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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

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| Name of Project: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2025 | Date of Application: 11/7/2023 |
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

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| Total Project Cost: \$ 117,000.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i> | Grant Request: \$ 98,000.00 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i> |
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PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: **Gunnison Ranger District, USFS**

Mailing Address: **216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO. 81230**

Telephone: **(970) 641-0471**

Email: **gregory.austin@usda.gov**

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

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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: **Greg Austin**

Title: **Trails Manager**

Mailing Address: **216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO. 81230**

Telephone: **(970) 641-0471**

Email: **Gregory.austin@usda.gov**

Is this the primary contact for this grant:
YES NO

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT

This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

Name: **Same as project contact info above**

Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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

Name: **Amy Sharp**

Title: **Agreements Specialist**

Mailing Address: **USDA Forest Service, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO. 80401**

Telephone: **720-689-7045**

Email: **amy.sharp@usda.gov**

| PROJECT LOCATION | |
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| Nearest Town or City: Gunnison | |
| County(ies): Gunnison, Hinsdale, Saguache | |
| Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Gunnison Basin | |
| Township/Range/Section: Various | |
| State Senate District #: District #5 | State Representative District #: District #3 |
| 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): USFS | |
| TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area) | |
| Miles of Singletrack: 401 | Miles of 50" or less: 136 Miles of Full-sized: _____ |
| TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling <input 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"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other |
| * New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration | |
| TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.) | |
| 80% | 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.) |
| 10% | 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.) |
| 5% | 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: | |
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| Project Name: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2025 | Project No.: (to be completed by CPW) |
| Project Sponsor: Gunnison Ranger District, USFS | Application Year: 2024-2025 |
| Project Contact: Greg Austin | Application No.: (to be completed by CPW) |
| Total Project Cost: \$ 117,000.00 | Grant Request: \$ 98,000.00 |

Project Description: The *Gunnison* Good OHV Management TRAIL Crew will develop, maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, parking and support facilities; reconstruct OHV trails and related facilities; produce, install and maintain signage for OHV trails and support facilities; develop, deliver and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community and Forest Service employees; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement. *Specifically, this work will take place on the Gunnison Ranger District, a 1.3 million unit on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG NF). The Gunnison Ranger District encompasses parts of Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties. Emphasis will be trail work accomplished on the ground. The Gunnison Ranger District prides itself in still being called a trail crew first. Even though various OHV's are used to accomplish and get to work, the emphasis is trail maintenance rather than riding OHV's.*

WHO?

The USDA Forest Service, Gunnison Ranger District would be responsible for the project. The project is located on Public Lands managed by the Forest Service. It is planned that work will be accomplished by U.S. Forest Service force account trail crew personnel with possible help from partners such as Crested Butte Conservation Corp. (CBCCC). Volunteers may also help accomplish the project.

The Gunnison Ranger District has been a member of the State's Good Management Program since the program's inception.

WHERE?

The project area is located on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison Ranger District within Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties, Colorado. This area is in west central Colorado. The Gunnison Ranger District manages 1.3 million acres on both the Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests. Work will be accomplished during the summer and fall of 2025. Trail maintenance will occur on the Ranger District's motorized trail system.

WHAT?

The money received from the Good OHV Management Program (GMP) fund will support a four-person crew in five primary areas. **First and as it's annual priority**, it will support routine maintenance of the district's motorized trails (both light and heavy maintenance). **Second**, will be continued maintenance and follow-up monitoring of our recently reconstructed trails. (i.e. Timberline, 424 Doctor Park, etc.) The work of our Good Management and our stand-alone grant funded projects just mentioned have been instrumental in increasing or improving OHV riding opportunities and/or experiences in our area. The most recently completed stand-alone reconstruction grant would be the **424 Motorcycle Trail Reconstruction project**. **Third**, the crew will help implement sign plans and check or monitor trail signing and travel management signing on motorized trails. **Fourth**, the crew leader and crew will continue to implement and improve the district's motorized user education program. The crew has and will continue to provide motorized user education in Taylor Park or other locations such as the Cement Creek or Pitkin areas on both the 4th of

