the BLM efforts to create *Statewide OHV Action Plans* represents a similar approach, but more limited in impact as it focuses on motorized. Existing problems of small budgets and lacking staff are the object of the national strategy. So as to not be repetitious, the core of the strategy is to literally fix our trail systems. Most conceivable and problems yet unidentified will benefit from a properly implemented trail strategy.

COHVCO Workshop Because of the nature of the workshops, they are intended to address all facets of the scoring elements of this criterion. However, since the workshops are educational in nature, they are not site specific nor project specific. It is clearly the intent of the workshops is to address every matter raised by this section.

The workshops are designed to have the maximum ongoing positive impact as it becomes applicable to most, if not all, future OHV grants.

For example:

- OHV trail design and construction
- Route Designation, the processes by which the USFS and BLM are moving to systems that limit motorized travel to designated trails, roads and areas. This requires a strategy for signs and trail identification that is complimentary to the Motor Vehicle Use Maps
- Developing a system approach to OHV signs that provides the appropriate guidance and is neither misleading nor inadequate as is often the case.
- Seeking a means to close routes with minimal expense and maximum effect. Law enforcement studies show that poor trail signs may require remedial action to gain maximum compliance.
- Maintenance and monitoring go hand in hand. There is still more maintenance identification and consequently monitoring that must be matched to meet public need and protect resources.
- Developing stronger collaborative efforts in land stewardship through education and awareness with enhanced social, economic and environmental monitoring, maintenance and management are needed to implement the management techniques mentioned above. The agencies require volunteer help, cooperation on effective strategies and help with outside resources to implement good management.
- Effective OHV grant application process including related support and partnerships
- Changes and trends in federal, state and local laws.
- Building consensus
- Review program budgets
- Address lack of club/volunteer liability insurance
- More volunteers needed

Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route N/A

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: N/A

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?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

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

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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.
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- 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.
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Travel Management

Any critical topic related to implementation of future grants directed at travel management are designed to be discussed, but not necessarily in a site-specific context except by a case analysis. This includes improved mapping, signs, barriers, inexpensive but effective methods of closure, identifying priorities and sources of funding. All of which are subject to a newly developed Regional Trails Strategy and implementation of federal agency planning.

The best approach to providing quality multiple use trail experiences and resource protection are overarching principles. Active management is also a key. Where required, rerouting and repairing trails per the implementation plan will be discussed as will the role of volunteers. Implementation is a long-term proposition and can take quite some time. Expediting implementation is a topic unto itself.

The Workshops have a long-proven history of educating OHV users and land managers. The Workshops have proven to be an ideal tool for these efforts as the free exchange of ideas and input on challenges faced among users and agency personnel is paramount. These Workshops identify ways of educating the public on a wide range of issues including wildlife habitat, T&E species, law enforcement issues, changing needs of the recreational users and other issues in an open forum. The Workshops also provide onsite evaluations of appropriate implementation of statutory changes, plan changes or best management practices in real word situations. The Workshops have also proven highly successful in connecting local user groups with land managers in their area, which has proven effective in developing partnerships and improving trails for all users in the long term.

In short all of the elements put in practice over the years by the agency and the public will be profoundly impacted by a new national and regional trails strategy. regarding travel management, education and enforcement will allow these efforts to be successful.

Education

The workshops will educate OHV users about travel management regulations and plans and the reasons for the existence of these plans. It will assist land management agencies in successfully implementing and enforcing travel management plans. The workshop is the educational tool in this instance. All OHV workshops, including this one become a primary tool for the exchange of ideas among trail users and

agencies. This workshop identifies ways of educating the OHV public and trail users in general about everything from responsible use to proper signs. It is the one time each year when discussions on wildlife habitat, T &E Species, law enforcement and opportunities can be discussed by stakeholders in an open forum. The workshop also includes an onsite evaluation of appropriate implementation of TMP.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

This is a consistent category of application to all future grants and will be discussed both in depth in the Great Trails Workshop and the COHVCO Workshop. The modern approach to trails suggests that planning, design, implementation, signage, closure techniques and opportunity are the first steps toward enforcement. The modern approach does not abandon typical law enforcement but supplements it by what are essentially strategies that assist and direct the public in the most environmentally friendly ways to use and share trails with minimal impact to the environment.

Thunder Mountain Wheelers
PO Box 203
Delta, CO 81416
Nov 21, 2023



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

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter from the Thunder Mountain Wheelers (TMW) club as an official letter of support for the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalitions (COHVCO) Trails Partnership educational workshops, a Great Trails Workshop and an informational workshop on all the agency changes.

