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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

Name of Project: BLM Statewide (OHV) Law Enforcement	Date of Application: 11/27/2023
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>	

Total Project Cost: \$201,792 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$80,166 <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 (BLM), Colorado State Office	
Mailing Address: Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 151029 (Building 1A), Lakewood, CO 80215	
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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.

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Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO	

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

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PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Colorado (Statewide) [Walden, Silverton, Lake City, Montrose, etc]		
County(ies): See below areas to be patrolled in Scope of Work / Project Description		
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):		
Township/Range/Section: Various/Multiple		
State Senate District #: Various/Multiple	State Representative District #: Various/Multiple	
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/State</u>		
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)		
<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 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 type="checkbox"/> Signs	
<input 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.)	
90	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.)	
	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 Statewide OHV Law Enforcement	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM, Colorado State Office	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Glenn Van Airsdale	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$201,792	Grant Request: \$80,166

WHO?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), consistent with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Statewide OHV Law Enforcement Program, and BLM Colorado State Law Enforcement Plan, will conduct law enforcement details and/or saturation patrols in key areas and times of the year where OHV management is a priority.

WHERE?

Areas of focus for BLM law enforcement details and patrols include, but are not limited to the following:

- Colorado River Valley Field Office (Garfield and Eagle Counties)
Hubbard Mesa, Roan Plateau, Hardscrabble, Bocco Mountain (TBD)
- Grand Junction Field Office (Mesa County)
West Desert, Bangs Canyon, Cactus Park (TBD)
- Gunnison Field Office (San Juan and Hinsdale Counties)
Alpine Triangle Recreation Area (“Alpine Loop”) (July – September)
- Kremmling Field Office (Grand and Jackson Counties)
North Sand Hills Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) (Memorial Day)
North Sand Hills (Labor Day)
North Sand Hills (Independence Day)
- Uncompahgre Field Office (Delta, Montrose and Ouray Counties)
Peach Valley OHV area
- San Luis Valley Field Office (Saguache County)
Poncha Pass, Elephant Rocks (TBD)

Additional areas of high OHV use will be covered as they are identified and time and resources allow.

WHAT?

BLM law enforcement officers patrol the areas listed above, contacting public land users and OHV operators, focusing efforts on public education, monitoring, public safety, reporting and enforcement of OHV regulations and registration requirements. These efforts and visible law enforcement presence result in:

- Protection of OHV opportunities on public land. Education and enforcement of Federal and State regulations will reduce resource damage and prevent area closures. Increased compliance with Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and Travel Management Plans (TMPs) will also reduce litigation and preserve riding opportunities.
- Safer OHV areas. Education and enforcement will reduce accidents and fatalities at OHV areas creating a satisfactory family atmosphere for OHV use.

- Protection of natural, cultural, and historic resources.
- Increased compliance with Federal and State OHV regulations.
- Increased public awareness of designated OHV areas and opportunities for legal OHV use.
- Improved public awareness of appropriate versus inappropriate OHV use including Tread Lightly and Stay the Trail principles.
- Monitoring and reporting of trail conditions.
- Visitor assistance including directions, maps, first aid and search and rescue.

WHEN?

Dedicated law enforcement patrols of OHV areas generally begin in approximately mid to late April and continue through the fall color change and hunting seasons. Increased law enforcement staffing is planned on high-use weekends (North Sand Hills) and high-visitation areas (Alpine Loop). Monitoring and enforcement of Colorado OHV regulations is continuous and on-going during all patrols and OHV-user contacts.

The planning target for budget purposes will include staffing the three holiday weekends at North Sand Hills with at least 2 officers each, staffing two holiday weekends on the Alpine Loop with at least two officers each weekend, and a seasonal average of two patrol days per week on the Alpine Loop from July-September.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –

BLM Law Enforcement policy limits additional markings on law enforcement vehicles. However, signage present at BLM administered public land trailheads and OHV areas display the Colorado 'Stay the Trail' and 'Colorado Registration Dollars at Work' logos. The BLM will make every effort to acknowledge and credit the OHV grant program for funding received. Any materials BLM develops for the program will acknowledge and incorporate the 'Colorado Registration Dollars at Work' logo.

