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

Name of Project: CCMR Marshall Extension 2025	Date of Application: 12/1/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$91,612 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$81,436 <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: Central Colorado Mountain Riders	
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-221-3568	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com

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: Bob Daniel	Title: President
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-221-3568	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com
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 *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Bob Daniel	Title: President
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-221-3568	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com

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

Name:	Title:
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	Email:

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PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Salida
 County: Chaffee
 Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):
 Monarch Crest Trail - Trail Head, Saiida, Colorado
 Township/Range/Section: Township 49 North/Range 9 East/ Section 05
 State Senate District #: 5 State Representative District #: 60

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): USFS

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

Miles of Singletrack: 200+ Miles of 50" or less: 60+ Miles of Full-sized: 200+

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed 0 (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added 2.25 mile	<input checked="" 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	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.)
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0	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
5	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
4	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: CCMR Marshall Extension 2025	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Bob Daniel	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$91,612	Grant Request: \$81,436

Project Description:

WHO? The Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) is a 501c3 non-profit motorcycle club of approximately 300 members located in and around Salida, CO. CCMR will be responsible for managing the proposed new trail reroute construction in partnership with the US Forest Service (USFS) and will hire a subcontractor for the mechanical effort. CCMR will also provide volunteer effort.

WHERE? The proposed trail reroutes are in Chaffee County on USFS Salida Ranger District (SRD) managed property. There are two reroutes of the Monarch Crest Trail (#531). Access is from US Highway 50 and Marshall Pass Road (CR200).

WHAT? The USFS SRD has designed two reroutes to the Monarch Crest Trail (#531) and created a Monarch Crest Duo NEPA. This NEPA is in final review now. One reroute creates a trail around a snow cornice. The second reroute moves the trail from a 4WD road to a newly created singletrack.

CCMR shall complete the upper cornice 0.5 mile reroute with CCMR in-kind labor. Access to the upper reroute is via singletrack only and prevents the use of mechanical excavators.

CCMR is requesting funding to reroute 1.75 miles with a new singletrack trail reroute.

CCMR will work with our USFS SRD partner and finalize trail flagging. CCMR will let and manage a subcontractor for the mechanical trail building effort. Trail building will include preparing the trail corridor, benching the trail, back-slope smoothing, root cutting, large rock moving, and final grooming effort. CCMR will obtain the required insurance and provide administration of the grant.

WHEN? Once the grant is approved, CCMR will begin our volunteer effort to prepare the trail corridor. As funding is released during the 2025 season, the mechanized trail builder will begin work, and CCMR volunteer effort would then complete the trail cleanup effort. The trail will be completed within one year of the date funds are released. All the onsite work is above 10,000 feet and will need to be done in the summer months.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – All signs will include Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logos, USFS and CCMR logos.

DEFINITIONS?

CCMR – Central Colorado Mountain Riders

CTF – Colorado Trail Foundation

SMT - Salida Mountain Trails

SRD - Salida Ranger District

USFS – US Forest Service

4WD – Four Wheel Drive

Budget Form

Project Name: CCMR Marshall Extension 2025

Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2025

Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders

*****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)	\$ 81,436.00		\$ 81,436.00
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>		\$ 10,176.00	\$ 10,176.00
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of grant funding (only) below

TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT

\$ 91,612.00

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
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only. Appropriate number of volunteers</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ -

II. Project Materials/Supplies

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

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Trailhead Signage	\$ 1,400.00	1	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Flagging, Pin Flags	\$ 100.00	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 1,500.00

III. Equipment

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

Chainsaws Electric	\$ 229.00	2	\$ 458.00	\$ 458.00
Spare Batteries	\$ 179.00	2	\$ 358.00	\$ 358.00
EE Chainsaw Mounts	\$ 150.00	2	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Spare Chainsaw Chains	\$ 25.00	4	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
			\$ -	\$ -
		4	Category Total	\$ 1,216.00

IV. Contracted Services

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

Mechanical Subcontract (1.75 miles @ \$8/foot)	\$ 73,920.00	1	\$ 73,920.00	\$ 73,920.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
		Category Total		\$ 73,920.00

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.

