

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

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Name of Project: Reunion Trail Phase 2	Date of Application: 12-1-23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$21,830 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$21,830 <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: Rocky Mountain Sport Riders

Mailing Address: PO Box 8508 Avon, CO 81620

Telephone: 970-471-6193 Email: kustombykrunch@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: Ben Bradford Title: Board Member

Mailing Address: PO Box 248 McCoy, CO 80463

Telephone: 970-471-6193 Email: kustombykunch@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: Ben Bradford Title: Board Member

Mailing Address: PO Box 248 McCoy, CO 80463

Telephone: 970-471-6193 Email: kustombykunch@gmail.com

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

Name: Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Email:

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Gypsum, CO		
County(ies): Eagle		
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):		
Township/Range/Section: 5S/85W/26 27 28 33 34 35		
State Senate District #: 8	State Representative District #: 26	
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-USA</u>		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>25</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>10</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>35</u>
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. <u>9 Miles</u> (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<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.)	
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
99%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
1%	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: Reunion Trail Phase 2	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Sport Riders	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Ben Bradford 970-471-6193	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$21,830	Grant Request: \$ 21,830

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.)

Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) is a family oriented non-profit motorcycle club dedicated to preserving and expanding riding opportunities in and around Eagle County Colorado. RMSR is applying for this grant to fund Phase 2 of the Reunion Trail located on the Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area southeast of Gypsum, Colorado. The Colorado River Valley Field Office of the BLM has completed and separated the Environmental Assessment into 2 phases. Phase 1 of the Reunion Trail, approximately 6 miles, is scheduled to begin construction in the spring of 2024 and will run mostly east/west through sections 26,27 and 28. Phase 2 of the Reunion Trail, approximately 9 miles, will also run mostly east/west but farther to the south in sections 33,34 and 35. RMSR will need to coordinate Archeological and Botanical surveys in the spring of 2025. Trail alignment will be finalized after the grant funded surveys and the BLM will proceed to prepare the project for public comment. Trail construction should begin in the spring of 2026. Kiosks at the trailheads will prominently display “Colorado Registration Dollars at Work”.

Budget Form

Project Name: Reunion Trail Phase 2

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Rocky Mountain Sport 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)			\$ 21,830.00
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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 21,830.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.

Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</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	
Trail flagging	\$ 4.00	20	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 80.00

III. Equipment

Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.

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

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

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

IV. Contracted Services

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

Birch Ecology, LLC Botany Survey	\$ 10,500.00	1		\$ 10,500.00
Chipeta Archaeological Site Investigations, LLC Archaeological Survey	\$ 11,250.00	1		\$ 11,250.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 21,750.00

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.

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

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

Total	\$ 21,830.00
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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name Reunion Trail Phase 2 Project Sponsor Rocky Mountain Sport Riders

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:

Colorado River Valley Field Office Approved RMP Date: June 2015

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

Date and title of document:

Decision is in process

If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

The environmental review process has been split into two phases to make the workload and cost more manageable. The EA for phase one is nearly complete, with an estimated decision time of winter/spring 2023-'24. This grant proposal is for surveys to support phase two. The BLM will initiate the environmental review process for phase two after the EA for phase one is signed. Survey results will be needed before that process can be completed. With this timeline, the estimated survey completion time for the second phase is summer/fall of 2025, which should allow an estimated decision date for the second phase of the environmental review to be in winter/spring 2025-'26.

For more information contact:

Jacob Casey – Outdoor Recreation Planner (Detailing) jcasey@blm.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2024-2026.

Hilary Boyd Assistant Field Manager-Resources

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

HILARY BOYD

Digitally signed by HILARY BOYD
Date: 2023.12.04 16:35:41 -07'00'

12/4/2023

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 _____ Project Sponsor _____

The project described in this application has my approval.

Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

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

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

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
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

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)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project (25 points):

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

1. Phase 2 of the Reunion Trail will increase motorized single track riding opportunities in the Hardscrabble SRMA by completing a 15 mile loop. Planning and surveys have already been finished on Phase 1 and it will be available for public comment in early 2024. Trail construction for Phase 1 should begin in the spring of 2024. Mirroring the Phase 1 process, Phase 2 routes will be inspected by BLM management, Archaeology and Botanical surveys will be conducted, a public comment period held and trail construction will need to be finished. All watershed and sustainability requirements will be met.