DEFINITIONS? Not Applicable.

Budget Form

Project Name: BLM Statewide OHV Law Enforcement

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

***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)	\$80,166		\$ 80,166.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -		\$ -
BLM Support (ATVs/Trailers/Emergency Equipment) - Not including LE Vehicles	\$ -	\$ 84,126	\$ 84,126.00
BLM Funded Administrative Costs & Bi-annual ATV Training	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
BLM Funded Agreements with Sheriff's Offices for assistance with OHV law enforcement	\$ -	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$201,792.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

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
BLM Law Enforcement Ranger (GS-11/Step 5 Average)	\$ 68.24	72 patrol days - 8 hrs/day	\$ 39,304.00
Travel Costs (Lodging \$120-\$220/night/ Meals \$59/day, \$44.25 first/last day)	\$ -	Est. 38 officer/lodging nights	\$ 11,683.00
Overtime (last 4 hrs of 12 hr shift on regular days, 8 hrs on regular days off)	\$ -	72 patrol days	\$ 29,179.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	1,174.77	Category Total	\$ 80,166.00
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>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
V. Volunteer Support			
<small>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.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
			Total
			\$ 80,166.00

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

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 Statewide OHV Law Enforcement; Project Sponsor: BLM

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 Colorado's 20 Field Office's RAMPs and Travel Management Plans (TMPs). Date: Various

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

Date and title of document:

Per various Field Office RAMPs and TMPs

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.

Not Applicable

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

Glenn Van Airsdale, State Chief Ranger, BLM Colorado, (303) 239-3893

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Doug Vilsack, BLM Colorado State Director
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Handwritten signature of Doug Vilsack

Digitally signed by DOUGLAS VILSACK
Date: 2023.11.22 15:16:44 -07'00'

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 BLM Statewide OHV Law Enforcement Project Sponsor BLM

The project described in this application has my approval.

N/A N/A
Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

N/A
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
 - N/A
 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
 - N/A
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
N/A
 - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
N/A
 - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
N/A
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
N/A
 - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
N/A
 - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
N/A
 - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts
N/A

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection

N/A

- Timing of project activities

N/A

- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas

N/A

- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

N/A

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

N/A

- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

N/A

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)

N/A

- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)

N/A

- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits

N/A

- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

N/A

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

N/A

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

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?~~

The availability of open space and trail systems for use by OHVs is an important component of the BLM's recreation program. Proper management of OHV use is imperative in preserving these open spaces and trail systems for long term future use. Keys to proper management of OHV use include the agency's ability to educate and enforce compliance with RMPs that designate public lands as open, closed, or limited to OHV use and TMPs that designate specific routes and methods of travel allowed. Another key to the proper management of OHV use on public lands is education and enforcement of OHV regulations including safety, equipment and registration requirements.

Targeted and intensified patrol efforts are one of the strategies for effective enforcement of OHV use on public lands. The BLM has also identified the need for law enforcement to be a more visible presence and effective tool for motorized OHV management. As such, the law enforcement component of the BLM works in conjunction with their counterparts in Recreation, Biology and Range Management to find solutions and strategies that keep as many diverse OHV riding opportunities available to the public while also protecting the land and resources on which these activities are conducted. This, in turn, has the long-term result of providing a more enjoyable experience for the OHV rider. Between the North Sand Hills and Alpine Loop alone, these efforts will benefit thousands of OHV enthusiasts of all types.