Workday Supplies	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
		Category Total		\$ 500.00

VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

Liability Insurance	\$ 800.00	1	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
		Category Total		\$ 800.00

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)

Project Administration 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 \$ 81,436.00

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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name	<u>Marshall Extension 2025</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>Central Colorado Mountain Riders</u>
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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:

1984 Land and Resource Management Plan

Date: 1984

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

Date and title of document:

1984 Land Resource Management Plan : PSICC

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).

James Perry Edwards, Salida District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

JAMES EDWARDS Digitally signed by JAMES EDWARDS
Date: 2023.11.21 10:49:43 -07'00'

11/21/2023

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

Not Applicable

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 the 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 project detailed in this application consists of two reroutes to the Monarch Crest Trail (#531).

The Monarch Crest Trail is a singletrack trail that runs from Monarch Pass to Marshall Pass. It is a multiuse trail that is popular with motorcyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. The trail is also part of the Colorado and Continental Divide Scenic Trail systems.

The first Monarch Crest Trail reroute is a 0.5 mile reroute needed to avoid a large snow cornice that does not melt until mid-July on most years. Generally, the rest of this high altitude trail melts earlier, so hikers, mountain bikers, and motos go around the cornice on the tundra causing damage. For the past several years, CCMR has been shoveling/clearing the cornice with a workday after it melts down to a reasonable depth. This year the workday was on July 9th and the snow was still eight feet deep and over 200 feet long. See pictures E.1 and E.2. Unfortunately, users had been going around and damaging the tundra. This reroute will prevent this trail damage. Access to the upper reroute is via singletrack only and prevents the use of mechanical excavators. CCMR will complete this reroute with "in-kind" labor.

The second reroute is to be funded by this grant proposal. CCMR is requesting funding to reroute 1.75 miles with a new singletrack trail reroute adjacent to the 4WD road. For ATVs and 4WD vehicles, this segment is an out and back trail. Being out and back doubles the possibility mountain bikers and motorcycles colliding with ATV and 4WD vehicles. Moving the singletrack users to a singletrack trail eliminates this. Monarch Crest users are already aware the trail is open to mountain bikes and motorcycles as the rest of the trail is singletrack and there are CCMR provided kiosks at both ends showing all users.

This project is a priority because it prevents further trail damage to the tundra on the upper reroute and it increases user safety. It is a benefit to literally thousands of trail users. This is one of the most popular trails in the area.

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.

CCMR's two major partners on this grant are the USFS SRD and the Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF). Both organizations have provided letters of support in Section G. CCMR has formal trail adoption contracts with the SRD for approximately 72 miles of singletrack trails managed by the SRD. Last year, CCMR formally adopted the entire 57 mile SRD portion of the Rainbow Trail. Previously we only had segments of this trail. Since our inception in 2016, CCMR has provided over 10,000 volunteer hours to our USFS and BLM partners. Additionally, the SRD nominated and CCMR was awarded the Public Lands Alliance national Public Lands Partner Award for best practices, leading-edge achievements and excellence in public land partnerships.

CCMR has also adopted a motorized 10.4 mile segment of the Colorado Trail (Segment 16.2) with the CTF. In 2022, we partnered with CTF on a project to repair and reroute this section of the Colorado Trail that has a mud bog that never clears during the summer season. That was a week-long project involving three USFS Ranger Districts and the CTF. CCMR volunteers camped out on site for the duration, supplying and operating two tractors, trailers and quads. CCMR also assisted the CTF this year when their work crews completed the project. We intend to continue this partnership and have CTF heavily involved in this requested grant project.

CCMR also partners with local clubs and organizations. We had booths and static bikes displayed at the Salida Recreation's Touch-A-Truck event and the Arkansas Headwater Recreation Association Start to Summer event. CCMR and Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) partnered with the SRD on two major events this year. This was our second National Trails Day joint moto/mountain bike (MTB) workday on the Rainbow Trail that was a huge success, so both groups hope to make that an annual event. We also did a joint CCMR/SMT joint Monarch Crest Snow Shovel party where we cleared the snow cornices that are the subject of this grant. CCMR members also assisted SMT on MTB only trails on their workdays.

CCMR volunteers also laid out and swept for the Grand Traverse, the Salida 76 gravel bicycle race and the Vapor Trail 125 extreme endurance mountain bike race. Our trail maintenance work is good for all our partners.

The trail reroutes will be built to NOHVCC trail construction standards and best practices for this area.