New trails tend to pique riders interest and the varying flora, fauna and scenery will make this trail fun and challenging for all. Motorized single track riding in this section of Colorado is somewhat limited compared to other areas of the state. The Colorado River Valley Field Office has given RMSR the opportunity to create this trail and we are seeking the funds necessary to complete the project.

Eagle County has seen a large increase in population over the last 20 years. A corresponding increase of OHV users is causing overuse on this areas trails. The Reunion Trail will help disperse user impacts.

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)***

2. RMSR has worked with and partnered with the Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) of the BLM since the 3rd version of our club reorganized in 2009. We help to maintain 4 riding areas; Bocco Mountain, Hardscrabble, Red Hill Gypsum and McCoy. The Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed in the spring of 2023. The necessary surveys for Phase 1 were RMSR's responsibility and the \$7800 Botanical survey drained our account. The \$5750 Archaeology survey was accomplished by a donation from an individual through the Trail Preservation Alliance (TPA) and direct funds from TPA. RMSR will coordinate BLM site inspections, specific surveys funded from this grant and we plan to apply the following year to fund Youth Corp trail construction.

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)*

3. Phase 2 of the Reunion Trail is a new construction trail that will receive all of the resource protection that Phase 1 received. For example, members of the CRVFO of the BLM will inspect the alignment, re-route sections as needed and give final approval for the Archaeological and Botanical surveyors. Those surveyors can also affect the trail alignment. All current best practices for environmental resource protection and sustainability will be adhered to. Please refer to maps but understand the final alignment will be set by land managers and surveyors. All projects conducted in the CRVFO office are under the Resource Management Plan of 2016.

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)*

4. The Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area was refined and updated through the Resource Management Plan of 2016. After the plan was finalized, the BLM notified us that 15 new miles of motorized single track could be built. The Reunion Trail, once complete, will be a new trail in a system of existing trails. RMSR fully expects this new trail to fit in to a system that currently runs very well. The mountain bike trails are located on the east side of the SRMA, motorized trails are mostly in the center and the Reunion Trail will make a loop toward the western edge of the SRMA. As mentioned earlier, we expect this trail to spread users apart and lessen impacts. We plan to further educate our user group through signs, maps, kiosks, social media platforms, work days and trail ambassadors.

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Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior* to submitting your application.

Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering. Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or existing grant from the State Trails Program