July and Labor Day holiday weekends or in Taylor Park for the semi-annual Razor Rally in August. The Good Management Crew leader will also attend one of the Colorado 500 Charity Motorcycle Ride's breakfasts or dinners in August. Education Days will also occur near or during the primary fall big game hunting seasons. The crew will continue to work with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the 'Stay the Trail' trailer on those weekends or when otherwise possible. The crew will participate in sound testing of OHV's alongside Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff members. **Fifth, Training:** The Good Management Trail Crew Leader and Trails Manager will both continue to teach an off-road motorcycle training to Forest Service and BLM employees. Supplies, materials and equipment are items that Good Management funding will also provide to implement work on the ground. (See budget). Also, the trail crew leader and at least one other trail crew member along with the District Trails Manager will perform Forest Protection Officer (FPO) duties when necessary or assigned. **The emphasis for this crew is accomplishing trail work on the ground and being visible to the public when doing so.** This will provide invaluable visibility to the value of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's OHV Trail Grant Program.

WHEN?

Work performed by the Gunnison OHV Good Management Trail Crew will occur from April 2025 into October of 2025. Trail work will be accomplished predominately May thru October. The Good Management Trail Crew leader will be performing pre-season work in April and post season work in November which includes hunter patrols and our annual Hunter Education days in the Gunnison, Crested Butte and Lake City areas.

Program Funding Acknowledgement:

If funding is awarded the Good Management Crew's work will be acknowledged in a number of ways. On a daily basis "Trail Work Ahead" signs will be placed above and below the working trail crews that will be working on the motorized trails on the Gunnison Ranger District. The signs include the blue and white Colorado Parks and Wildlife **"Colorado OHV Registration Dollars at Work"** sticker as part of the sign. The signs state that the project is being funded by the Colorado State OHV Registration Fund. Also, the sticker will be prominent on some of the equipment used by the Good Management trail crew such as the motorized power carriers that are used by our trail crews. The sticker is displayed on the recently purchased Polaris UTV used by the Gunnison Good Management Crew, "Dollars at Work" stickers are also prominently displayed by the Ranger District's other trail crew. The Good Management Program is also often mentioned or covered in the local newspapers. (See attached article) Lastly, credit to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife "OHV Registration Dollars at Work" is also featured at some of the Ranger District's informational kiosks and on recently reconstructed motorized trails such as Italian Connector Trail #648. The State's annual brochure covering funded projects would also acknowledge the project and the State OHV Grant Program.

Authorized Signature: _____

Ly P. Austin
PROJECT MANAGER

Date: 11/13/2023

Budget Form

Project Name: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2025

Date Project will be Completed: Nov. 2025

Project Sponsor: Gunnison Ranger District

*****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) | | | |
| Other Funding Sources | \$ - | \$ - | \$98,000.00 |
| U.S. Forest Service | \$ - | \$17,500.00 | \$ 17,500.00 |
| Volunteers, Estimated Value | \$ - | \$1,500.00 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small> | TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT | | \$ 117,000.00 |

I. Personnel Costs

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

| Club Member/Employee Name or Title | \$ Per Hr | | Total Cost |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| GS-7 Forestry Technician | \$26.12 | 40 hours wk./24 weeks | \$20,896.00 |
| GS-6 Forestry Technician | \$20.74 | 40 hours wk./22 weeks | \$18,251.12 |
| GS-5 Forestry Technician | \$18.60 | 40 hours wk./22 weeks | \$16,368.00 |
| GS-4 Forestry Technician (Student) | \$16.62 | 40 hours wk./12 weeks | \$7,977.60 |
| Possible Contracted Services (Conservation Crew, Colorado Mtn Club, etc.) | | | \$12,000.00 |
| Other Salary/Packer/Overtime, etc. | | | \$15,507.28 |
| Field Per Diem | \$ - | | \$1,000 |
| <small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small> | 3,522.21 | Category Total | \$ 92,000.00 |

II. Project Materials/Supplies

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

| Materials, Supplies, Tools, Education Materials, equipment repairs, signs, etc. | Price Per | Quantity | Total | |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$3,500.00 |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | Category Total | \$ 3,500.00 |

III. Equipment

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

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|---------------------------|------|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Fuel and equipment repair | \$ - | | \$ - | \$2,500.00 |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | Category Total | \$ 2,500.00 |

III.A. FLEET Equipment

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

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

V. Volunteer Support

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

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

VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

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

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)

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

* 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

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| Total | \$ 98,000.00 |
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G. P. Austin 11/13/2023
PROJECT MANAGER

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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.

