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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: Little Snake OHV Crew		Date of Application: 11/30/2023
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$ 113,780.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$ 96,580.00 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management		
Mailing Address: 455 Emerson St Craig, Colorado 81625		
Telephone: 970-826-5000	Email: wnpatterson@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Whit Patterson	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner	
Mailing Address: 455 Emerson St Craig, Colorado 81625		
Telephone: 970-826-5008	Email: wnpatterson@blm.gov	
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES	
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Valerie Baxter	Title: Assistant Field Office Manager	
Mailing Address: 455 Emerson St Craig, Colorado 81625		
Telephone: 970-826-5000	Email: vbaxter@blm.gov	

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PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Craig, Colorado	
County(ies): Moffat, Rio Blanco, Routt	
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature)	
Township/Range/Section: The entire BLM Little Snake Field Office	
State Senate District #: 8th	State Representative District #: 26 and 57
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 type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u>57</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>50</u> Miles of Full-sized: <u>4,197</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"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
	<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"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<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.)	
30%	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.)
30%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
30%	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: Little Snake OHV Crew	Project No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small>
Project Sponsor: BLM	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Whit Patterson	Application No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small>
Total Project Cost: \$ 113,780.00	Grant Request: \$ 96,580.00

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

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

WHO?
Tell us about your organization. Are you a government agency, local government or a non-profit? Who will perform the work? Who is responsible for the project?

WHERE?
Explain in detail the location of your project. Where is the project located? What county? What National Forest/ BLM Field Office? Provide a complete inventory of the names of the trail(s) or trail system and where the work will be performed? What agency manages or is responsible for the land the project is on?

WHAT? Explain what you are going to do or accomplish in 2025. What are the goals or the reason for your project? List your deliverables in a series of short sentences or statements of work. Break down the project into a list of specific activities to be completed. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the categories on your budget page. Include quantity or quality as part of your description of work to be performed. How long? How many? How many feet? How many miles? What materials will be used? Is a specific standard or guideline being used?

WHEN? When will you be working on the project? When will you start project? When will you be done? What is the project timeline?

Program Funding Acknowledgement – By State Trails Committee Policy, project sponsors are required to acknowledge and credit the OHV grant program for funding received. Please describe how your project will provide that acknowledgement (i.e., signs, logo's, kiosks, etc.) Please incorporate the *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo within that acknowledgement.

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

Project Description:

The Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office (BLM-LSFO) based in Craig, Colorado is applying for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant. The BLM-LSFO will be responsible for the project work. The field office manages lands in Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco Counties and includes these figures:

- 1,336,900 acres managed
- 7 Special Recreation Management Areas
- Travel Management Area 2 (5,632 Segments and 1,561.83 Miles)

The grant funding will be used in the continuing implementation of decisions made in BLM-LSFO's Travel Management Areas 1 & 2 (TMA1 & TMA2) and monitoring of OHV use on lands managed by the BLM-LSFO.

The grant will fund a two-person crew, equipment needed and materials for approximately 26 weeks during the summer and fall months. The crew will focus on the following:

- Trail maintenance- Clearing brush, implementing erosion control structures and water bars
- Travel management Implementation- Installation of signage for newly designated routes (closed, open and administrative use only), installation of new kiosks in areas, installation of restrictor gates, patrol and monitor use of illegal routes created
- Partnerships- Working closely with the OHV communities in Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco counties, along with stakeholders involved in the travel management implementation
- SSW-SRMA Implementation- Route inventory, ground truthing, and implementation of the Recreation Area Management Plan
- Monitoring- Deploying trail counters on routes, making public contacts during high use season in our OHV Open Area

Project funding will be acknowledged by several methods. The BLM-LSFO will work with CPW to display Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo on kiosks and facilities. While working with partners and making contacts will provide information about the projects and equipment that has been funded by the state.

Budget Form

Project Name:

Date Project will be Completed:

Project Sponsor:

***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)			\$ 96,580.00
BLM Radios	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
BLM Admin: Budget, Tracking, Reporting, etc. (GS-11 @ 3 weeks)	\$ 4,600	\$ -	\$ 4,600.00
BLM Hiring, Direct Oversight & Project Management (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	\$ 6,300	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00
BLM Map/Brochure Printing	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
BLM Chainsaw, OHV, Tablet and Trailer Training	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
		\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 113,780.00