For nearly a decade, BLM Law Enforcement has worked in cooperation with CPW on public education, monitoring, reporting, public safety, trail assistance and enforcement of OHV regulations. This cooperation began under the OHV Law Enforcement Pilot program which CPW initiated in 2011. The BLM entered the Pilot program that year with CPW, the United States Forest Service (USFS), and the Responsible Recreation Foundation and continued as part of it through 2017. The BLM failed to earn a grant award for the 2018-2019 Application Year. The BLM did not submit applications in application years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, but continued to provide law enforcement services and public education related to state OHV regulations with available internal funds – funds which are no longer available. The BLM Colorado Law Enforcement program submitted and was awarded a CPW OHV grant for the 2021-2022 year; those funds were used for education and enforcement operations from May through October 2022, with unused funds promptly returned at the end of 2022.

Colorado Law Enforcement was awarded a grant for the 2022-2023 season, which enabled BLM law enforcement to consolidate resources, emphasizing a presence on high use public lands. In particular, BLM gathered multiple resources (often a challenge on the millions of acres of BLM land) to patrol North Sand Hills/Alpine Loop OHV areas. As was observed over the Memorial Day weekend at North Sand Hills, unpermitted OHV groups had organized a large event with multiple violations. Without the consolidated resources, it is likely that extensive resource damage and general offroad violations would have occurred. The increased presence allowed BLM to identify the organizer of the event, and as such, identify future unpermitted events taking place on the Alpine Loop.

Award of a grant for the 2024-2025 season will enable the BLM to continue to provide essential services in cooperation with CPW, leveraging grant funding with available BLM appropriated funds. A realignment of law enforcement structure within the BLM, initiated in 2023, will result in the addition of four supervisory law enforcement rangers in Colorado between 2023 and 2024. These supervisory rangers will provide closer oversight and more individualized attention on OHV areas within their respective areas, and though they will have supervisory duties, it is anticipated that they will also conduct patrol operations, including OHV patrols as part of their routine duties.

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

BLM Law Enforcement works in concert with other BLM program areas to manage, protect and improve public land OHV use areas. These BLM programs often incorporate club and volunteer groups as stewards of their public lands. Additionally, in two areas that receive some of highest usage, the Alpine Loop and North Sand Hills, BLM Law Enforcement works in conjunction with its partner County Sheriffs in San Juan and Hinsdale Counties, and Jackson County, respectively.

Since the inception of the OHV Law Enforcement Pilot Program in 2011, the BLM Colorado State Office has contributed appropriated funding to purchase the following equipment in support of the program. BLM Law Enforcement has maintained and continues to use this equipment in direct support of its enforcement and public education operations each year.

BLM Stellar Toybox Trailer	\$35,600
BLM Triton ATV Trailer	\$2,652
BLM Haulmark ATV Trailer	\$10,074
BLM Yamaha Rhino UTV	\$15,199
BLM Yamaha Raptor ATV (2)	\$15,799
BLM Medical Equipment for UTVs	\$605
BLM LE Equipment for UTVs	\$4,197
Funded Agreements with Sheriff's Offices for assistance with OHV enforcement	\$27,500
Total Equipment Expenditures	\$111,626

Beginning with the 2019 OHV season, the BLM initiated a contract for Law Enforcement Assistance with San Juan County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$10,000, to provide an additional visible and needed law enforcement presence on the Alpine Loop, beyond what current BLM Law Enforcement staffing could accommodate. For the 2020 season, the BLM initiated an identical contract with Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office for the same purpose on that portion of the loop lying within Hinsdale County. In 2020 the BLM also initiated a similar contract with Jackson County, in the amount of \$7500, primarily for emergency response and back-up law enforcement assistance at the North Sand Hills. These contracts are projected to continue for 2023 and 2024.