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

I. Site Description

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

II. Planning

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

III. Public Notice

- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

IV. Public Involvement

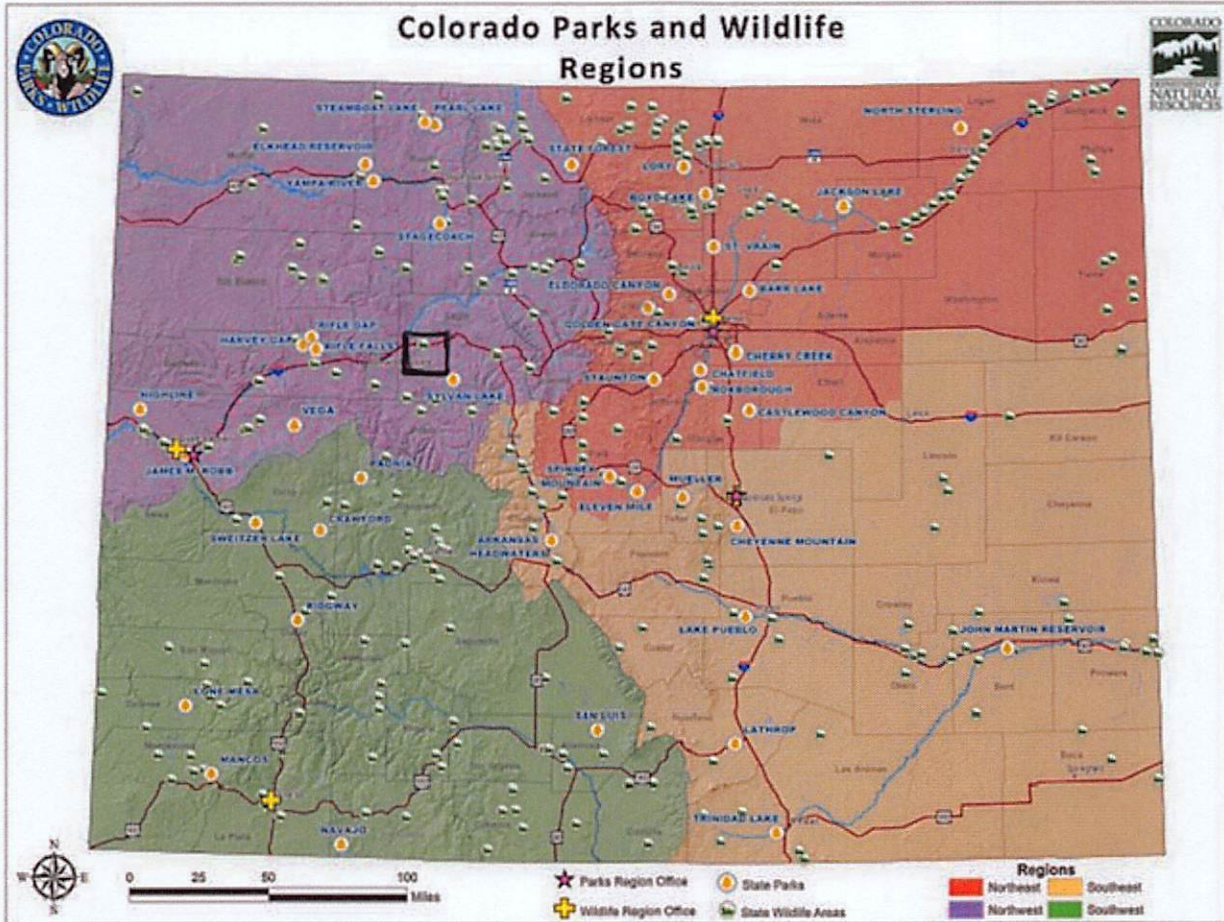
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

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

Maps being requested include:

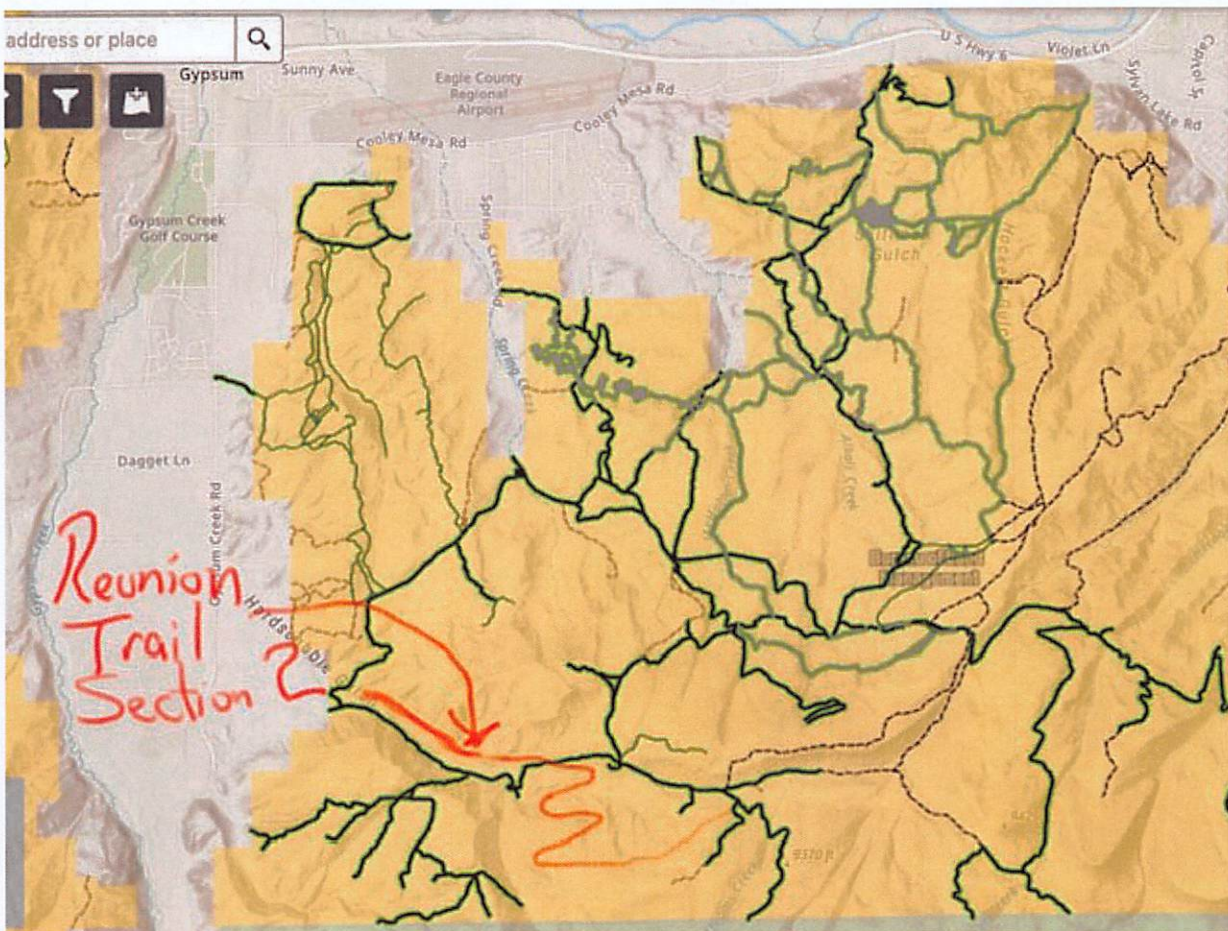
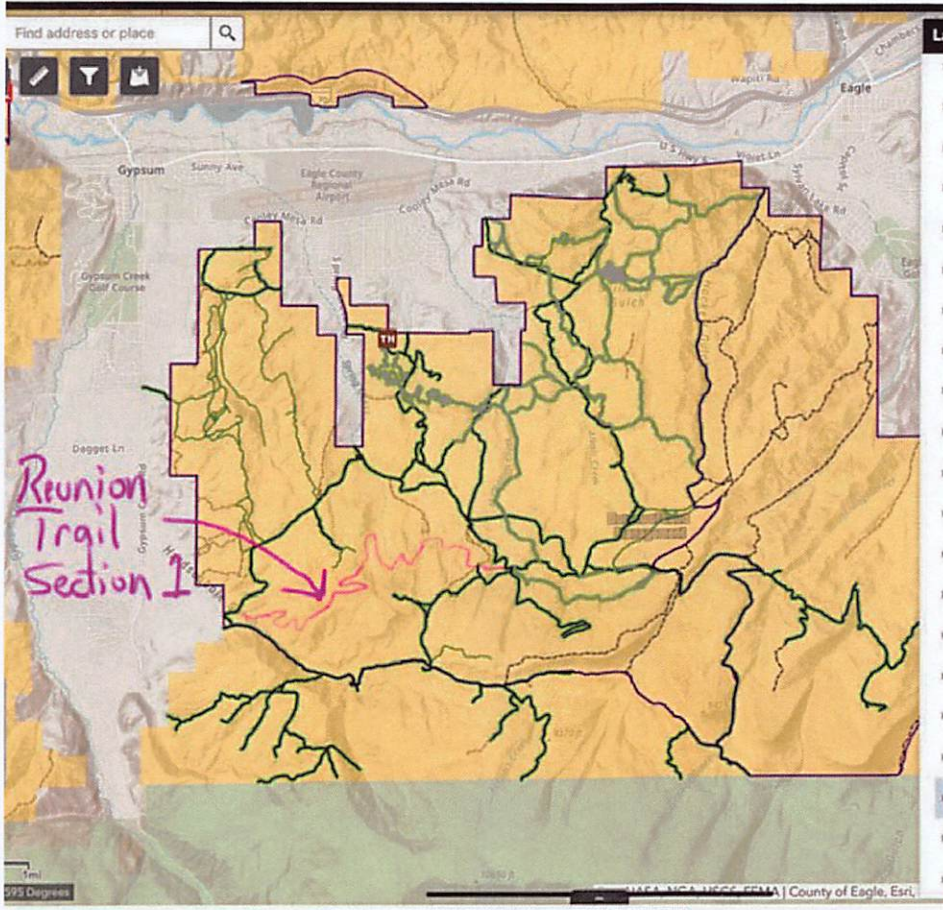
- “General area” (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* “project vicinity”. (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

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)

1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.