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| Project Name | OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2025 | Project Sponsor | Gunnison Ranger District, USFS |
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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:

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Date: **9/23/1991**

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

Date and title of document:

6/30/2010 Gunnison National Forest Record of Decision, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest

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.]

For more information contact:

Greg Austin, Gunnison Ranger District Trails Manager (970) 641-0471

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

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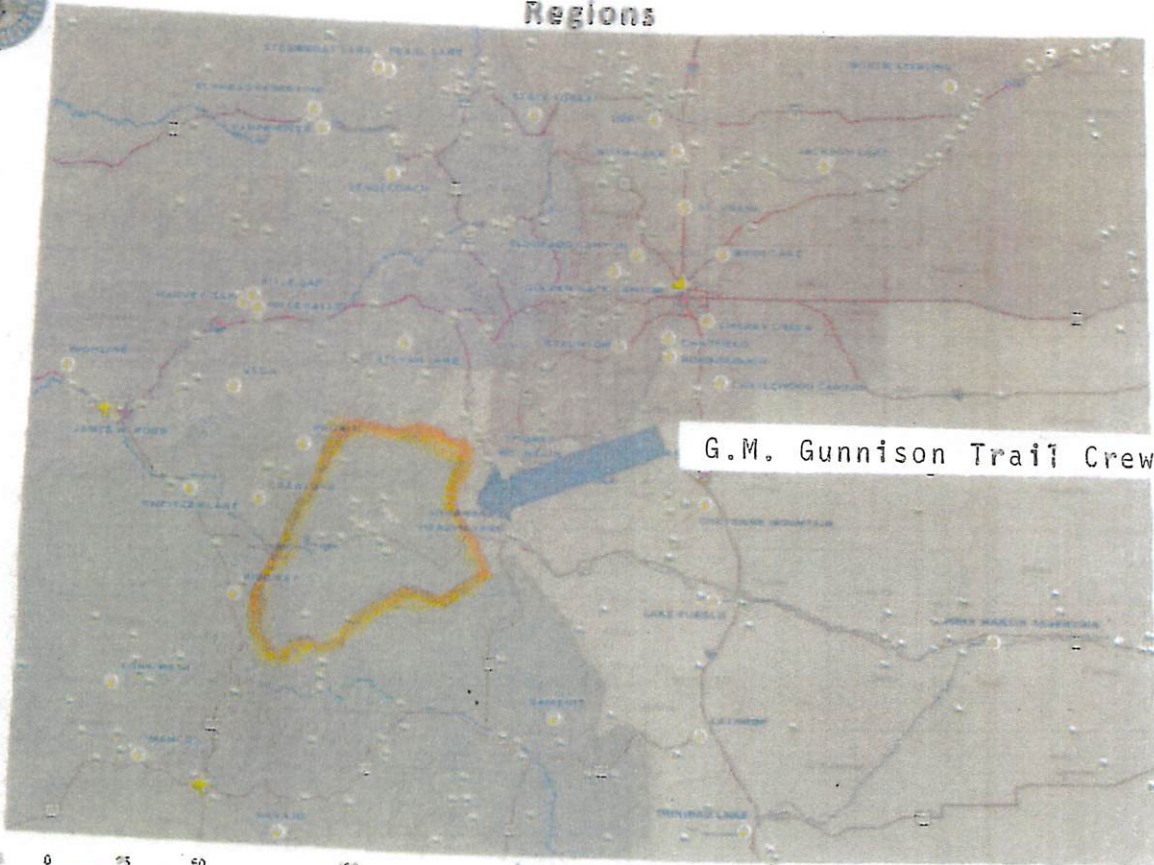
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Dayle Funka, District Ranger

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

Portions of Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Regions



G.M. Gunnison Trail Crew



- Phil's Region Office
- Wildlife Region Office
- State Parks
- State Wildlife Areas
- Regions: Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, Southwest

(F) Project Illustrations:



OHV Gunnison Trail Crew





Timberline Trail #414