From 2011 through 2017, BLM Rangers funded by the Pilot program kept daily OHV patrol logs. The logs tracked the number of OHV users contacted, resident status, type of OHV used, registration type and enforcement action taken. Logs also document trail conditions and recommendations. From 2011 through 2017, the BLM Colorado State Chief Ranger maintained a spreadsheet tracking each OHV contact funded by the Pilot program:

BLM 2011 - 2017 OHV PILOT PROGRAM TOTALS	
TOTAL CONTACTS	23,531
TOTAL VEHICLES	9,421
TOTAL VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED	372
TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED	727

From 2018-2021, though not funded by an OHV grant, internal BLM law enforcement tracking recorded the following statistics regarding OHV contacts and outcomes:

BLM 2018-2021 OHV Contact TOTALS (Not Grant Funded)	
TOTAL CONTACTS	4516
TOTAL VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED	231
TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED	681
TOTAL REPORTS FILED	225
TOTAL ARRESTS	7
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE/CIVIL REMEDY	4

Even with relatively skeleton coverage from 2018-2021, warnings and violation notices issued primarily for non-registration were likely responsible for ensuring at least 800 additional registrations, equating to \$20,000 registration dollars. Having a consistent, visible law enforcement presence in OHV areas arguably had a much greater overall effect on registration compliance. 2022 contacts and enforcement actions were generally at or above the running average for the four previous years.

BLM 2022 OHV Contact TOTALS	
TOTAL CONTACTS (VEHICLES)	1411
TOTAL VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED	48
TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED	252
TOTAL REPORTS FILED	43
TOTAL ARRESTS	1

2023 OHV statistics

BLM 2023 OHV Contact TOTALS	
TOTAL CONTACTS (VEHICLES)	1276
TOTAL VIOLATION NOTICES ISSUED	11
TOTAL WARNINGS ISSUED	197
TOTAL REPORTS FILED	55
TOTAL ARRESTS	0

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.

The principal objectives accomplished by this project are:

- Reduce resource damage and prevent area closures due to OHV use in sensitive areas such as; Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and areas containing sensitive or listed wildlife species, cultural, or historic resources through education and enforcement.
- Reduce litigation, preserve riding opportunities, and protect resources identified in planning documents through increased compliance with RMPs and TMPs.
- Reduce OHV demands in restricted or closed areas through increased public awareness of BLM OHV areas and opportunities for legal OHV use.
- Improved public awareness of appropriate versus inappropriate OHV use including Tread Lightly and Stay the Trail principles.
- Monitoring and reporting of trail conditions, signing and physical barriers will help area managers prioritize and respond to maintenance needs leading to resource protection, enhancement and restoration.

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.
- Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.
- 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.
- Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

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

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

- How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?
- Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?
- 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?
- How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?
- 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.

Travel Management:

The project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. This project will have a direct impact upon the effectiveness of RMPs and TMPs. RMPs designate areas and trails as open, closed, or limited to OHV use. TMPs designate the specific routes and methods of travel allowed. Without proper education and enforcement of planning decisions, these documents have no value. Rangers will focus efforts on education and compliance with RMP and TMP decisions.

The project will enhance and promote OHV opportunities through public education of OHV trail systems, route conditions and route difficulty ratings to help OHV users have a safe and rewarding experience on public land. Rangers will accomplish this and promote multiple-use trails through direct visitor contacts and by providing BLM area maps and brochures. The project will also assist in monitoring, closing, or rehabilitating illegal routes. Rangers will identify the need for signage, fencing, physical barriers, or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails while patrolling public land and pass this information on to the appropriate BLM Field Manager.

This project is consistent with the long-term plans of the BLM to manage OHV use as an appropriate recreational activity on the public lands and compliments the Stay the Trail and Tread Lightly programs.