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
OHV Crew Member Career Seasonal, GS-7: Wages, Holiday Pay, Sunday Diff.	\$ 36.00	40hr/week for 26 weeks		\$ 37,440.00
OHV Crew Member Seasonal, GS-7: Wages, Holiday Pay, Sunday Diff.	\$ 36.00	40hr/week for 26 weeks		\$ 37,440.00
Housing stipend for seasonals	\$ 200.00	A month per seasonal		\$ 1,200.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	2,113.33		Category Total	\$ 76,080.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>				
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Sign Materials (signs to implement travel management and rock art stickers)	\$ 7,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sign Installation Tools	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Uniforms (BLM work shirt, pants and name tags)	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PPE (OHV helmets, gloves and hard hats)	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 11,500.00
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>				
Maintenance and fuel for fleet vehicle	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Maintenance and fuel for UTV	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Roof and windshield for UTV	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 9,000.00
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	\$ -

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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 Little Snake OHV Crew Project Sponsor BLM Little Snake 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 Resource Management Plan Date: 2011

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

Date and title of document:

Little Snake RMP 2011, Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Approved RMP Amendment (ARMPA) 2015, Travel Management Area 2 Plan (2021) and Travel Management Area 1 Plan (2022)

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

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

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

Whit Patterson, Outdoor Recreation Planner
Valerie Baxter, Assistant Field Office Manager
Kymm Gresset, Field Office Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Valerie Baxter Assistant Field Manager

Land Manager Signature and Title

Acting Field Manager

11/24/2023

Date

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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):

The project will focus on implementation of the SSW-SRMA RAMP, while also continuing implementation for our TMA2 and beginning implementation of TMA1. Secondly, the crew will continue to work with the recreation lead to develop a monitoring plan and relationship building with stakeholders and partnering agencies.

- **SSW-SRMA RAMP Implementation-** The OHV Crew will work to identify, map and sign "suggested routes" in the Sand Wash Open Area. Through the planning process, the BLM identified the need for mapped suggested routes within the Sand Wash Open Area to enhance visitors' experiences. Also, through the planning BLM the identified specific needs for resource protection, the crew will work with the recreation staff and CPW to sign the boundaries of the Open Area.
- **Travel Management Area 1 & 2 Implementation-** The BLM-LSFO has a total of over 2500 miles of routes that were identified during the TMA 1 & 2 planning process. While data may be lacking in the number of users, BLM-LSFO is aware of the type of use it sees from the OHV community on its routes by working with partners and BLM staff who assisted in routes inventories for TMA 1 & 2. The crew will be installing signage, monitoring use of designated routes and trail, encouraging proper use and enhancing the OHV experience.
- **Monitoring-** The crew, with the assistance of the recreation program leads, will work together to develop a long-term work plan for OHV related projects and monitoring needs. Addressing the lack of trail use data will be a priority. The building up relationships, a work plan and collection of data will benefit the region with better land management practices.

With the impending shift from a natural resource extraction-based economy, the Northwest region of Colorado is sitting in a position to proactively plan for it's future unlike other regions of Colorado. Areas closer to the front range have had to retroactively pivot management strategies due to the influx of use and visitation. The BLM-LSFO has a blank slate when it comes to potential for recreational OHV developments outside of already designated routes and the designation of the SSW-SRMA. This crew would benefit the local economy, preservation of natural resources, open spaces, big game habitat and overall experience of OHV users.

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

Major partnering organizations include:

Name	Location	Type
Stay the Trail	Arvada	OHV
Moffat County 4x4 Club	Moffat County	Off-Road Club
Northwest Colorado Trails Corp	Northwest Colorado	Trails Club
Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition	Moffat County	Regional Partner
Sand Wash Enduro Race	Craig	Business/Event
Colorado Wildlands Project	Colorado	Conservation
Moffat County Board of Tourism	Moffat County	Tourism
Craig Chamber of Commerce	Craig	Non-Profit

As part of the Partnership in the Outdoors Program initiated by the State of Colorado the BLM-LSFO has developed the Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition (NCOC). The BLM-LSFO has been working in conjunction with the NCOC, local community members, and partners to assist with the recreation planning efforts on BLM lands, and to provide balance of recreation and conservation in Moffat County. Along with the BLM-LSFO's recreation program planner and park ranger, the OHV crew will attend NCOC meetings when applicable, thus building relationships.

Item	Donating Entity	Value	Description
BLM Radios	BLM	\$ 1,500.00	Communication tools
BLM Admin: Budget, Tracking, Reporting, etc. (GS-11 @ 3 weeks)	BLM	\$ 4,213.20	3 weeks at a GS-11 budget, tracking and reporting etc
BLM Hiring, Direct Oversight & Project Management (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	BLM	\$ 5,617.60	4 weeks at a GS-11 for time spent in the hiring process, oversight and project management
BLM Chainsaw, OHV, Tablet and Trailer Training	BLM	\$ 1,200.00	Time spent training the crew in the use of tools listed
Value of volunteer hours: Sand Wash Enduro (120hrs), Craig Chamber of Commerce and Moffat County Board of Tourism (80hrs)	Various	\$ 8,000.00	Hours volunteered in pre-planning and trail maintenance @40/hr

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities (25 points):

Outside of enhancing the OHV trail riding experience from a recreationist standpoint, one of the main objectives of this project is to protect the natural resources on BLM-LSFO managed lands, and adjacent land management agencies and private landowners. The two-person crew will indirectly protect critical big game habitat, wildlife habitat, lands within wilderness designations, vegetation, and riparian zones.