(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project

(G) Letters of Project Support

Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators

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November 30, 2023

Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and the Members of the OHV Subcommittee,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the grant request submitted by Rocky Mountain Sports Riders for Phase II of the Reunion Trail project. The proposed funding will cover essential components, including an archeological survey, botanical survey, and materials for flagging, which are crucial to completing the Reunion Trail loop. This completion will serve as a valuable addition to our existing motorized trail system.

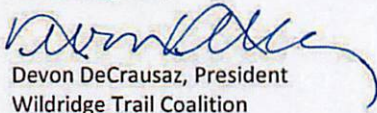
Rocky Mountain Sports Riders has consistently demonstrated a commitment to responsible trail development and maintenance. The Reunion Trail is a testament to their dedication to enhancing our local recreational opportunities while preserving the natural beauty of our surroundings.

Upon completion, the Reunion Trail loop will not only enhance our motorized trail system but also provide the community with an additional recreational asset. This project aligns with the broader goals of promoting responsible outdoor activities and fostering a sense of community engagement.

I believe that supporting Rocky Mountain Sports Riders in securing the necessary funding for Phase II of the Reunion Trail is an investment in the well-being of our community and the sustainable enjoyment of our natural resources. I wholeheartedly endorse this grant request and encourage the committee to consider its positive impact on our local recreational landscape.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,



Devon DeCrausaz, President
Wildridge Trail Coalition

PO Box 797, Avon, CO 81620 | (970) 331-6079 | www.wildridgetrailcoalition.org

Wildridge Trail Coalition is a Colorado nonprofit corporation and public charity approved under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Federal Tax ID #85-4214696.

Wildridge Trail Coalition's mission is to collaborate with and provide direction to key stakeholders to ensure all user groups, machine or muscle powered, have sustainable access to designated trails in Eagle County, Colorado.



50 Lundgren Boulevard | PO Box 130 | Gypsum, CO | 81637

December 1, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) Reunion Trail Phase 2 Grant Application

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

The Town of Gypsum is proud to support the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders' (RMSR) Reunion Trail Phase 2 Grant Application. This funding will assist RMSR in conducting Archaeological and Botanical surveys necessary for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of Phase 2. These surveys exceed the club's financial capacity.

RMSR is a family-oriented nonprofit motorcycle club committed to preserving and expanding riding opportunities in and around Eagle County, Colorado. They have been invaluable partners to Gypsum, particularly in the construction and operation of the Dry Lake Motocross Park near Gypsum, as well as in maintaining four riding areas in the region, including Hardscrabble and Red Hill near Gypsum.

Gypsum is a close-knit community that values its heritage and small-town spirit. We strongly believe in *building community* and RMSR has been integral to improving relationships and land stewardship amongst various trail user groups in our community and throughout the region. We've been pleased to partner with them on the innovative Open Space partnership between the Town of Gypsum and Eagle County that has made the Dry Lake MX Park possible.

RMSR seeks grant funding for Phase 2 of the Reunion Trail, enhancing motorized single-track riding in the Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area. This expansion will address the growing trail user population in Gypsum and Eagle, alleviating overuse in certain areas and reducing pressure on existing trails.

RMSR has effectively collaborated with land managers, public partners, and private interests, fostering a regional community of responsible riders and land stewards. We hope the OHV Committee will support their grant request.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Rietmann
Town Manager
Town of Gypsum

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

Provide a trail crew work plan for the **2024 work season**

Consider including specific details, such as:

- List 5 of your most important goals for this work season
- Anticipated work the crew will be focused on (e.g. clearing corridor, building drainage systems, tread repair, turnpike repair, etc.)
- Planned location/names of the trails the crew will work on
- Time of year you anticipate the work will be done
- Planned volunteer workdays/events
- Collaboration efforts with OHV user groups / partners (involvement with potential projects)
- Describe any issues encountered during the 2023 season and your plan to overcome them