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 Monarch Crest Trail is a motorized mostly singletrack trail that runs from Monarch Pass to Marshall Pass. It is a multiuse trail that is popular with motorcyclists, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. This trail is also part of the Colorado Trail and Continental Divide Scenic Trail.

Two Monarch Crest Trail reroutes have been designed and are included in the USFS Monarch Crest Duo NEPA (64130). The USFS Salida Ranger District is finalizing this NEPA. This grant is contingent upon the USFS Monarch Duo NEPA being approved. CCMR has been in discussion with the USFS and CCMR expects the NEPA decision later this year (2023) but not before the December 1st grant due date. CCMR is not aware of any community comments that would prevent the approval of the NEPA. Rather than wait until 2024 to submit this grant, CCMR proposes to submit the grant this cycle. Should this NEPA not be approved, CCMR will revoke our grant application. We are submitting this grant now rather than waiting another year.

Two Monarch Crest Trail reroutes have been designed. CCMR plans to complete the upper reroute, which is around a snow cornice, with CCMR in-kind labor. Our in-kind estimate is four people two weeks (4 x 80 x \$31.80 = \$10,176). Access to the upper reroute is via singletrack only and prevents the use of mechanical excavators. The actual trail work is relatively easy as the trail is above the treeline.

The lower reroute will parallel the 4WD road Monarch Crest segment to a multiuse singletrack trail. This is the segment near Marshall Pass, thus the grant name Marshall Extension. CCMR is requesting funding to build 1.75 miles of new singletrack trail reroute on the Monarch Crest Trail.

The layout and mapping of the reroutes are complete. CCMR will work with our USFS SRD partner and finalize trail flagging. CCMR will let and manage a subcontractor for the mechanical trail building effort. Trail building will include preparing the trail corridor, benching the trail, back-slope smoothing, root cutting, large rock moving, and final grooming effort. CCMR will create a trail builder state of work, solicit bids, let a subcontract, manage the subcontract, monitor the effort through completion and sign-off, usually with the land manager present, and provide status and invoices to CPW.

The reroutes will be built to NOHVCC trail construction standards and best practices for this area.

CCMR will obtain the required insurance and provide administration of the grant.

There is no large equipment purchase, maintenance nor disposition on this grant.

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: A core part of CCMR's mission is to promote responsible travel management. For this project, CCMR has already installed a three panel kiosk at the Monarch Pass trailhead. These panels were designed in cooperation with the FS, BLM, and mountain bike, equestrian, and hiking communities (see example sign in Figure 4-1 below). These signs promote good trail etiquette and proper trail use as well as, notifying users to expect various other users to be on the trail.

This project will decommission the upper reroute old trail with rock barriers at each end. The second reroute will not decommission the 4WD drive road but will include USFS approved signage diverting the singletrack users. This proposed project will benefit primarily motorcycle and MTB riders; however, this trail is open to other types of recreational activities. These include hikers, hunters, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. Therefore, numerous recreational activities will benefit.

Education: CCMR has installed 10 kiosks with the sign panels shown below at trail heads throughout the area. These provide training and promote adherence to OHV regulations. This sign has become a state-wide standard and other clubs are now using it in their area. It is a valuable on-the-ground educational tool as it describes the various trail users and their responsibilities. The emphasis is on responsible trail use.

CCMR has created a trifold CCMR brochure that emphasizes trail use compliance and trail etiquette that promotes "Stay the Trail". Additionally, we created the "Be Nice, Say Hi!" motto and have bumper stickers with it printed on it. As we mentioned in the Partners section, we participate in several events each year, and we hand out these brochures and stickers to promote these concepts. Additionally, we promote the "Stay the Trail" principles on our website, Facebook page, Instagram, and in our club-wide newsletters.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities: CCMR conducts regular trail patrols that watch for and counsel travel management violators. The project does not have a specific law enforcement component. This area has not experienced significant off-route use, except for the users going off-route around the snow cornice in early summer season. The cornice reroute should alleviate that issue.