In addition to education, the crew will monitor all OHV trails for maintenance needs and respond quickly after weather events to address drainage issues. Improvements to drainage structures would be completed as needed with priorities set during the season as problems arise. By keeping the trails fun, interesting, and maintained to the skill level for the riders, vegetation is preserved for wildlife as well as for the enjoyment of the natural environment for the OHV recreationist.

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

One of the main objectives of the proposed OHV crew is to implement plans from BLM-LSFO's decisions on TMA 1 & 2. This will include developing a long-term implementation strategy with stakeholders, partners and the program lead, as well as sign installation monitoring of designated routes and contacts with the public about proper use of OHV's. The crew will begin the season becoming familiar with the TMA 1 & 2 using the mapping equipment, provided by the 2023 grant, while working on high priority signage needs and closures. The crew will work directly with the recreation program lead and the inter-disciplinary team to address the high priority needs. The BLM-LSFO uses a U-channel post with a carsonite attached and rock art stickers for signage, funding was provided by the 2023 grant for these signs and materials.

Education

Providing the administrative controls such as signs and fencing is a key part of travel management. Perhaps the most important aspect is education of public contacts. Crews will patrol OHV areas on weekends and holidays to:

- Explain travel management principles.
- Distribute maps.
- Describe the state grant program.
- Point out "OHV registration dollars" improvements in the area.
- Advertise upcoming volunteer projects.
- Check registrations.
- Describe future trails and projects.
- Explain Stay the Trail principles.

Outside of the OHV trail use that the BLM-LSFO sees in SSW-SRMA, the Northwest Region of Colorado claims to be the "Elk Hunting Capital of the World" and the region sees an increase in OHV use during hunting season. To ensure protection of wilderness designations, big game habitat, grazing allotments and spread of invasive weeds the OHV crew will be working with the program lead, CPW, Moffat County, big game hunting outfitters, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and partners within the Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition to devise an educational element of proper use that OHVs. Maps, brochures and information will be provided online at the BLM-LSFO recreation website and at kiosks.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

The project will provide an increase in on the ground presence as well as obvious and logical signing with the overall goal of increased compliance. The OHV crew would not be law enforcement officers and no funding would be provided to law enforcement. However, the crew works closely with the BLM law enforcement officer and can provide detailed information on issues that may require this level of compliance measure. State OHV regulations and information will be provided to the public by the crew.