Previous COHVCO workshops have shown an increasing interest in partnerships among OHV recreationists, federal agencies, and local government. Much more needs to be done to educate all partners on the planning and execution of projects providing the best in land stewardship. These workshops bring to the agencies and OHV enthusiasts state of the art trail maintenance, construction, rerouting and rehabilitation techniques for providing great trails with hands on training. It is becoming clearer that more and more recreational trails are required to serve public demand, the need for quality and sustainable trails area necessity.

We fully support COHVCO's grant request for workshops as ongoing training is a must for the OHV program and COHVCO does an excellent job of this through their many workshops.

Sincerely,

TMW Board

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Using, Not Abusing, Our Public Lands



November 16, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Att: Grant Committees
13787 S Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: COHVCO Workshops Grant Application

Dear Committee Members:

Please accept this correspondence as the vigorous support of the Off-Road Business Association ("ORBA") with regard to the COHVCO grant application to CPW relative to educational workshops to be undertaken in Colorado in 2025. ORBA is a national not-for-profit trade association of motorized off-road related businesses formed to promote and preserve off-road recreation in an environmentally responsible manner and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. ORBA works with partners and businesses and has several members who are based in Colorado. ORBA works to address OHV related recreational issues in a proactive and collaborative manner with land managers and is very familiar with the principals of educational workshops and the fact that COHVCO workshops are often identified as a national model for collaborative education.

These workshops have developed discussions on issues that are rarely addressed nationwide, such as challenges for insurance to clubs and how to address agency staffing issues effectively. Research into salary and other barriers to federal hiring has proven to be a huge resource for discussions nationally including recent efforts by the new BLM nonprofit partner report on the BLM's 21st Century Blueprint for Recreation. Often serious issues like hiring are overlooked in national reports and resources like the COHVCO workshop allow national or regional issues like this to be addressed and directly improve trail opportunities on the ground in the long run.

These workshops are an exceptional opportunity to educate and collaborate with land managers, various elected officials and users to address issues a wide range of issues. ORBA would welcome a discussion of these opportunities and any other issues that might be arise relative to this grant application at your convenience. If you have questions please feel free to contact Fred Wiley, ORBA's President and CEO at 1701 Westwind Drive #108, Bakersfield, CA. Mr. Wiley phone is 661-323-1464 and his email is fwiley@orba.biz.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred M. Wiley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fred Wiley, ORBA President and CEO



November 17, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops OHV Grant Application

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

Please accept this Letter of Support from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) for the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), 2024 OHV Workshops Grant application. 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.

These workshops have historically and consistently provided an exceptional opportunity for recreationists and land managers to collaborate to discuss the numerous and complex aspects of motorized recreation throughout the State of Colorado. The workshops facilitate the sharing of multiple and diverse points of view from the participants along with issue identification and creative problem solving. The TPA supports, and often participates in these workshops and endorses COHVCO's application for OHV grant funds to help finance the workshops. The COHVCO workshops have proven to be one of the best approaches to promote communication, collaboration and cooperation between OHV users, clubs, advocacy groups, land managers, and resources specialists.

The TPA supports funding the COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops OHV Grant application.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance

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November 21, 2023

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter of support from the Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado on behalf of the COHVCO Trails Partnership grant to update the economic and use study of OHVs in Colorado. In the past 18 months we have seen great growth in the sale and use of OHVS.

As original supports of the OHV Registration Program we have seen the great strides it has made in the enjoyment of OHV recreation and its ability to protect and maintain Colorado's beauty and natural resources. No question OHV use is on the rise and we believe the previous studies were enormously helpful in not only showing economic benefit to Colorado, but also in future planning and allocation of OHV funds.

With fires and other issues, notably growth in recreation as a result of the pandemic, it is more and more important to determine where best the funds can be spent. Use data is incredibly important for this task and with the recent changes, a necessity.

Please support this grant and fund it so we can continue to benefit people and the environment. A true win-win.

Sincerely,

Dalton Dimick
Chairman of the Board
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Tom Metsa
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Subject: RRMMC letter of support for COHVCO grant applications

Dear Tom,

The Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) is writing to support the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition's (COHVCO), OHV State Trail Grant Applications to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Off-Highway Vehicle Program this year. For more than 28 years, COHVCO has been hosting Annual OHV Workshops to educate recreationists and land managers about critical topics impacting OHV recreation. COHVCO has been providing partnerships and education to all stakeholders in positive, sustainable, OHV, 4wd and snowmobile recreation. Participants to these events typically include OHV enthusiasts, staff members from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, USFS and BLM. These workshops focus on the vision and goals for OHV recreation in the future.

The relationship COHVCO has developed with OHV enthusiasts and land managers is an excellent example of the cooperative effort needed to ensure a successful future for OHV recreation on public lands. We appreciate the OHV Grant Programs past support for COHVCO's workshops and would encourage you to support their requests for this grant cycle.

Thank you,

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