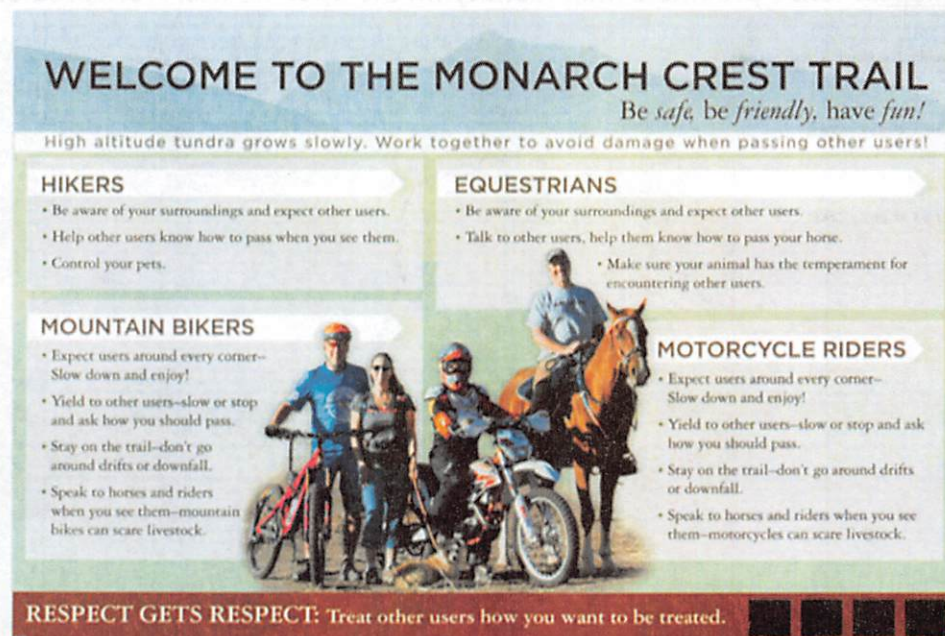
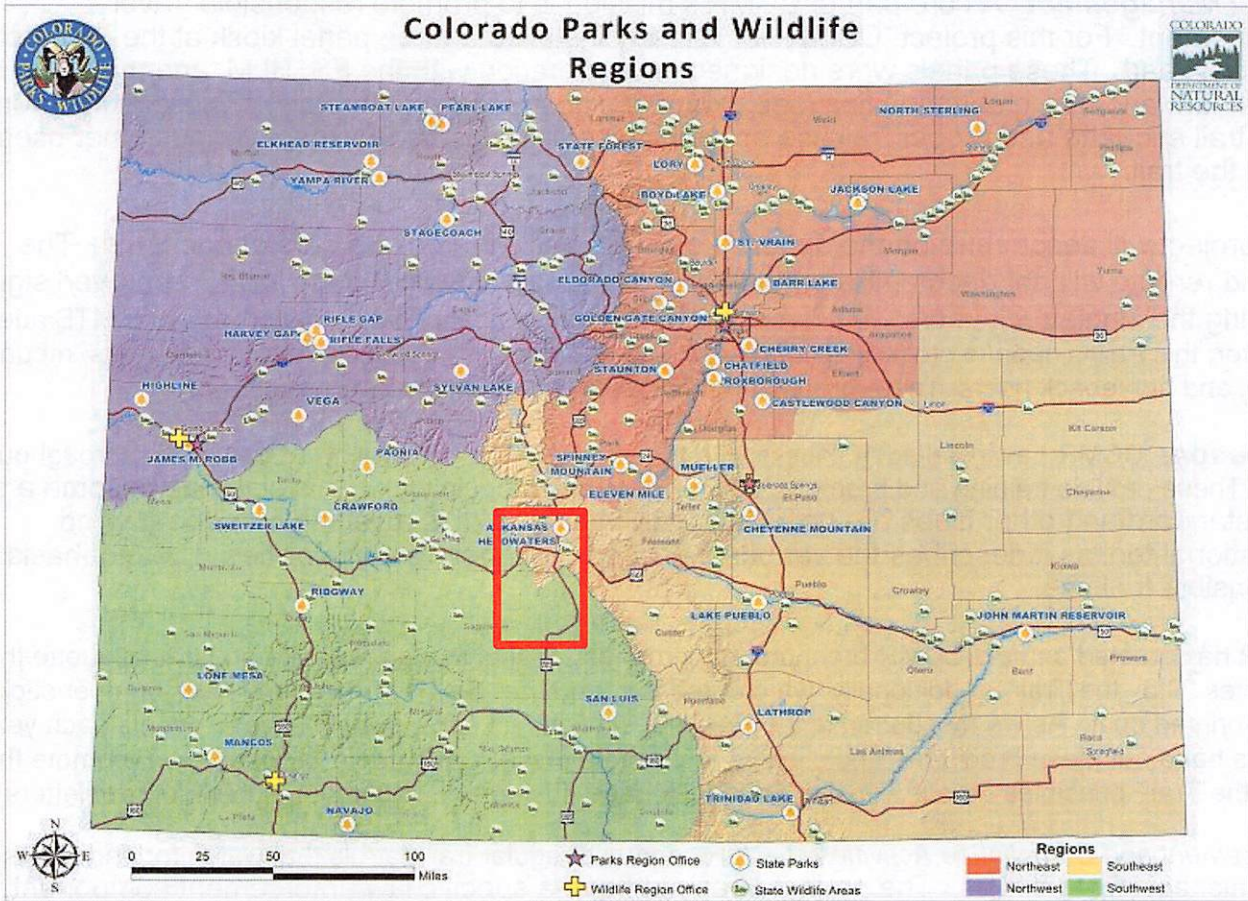