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

Figure 1- Project Vicinity Map

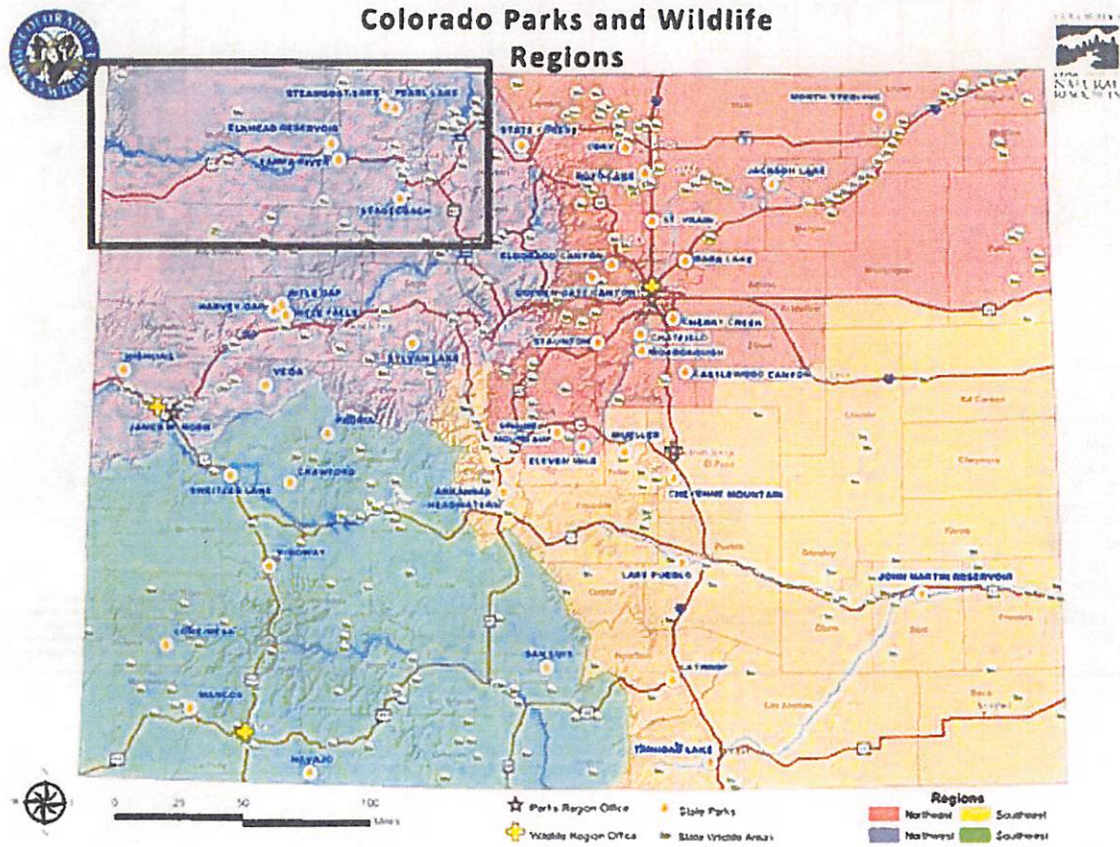


Figure 2- BLM Little Snake Field Office Map

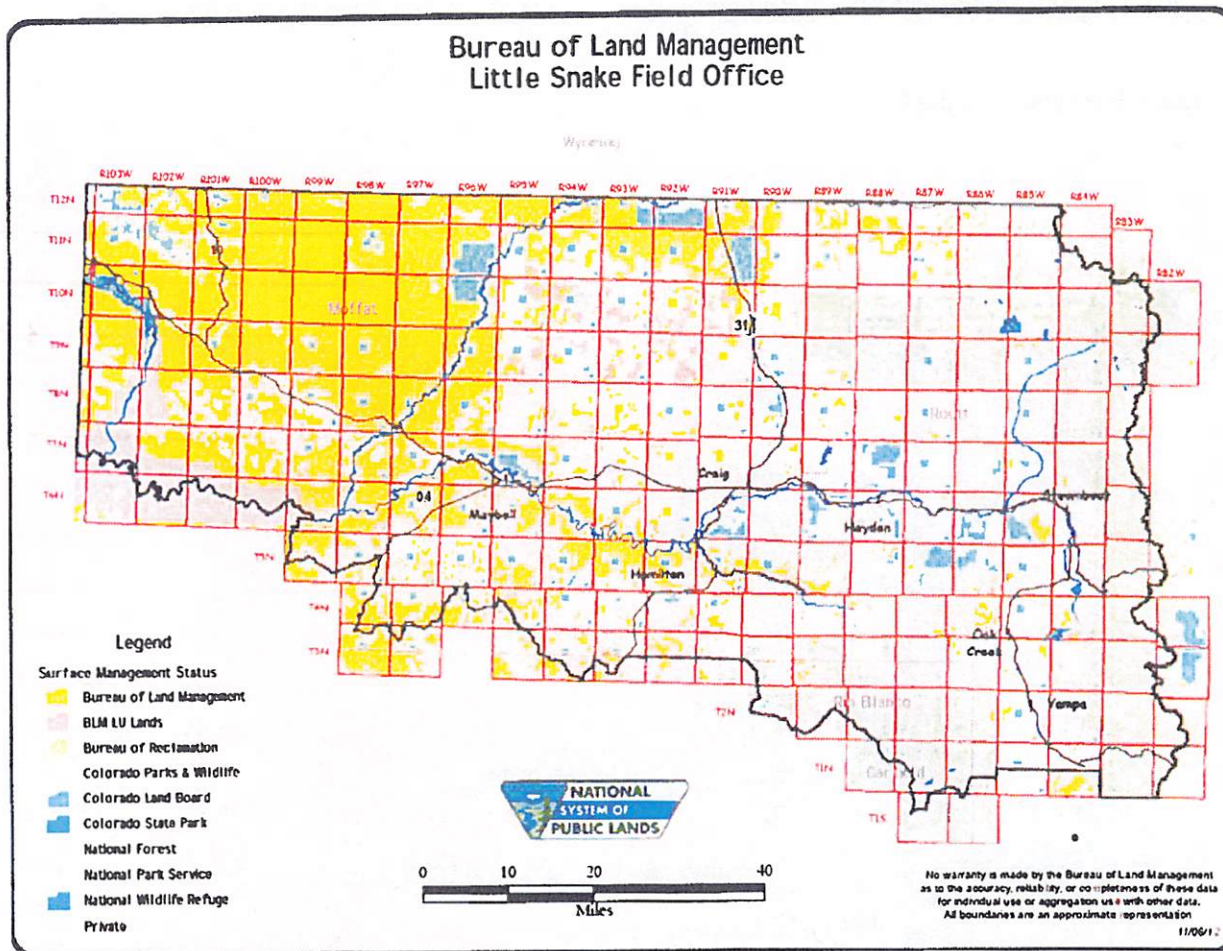
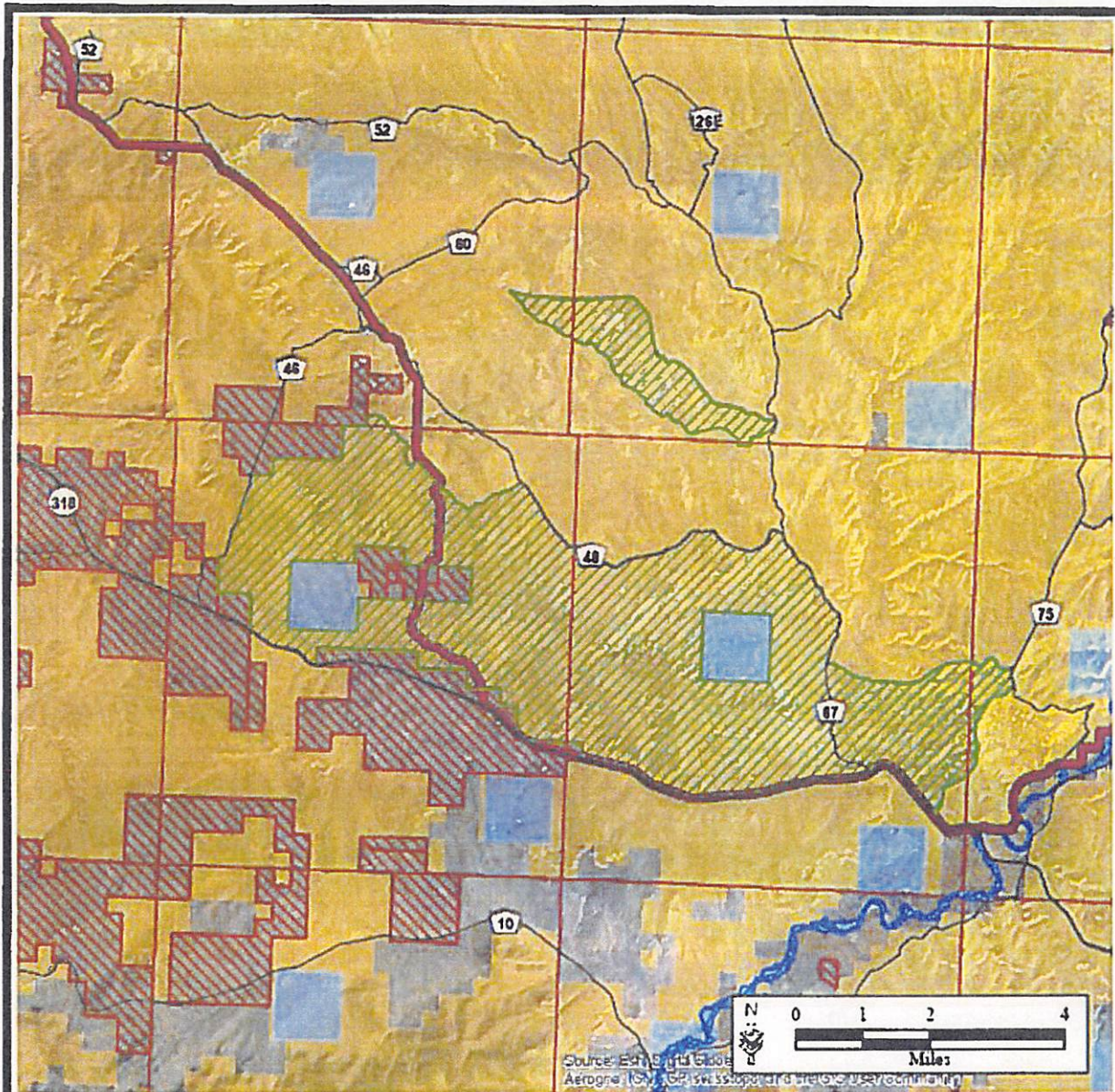


Figure 3- South Sand Wash Special Recreation Management Area Map



Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office
Sand Wash Basin OHV Grant Application

Legend

- Moffat County Roads
 - Landowners Reporting Trespass Issues
 - Open OHV Area
 - Herd Management Area Boundary
- Surface Management Status
- Bureau of Land Management
 - Colorado Land Board
 - Private



No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregation use with other data. All boundaries are an approximate representation.