Education

Since inception of the Pilot Program in 2011, BLM Rangers have contacted over 31,240 OHV users. In each field contact, Rangers try to incorporate Tread Lightly and Stay the Trail Principles. Continued effort at gaining public acceptance and support of these principles, over time, will result in greater stewardship toward public lands. Improved public awareness of appropriate versus inappropriate OHV use will also result in and long-term resource protection. Rangers will use existing educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures and kiosks to educate riders on existing OHV opportunities and regulations. Rangers will hand out BLM brochures and maps when available. The project will reduce OHV use in restricted or closed areas through increased public awareness of designated OHV areas and opportunities for legal OHV use.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

Since the program's inception in 2011, BLM Rangers have issued 656 violation notices and 1684 warnings. This project will use on-the-ground patrols conducted by full time BLM Law Enforcement Rangers. Proper education and enforcement of OHV regulations will provide long-term value and sustainability by limiting area or route closures due to resource damage, user conflicts, and/or safety concerns. Proper education and enforcement of OHV regulations will foster a stronger land use ethic in future generations so that they enjoy the same or preferably better OHV opportunities than current users.

The project will assess, document, and report the results of compliance and law enforcement efforts through data generated by the BLM's Law Enforcement Reporting System (IMARS) and visitor use data from individual contacts. BLM Rangers previously used the CPW Patrol Log to document visitor contacts, enforcement actions and trail needs. The project manager (State Chief Ranger) will continue to compile patrol log data and provide it to CPW in the format desired. Ninety percent of the Ranger's time will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance, and law enforcement under this proposal and ten percent to travel management implementation.