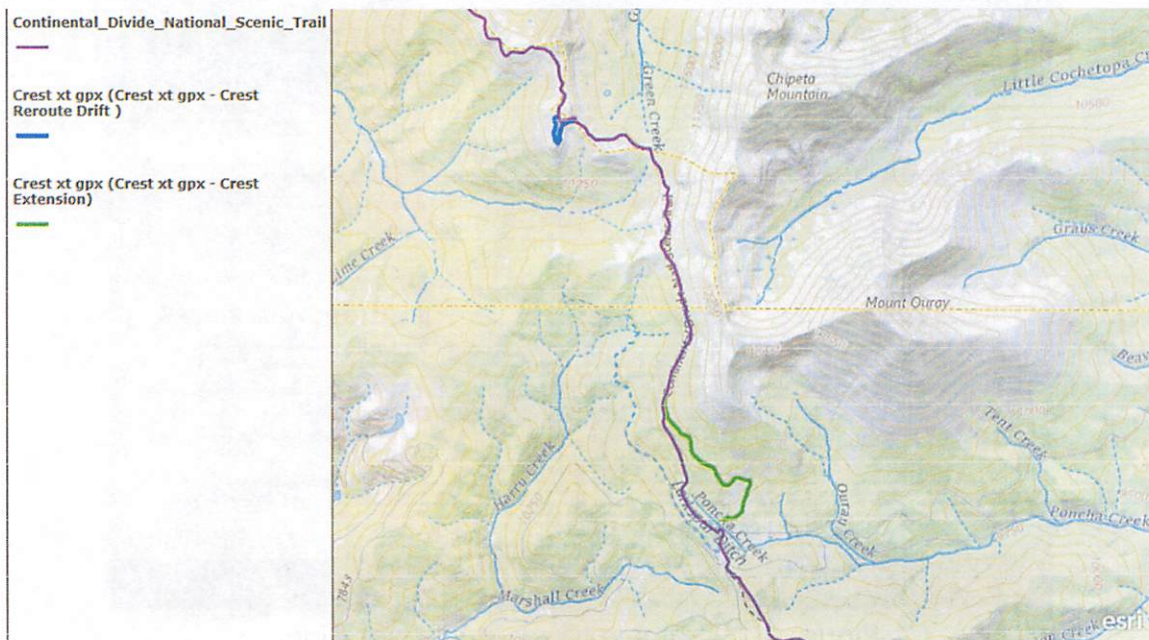
Figure 4-1. Sample Kiosk Multi-User Sign.

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

E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.



(F) Project Illustrations



Figure E-1 – Snow Cornice – Typical Year.



Figure E-2 – 2023 Snow Cornice Shovel Workday

(G) Letters of Project Support



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Salida Ranger District

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Salida, CO 81201
719-539-3591
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File Code: 1580
Date: November 20, 2023

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from the Salida Ranger District of the Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) titled "CCMR Marshall Extension 2025" grant application.

The Salida Ranger District manages over 300 miles of trails on the San Isabel National Forest with roughly 100 miles of those trails providing motorized recreation opportunities. Our unit, located in the "Heart of the Rockies", is a well sought out location for our recreation opportunities including three wilderness areas, popular 14,000ft peak trails, alpine lakes, high profile trails like the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and the Colorado Trail, and OHV recreation opportunities to name a few. Our recreation program benefits from partnerships from various local agencies, clubs and organizations by way of trail adoption, stewardship, and additional funding mechanisms. The Salida Ranger District is proud to partner with CCMR on multiple trail projects on our multi-use trails throughout the district.