Figure 5- Travel Management Area 1 Planning Area Map and Signage Needs

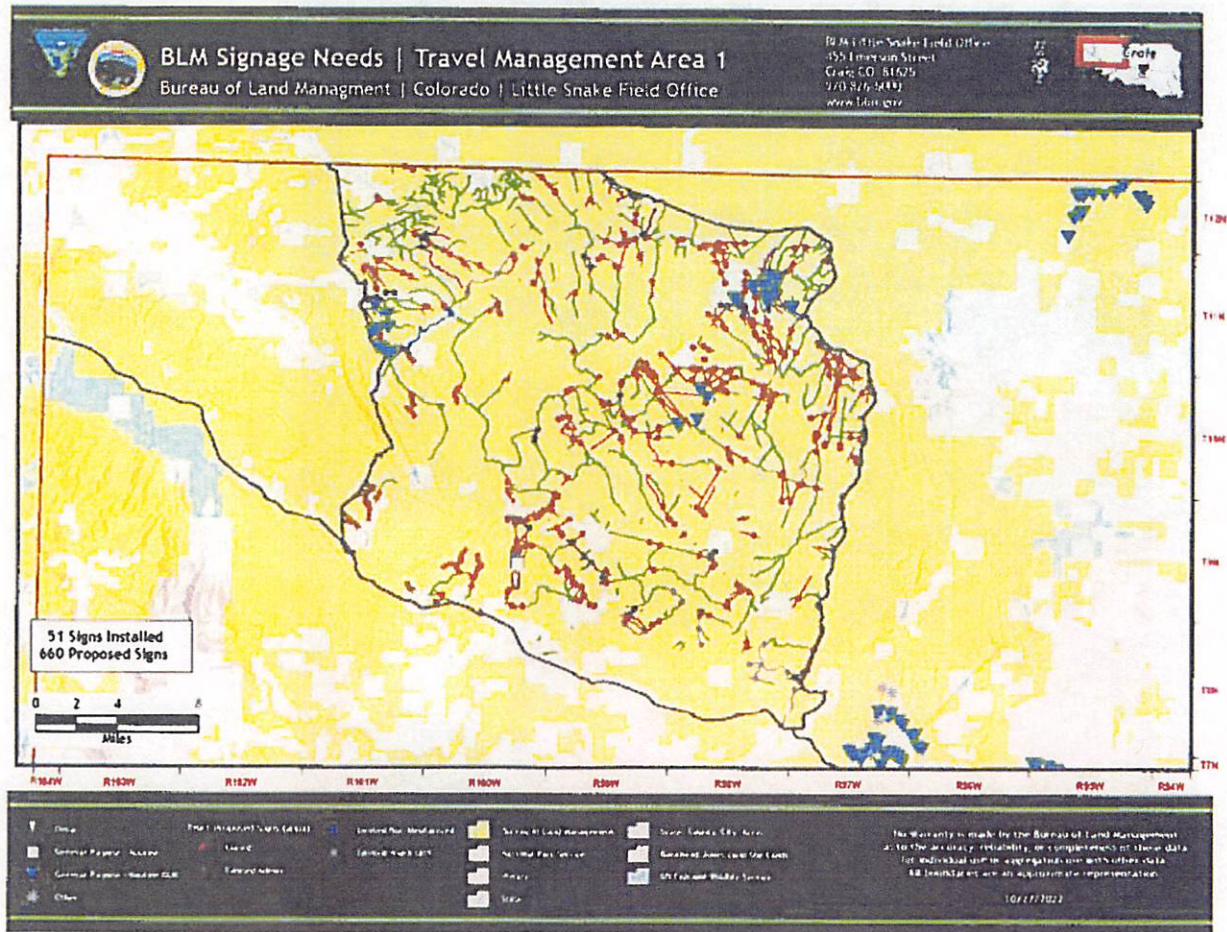


Figure 6- Sign installation with OHV Crew

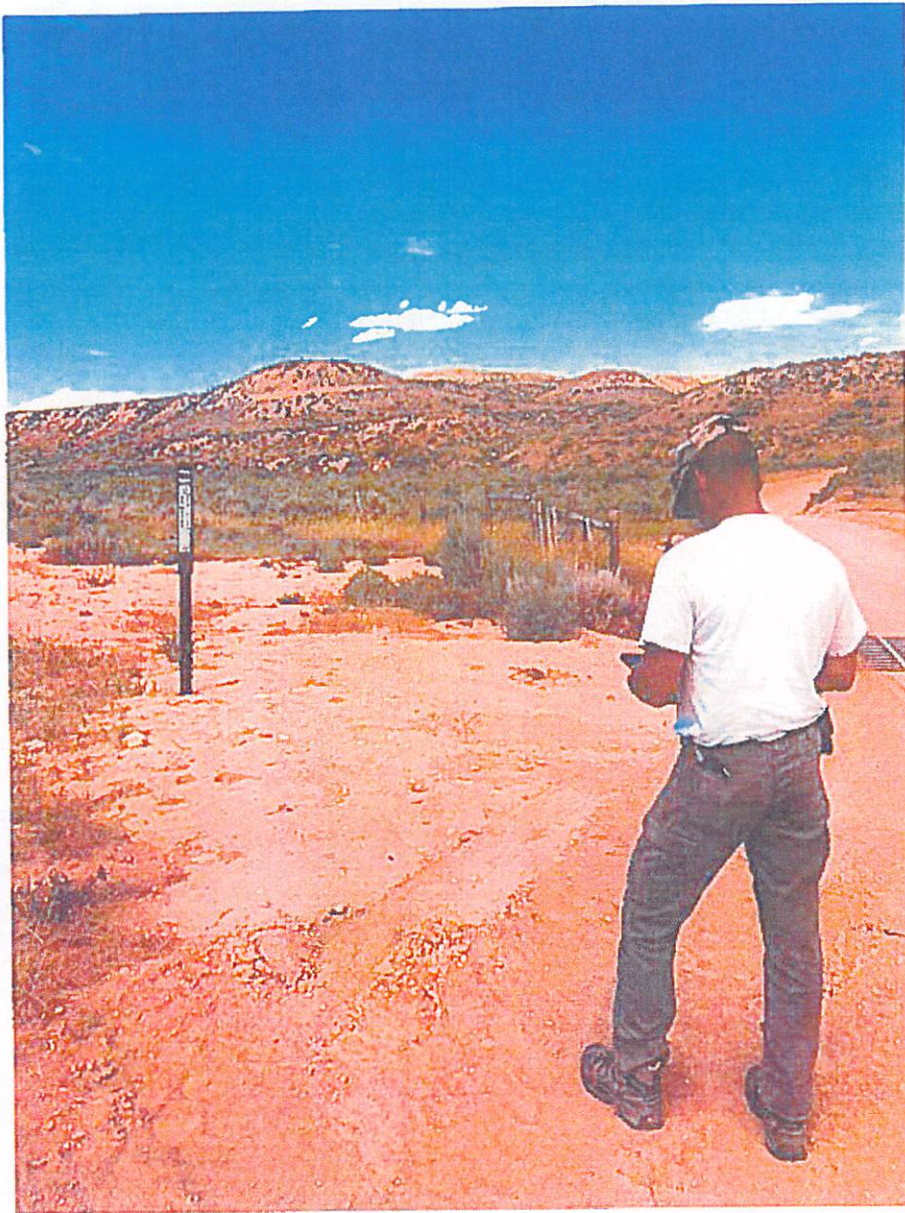


Figure 6- OHV Training with Crew



G) Letters of Project Support



VISIT *Moffat County*

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OHV Grant Selection Committee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Hwy 85
Littleton, Colorado 80125

11/29/2023

Committee Members,

The Board of Directors of Visit Moffat County / Moffat County Tourism Association (MCTA) are writing today to support the BLM Little Snake Field Office's OHV Ranger program.

We are thankful to the Little Snake Field Office for prioritizing the South Sand Wash Special Recreation Management Area. The additional monitoring assets to this area is fully supported by our organization. Recreational use in this area has grown extensively and the need for protecting both public and private lands must now be a priority. The BLM proposal will offer clear opportunities for the public to use these lands in a responsible manner. Having on the ground seasonal workers would be important for educating all recreationists, this would in turn help protect this important public resource.

The Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Office, is to be commended for seeking these funds for the public. These initiatives will help enhance our tourism profile and lead to the enhancement of our mission to become a true visitor ready community.

We thank you for your consideration of this timely request.

Tom Kleinschnitz
Director Visit Moffat County / MCTA
TomK@MoffatCounty.net

Date: 11/22/2023

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

Re: OHV Ranger Program

The Northwest Colorado Trails Corp would like to express our support of seasonal BLM crew. As a group that is nearly 200 members, we frequent Sand Wash regularly and would like to see progress continue, every year more and more users are drawn to the area. Seeing such an increase in UTV's out on the trails in Sand Wash, it is important to us that it is managed so that safety and future use is always kept on the forefront.

Signage continues to improve safety so that riders on mixed use trails are aware of who and what ohv is also on the trail. Visitor contacts is important so that riders are aware there is enforcement, encouraging proper trail use. Trail maintenance is important to increase longevity with increased use. Equipment is vital to all these pieces coming together to protect not only the environment but our ability to continue riding in the Sand Wash basin. We are in full support of the work being done currently and would like to see follow through with an OHV crew so that we can continue enjoying our weekend rides.

*Thank you,
Northwest Colorado Trails Corp*



Kyra Weidner Executive Director



November 28, 2023

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

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

The Colorado Wildlands Project (CWP) supports the 2024-2025 OHV Maintenance Grant Proposal from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) that would be used to continue implementation of LSFO's Travel Management Plans for Travel Management Areas (TMA) 1 & 2, and continue implementation of the Recreation Area Management Plan for the South Sand Wash Special Recreation Management Area. CWP supported the previous successful OHV Maintenance Grant Proposals that LSFO received; these grants have already led to a significant improvement in the monitoring, maintenance, and management of motorized routes in the LSFO, and continuing this work is essential to ensuring that motorized recreation use in the LSFO is managed in ways that minimize impacts to the unique natural, cultural, and wilderness resources of the area.

The Colorado Wildlands Project is a Western Slope based advocacy organization that works to protect wild public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Our staff have engaged in planning efforts in the LSFO for over a decade, including the LSFO Resource Management Plan Revision (2013) and the ongoing LSFO Travel and Transportation Management plans. We are committed to ensuring that the LSFO's planning efforts are implemented as intended, and the funding from this grant proposal would go a long way in assisting those efforts.

We commend the LSFO for seeking support to implement the decisions made in its Resource Management Plan and subsequent Travel and Transportation plans. The LSFO manages over 1.3 million acres of public lands, including over 78,000 acres of Wilderness Study Areas and 166,000 acres of other lands managed to maintain their wilderness character. These areas, such as Vermillion Basin, Cold Springs Mountain, Diamond Breaks, Cross Mountain, and numerous wilderness-quality lands surrounding Dinosaur National Monument are valued for their opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation. And because these areas are managed largely as non-motorized areas, they also harbor some of Colorado's most prized big game and other wildlife habitats.

With support through this grant, we hope that BLM will be able to continue to follow through on their obligation to implement decisions made in the RMP and Travel and Transportation Management plans, including monitoring and enforcement of route designations, reclamation of undesignated and/or closed routes, and ensuring that non-motorized areas such as WSAs and other lands managed to protect their wilderness characteristics are not negatively impacted by illegal OHV use. We also support efforts to better manage OHV use in Sand Wash Basin OHV Open Area, where increased use and lack of funding has led to increased impacts in the OHV area and on surrounding BLM lands, including the Vermillion Basin Protective Management Area.

We thank the LSFO for having the vision to put this grant proposal together and the OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee for giving it the consideration it deserves.

Thanks,
Soren Jespersen
Field Director, Colorado Wildlands Project
Steamboat Springs, CO
soren@cowildlands.org



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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee

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13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

C/O Kymm Gresset – Field Manager

Bureau of Land Management
Little Snake Field Office 455 Emerson Street
Craig, Colorado 81625

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) and our over 1.6 million members, including 25,708 members and supporters in Colorado, I'm writing today in support of the Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) 2024/25 Motorized Grant application.

Since 1919, NPCA has been the lead voice in protecting and enhancing our National Park System for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. NPCA highly values landscapes surrounding National Park units and opportunities to work with gateway communities and individual stakeholders to form a collective vision that enhances sustainable and protective land uses, recreation, and other appropriate economic opportunities, while preserving cultural and natural resources as a top priority.

The Little Snake Field has been awarded grant funding in the past from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW); these efforts have proven to be needed and successful. It's my hope to see these investments continue from the 2025 Motorized Grant to address the enormous challenges of managing approximately 1.4 million acres of public land in the LSFO.

Moffat County presents as a vast, open country and funding support is needed to implement travel management decisions made in BLM-LSFO's Travel Management Areas 1, 2 & 3 (TMA's).

Additionally, funding is needed to support the necessary time, equipment and materials for a crew to carry out the task.

Funding ensures a quality experience for users and visitors of Moffat County, but also resource monitoring and protection, enjoyment of solitude, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and fire prevention. An OHV ranger trail crew is a key element of achieving this balance.

Significant strides have been made to improve the management capacity and community partnerships for trails in Moffat County. Over the last several years, the BLM OHV ranger installed hundreds of administrative signs and built relationships with area stakeholders and CPW game wardens. I sincerely hope we can continue to make advancements in this realm for the betterment of our public lands and local communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Cody M. Perry,
Contractor, National Parks Conservation Association.**



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OHV Grant Selection Committee: Colorado States Park

RE: BLM Application for OHV Funds for Ranger Program

To Whom it May Concern,

The Craig Chamber of Commerce would like to renew our support of seasonal rangers to be hired by BLM using OHV grant funds.

Currently, we have hundreds of acres of open space and one ranger to keep track of it all. In addition, to large recreation spaces, there is a large influx of hunters that bring ATV and UTVs in addition to off-road-type highway vehicles. The BLM staff will continue to provide better coverage of the recreation spaces, private land and other public land spaces and allow them to protect these lands from damage caused by irresponsible and uneducated OHV users.

Thank you for considering NW Colorado and BLM for grant funding that will greatly benefit the community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Holloway

Executive Director
Craig Chamber of Commerce