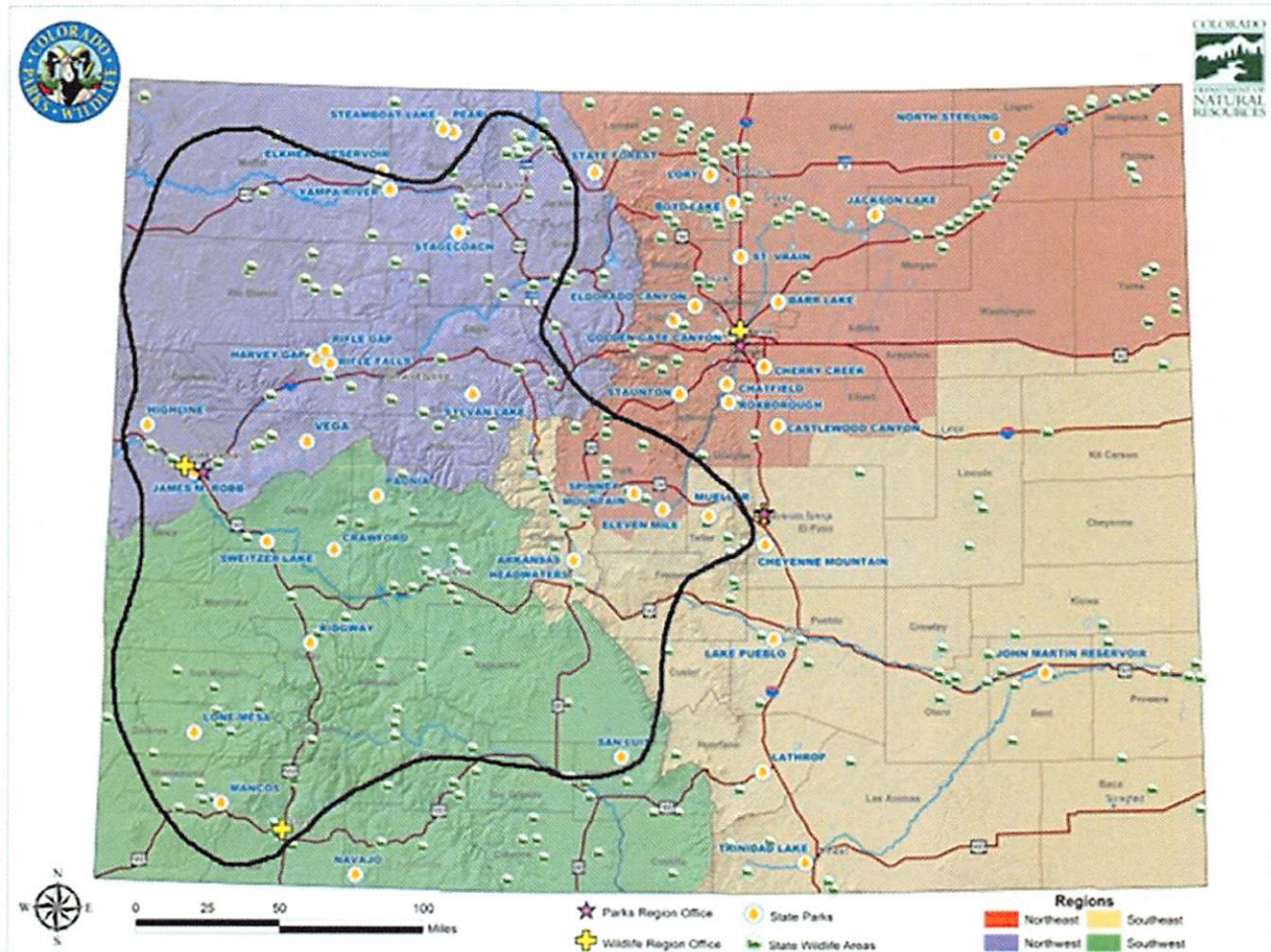
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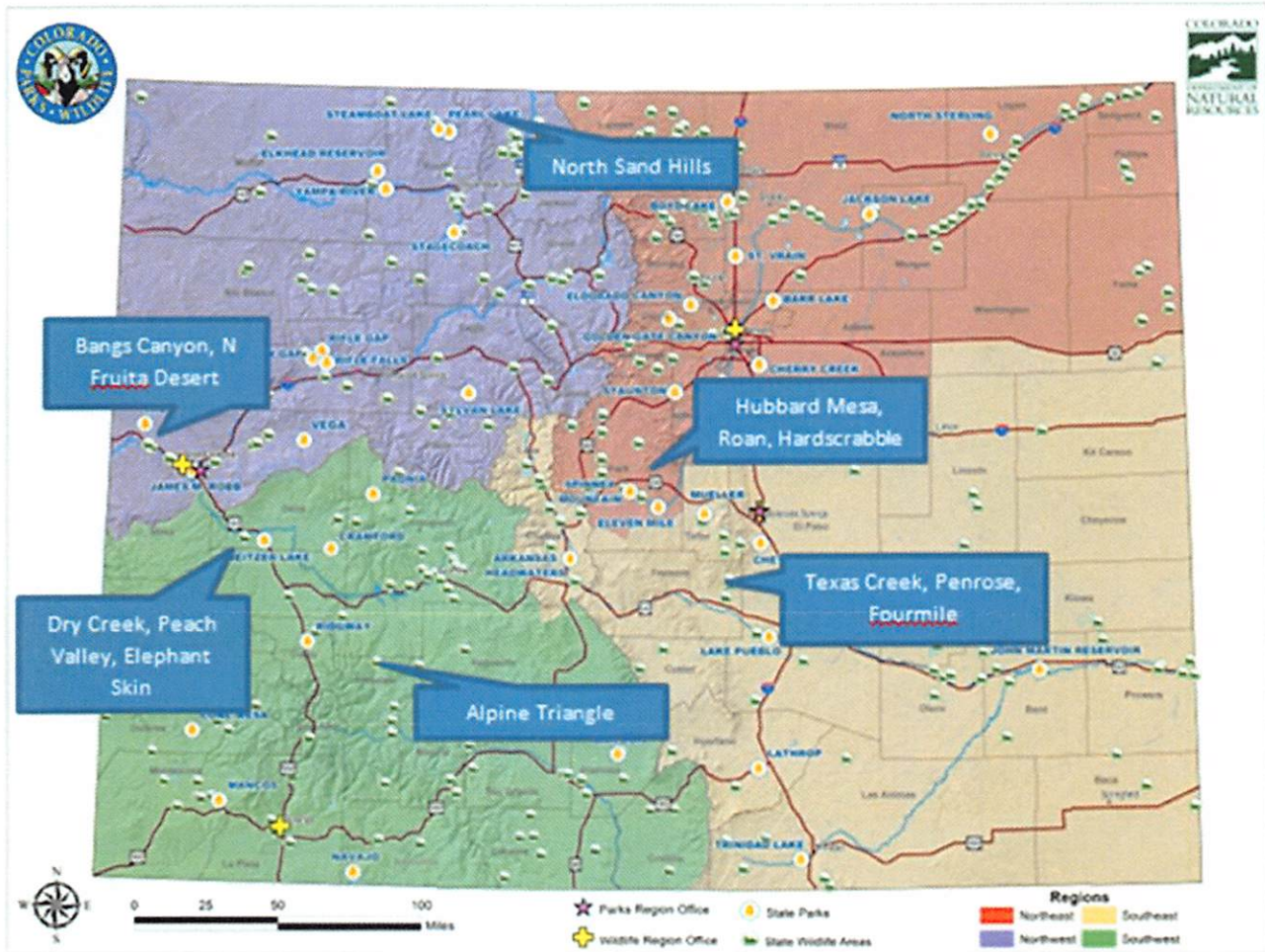
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E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

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)



(F) Project Illustration

NOT APPLICABLE

(G) Letters of Project Support

Letters of Support are attached:

- 1) Hinsdale County Sheriff
- 2) Jackson County Sheriff
- 3) San Juan County Sheriff

Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office

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Christopher M. Kambish
Sheriff

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13783 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80215

November 11, 2023

I am sending this letter in support of the much-needed partnership we have with BLM Law Enforcement. Because our county is a haven for summer tourism, we, the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office, find ourselves stretched thin during the summer months. Knowing we have the help of a BLM Ranger on the Alpine Loop is a huge relief and allows us to be able to focus on other high-traffic areas and calls for service in our town and county.

For many years we have enjoyed an outstanding relationship with our partners at the BLM, and we continue to see increased tourism in the summer months. Our office now has a certified deputy patrolling the Alpine Loop 2 to 3 days a week, but it is not enough. A need for increased presence from BLM Rangers is something that is continuously brought to my attention from locals and other elected officials. I believe, going forward, we will continue to see an increase of users on the Alpine Loop, and we will need greater Law Enforcement presence to keep the Loop as safe as possible for all users.

I cannot express enough how important it is for us to have a more visible and consistent presence in our back country, especially the Alpine Loop. We are seeing an increase in misuse and more crowds which leads to more conflict and the need for better management. Please consider the BLM for this grant as it will pay dividends for us all in the future.

Please direct any questions to me directly with the contact information listed above.

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Christopher Kambish
Sheriff, Hinsdale County



San Juan County Sheriff's Office

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To whom it may concern,

I write to express my absolute support for continued and enhanced BLM presence on the Alpine Loop OHV routes of the San Juans in Southwestern Colorado. The collaborative efforts of the past have been very successful, and as the user numbers in our region continue to grow, the necessity for additional support from our Federal partners is crucial.

I would implore you to allocate CPW OHV Grant Funds for the 2024-2025 season to assist our BLM partners in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Sheriff Bruce Conrad

San Juan County Sheriffs Office



Jackson County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff – Jarrod Poley

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee

Colorado State Parks OHV Program

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I am writing this letter in support of the Bureau of Land Management requesting funding. Our agency is a 4 full-time and 2 part-time team and are unable to cover all the calls in Jackson County and BLM Properties. Since joining the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in 2015, my agency has spent countless hours each summer at the BLM North Sand Hills. We have seen everything from basic disputes to attempted murder. Due to these types of calls, my agency relies heavily on Colorado State Parks and the BLM Rangers. Any help you can provide to help BLM would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jarrod D. Poley". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Jarrod D. Poley 11/28/2023

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

NOT APPLICABLE