CCMR is an all-volunteer, nonprofit whose mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized multiuse trail opportunities in the Central Colorado area. CCMR partners with the US Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation. CCMR has officially adopted approximately 80 miles of multiuse singletrack trails on BLM and USFS managed property via formal volunteer agreements and with the Colorado Trail Foundation to help maintain another 10 miles.

The USFS Salida Ranger District is finalizing a NEPA, Monarch Crest Duo (64130). Two Monarch Crest Trail reroutes have been designed and are included in this NEPA. CCMR plans to complete the upper cornice reroute with CCMR in-kind labor. The lower reroute converts a 4WD road to a multiuse singletrack trail. CCMR is submitting this CPW OHV grant for 2025 funding to subcontract and manage a mechanical (mini excavator) trail builder. The Monarch Crest Trail segments in this NEPA are on the Colorado Trail and Continental Divide Scenic Trail.

This grant is contingent upon the USFS Monarch Duo (64130) NEPA being approved. We expect approval later this year (2023) or early next year (2024). Should this NEPA not be approved, CCMR will revoke our grant application. We are submitting this grant now rather than wait another year.

For the above reasons, the Salida Ranger District strongly recommends the approval of CCMR's Trail Maintenance Grant application to help CCMR better fulfill its strong commitment to preserve and maintain adopted multiuse trails.

Sincerely,

JAMES EDWARDS
Digitally signed by JAMES EDWARDS
Date: 2023.11.20 13:59:46 -0700
JAMES EDWARDS
District Ranger



November 21, 2023

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125



Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from The Colorado Trail Foundation as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) titled "CCMR Marshall Extension 2025" grant application.

The Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF) is focused on supporting the maintenance and enhancement of the full length of the 567-mile Colorado Trail. Much of this trail is in remote areas that are hard to access and even more difficult to address trail needs with our volunteer efforts. We rely heavily on partner trail organizations, such as CCMR, to assist us in our mission.

CCMR is an all-volunteer non-profit whose mission is to preserve, maintain, and create motorized multiuse trail opportunities in the Central Colorado area. CCMR partners with the US Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation. CCMR has officially adopted approximately 80 miles of multiuse singletrack trails on BLM and USFS managed property via formal volunteer agreements and with the Colorado Trail Foundation to help maintain another 10 miles.

The USFS Salida Ranger District is finalizing a NEPA, Monarch Crest Duo (64130). Two Monarch Crest Trail reroutes have been designed and are included in this NEPA. The upper cornice reroute portion of the project will be completed with in-kind labor provided by The Colorado Trail Foundation. The lower reroute converts a 4WD road to a multiuse singletrack trail. CCMR is submitting this CPW OHV grant for 2025 funding to subcontract and manage a mechanical (mini excavator) trail builder for this lower reroute. The Monarch Crest Trail segments in this NEPA are on The Colorado Trail and Continental Divide Scenic Trail.

This grant is contingent upon the USFS Monarch Duo (64130) NEPA being approved. We expect approval later this year (2023) or early next year (2024). Should this NEPA not be approved, CCMR will revoke our grant application. We are submitting this grant now rather than wait another year.

The Colorado Trail is a state treasure and an important amenity for Coloradans and tourists alike. Keeping it healthy and safe is paramount to our mission here at CTF and we are grateful for partners such as CCMR assisting us with this monumental task. Please consider supporting our work through this grant application and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tisha McCombs, Executive Director
Colorado Trail Foundation



November 13, 2023

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), Marshall Trail Extension 2025

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

Please accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as a letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), Marshall Trail Extension 2025. 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.

The TPA supports CCMR's partnership with the Salida Ranger District to re-route and replace nearly 1.75 miles of the Monarch Crest Trail. This portion of the trail currently co-exists with the Monarch Crest, Colorado and Continental Divide Scenic trails. This trail reroute project will help to address and avoid the persistent and prolonged snow closures that occur each year due to a cornice that forms and blocks the existing multiple-use, single-track trail. Admirably CCMR will complete the upper cornice reroute with in-kind labor and the lower reroute will utilize contractor construction services to create a new multiple-use single-track trail.

The TPA recognizes CCMR's continued regional leadership, success and enduring partnership with the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance