

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

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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

Name of Project: Parks Motorized Trail Crew 2025	Date of Application:
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$ 145,750.00 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$ 90000 <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: Parks Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest	
Mailing Address: PO Box 158, Walden, CO 80480	
Telephone: (970)819-5060	Email: eli.rosenstein@usda.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 *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Eli Rosenstein	Title: Recreation Operation Manger
Mailing Address: 925 Weiss Drive, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80487	
Telephone: (970)819-5060	Email: eli.rosenstein@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.

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

Name: Nikki Podrabsky	Title: Grants Management Specialist Trainee
Mailing Address: 301A Yellowstone Ave, Cody, WY 82414	
Telephone: 720-689-6980	Email: nicole.podrabsky@usda.gov

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Walden, CO

County(ies): Jackson

Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):

Throughout Jackson County

Township/Range/Section: Throughout Jackson County

State Senate District #: 8

State Representative District #: 13

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): _____**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)Miles of Singletrack: 110 Miles of 50" or less: 43 Miles of Full-sized: 364**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.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals)
miles / ft. added _____ Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education 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.)
60 <u>65</u>	
5	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
10	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
20	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: Parks Motorized Trail Crew 2025	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Organization Name: Parks Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Eli Rosenstein	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ \$145,750.00	Grant Request: \$ 90,000

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.)

This will be the 18th year of projects in the OHV Good Management Program. The district will utilize funds from this grant to continue the partnership with the Northern Colorado Trail Riders in maintaining motorized trails on the Parks Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest. This crew will be based out of Walden, Colorado to perform trail work primarily on lands managed by the Parks Ranger District. We are also requesting funding for materials and supplies to accomplish work on larger projects.

Although work will be on all motorized trails in the Parks Ranger District, they will focus on areas that include trails located in the Willow Creek and Snyder Creek areas on the South side of the district. Trails included in this area are Snyder Creek Loop 1226.1, 1226.1A, 1226.1B, 1226.1C, 1226.1D, 1226.1E, Radial Mountain 1227, Illinois Ditch 1228, Illinois Pass M25, and Jack Park 1186. Many of these motorized trails connect with the Sulphur Ranger District of the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest across the Continental Divide and provide connectivity opportunities. Trails listed above can also be linked with trail opportunities on the Colorado State Forest State Park. Specific trail work will include continued replacement and armoring of water bars, corridor clearing, fixing trail erosion, and rutting issues, as well as continued travel management signing and implementation.

Work will continue to be targeted on the upper sections of trail 1226.1 that are harder to access and are starting to get rutted out due to erosion. These areas will be targeted for corridor clearing due to all of the blowdown. Crews need to remove already cleared trees; these sections of trail have become a wall of downed logs.

On the Western edge of the Parks District, we will continue work on the Grizzly Helena Trail 1126, Percy Lake Trail 1134, the Agua Fria Trail 1229, and the Wyoming Trail 1101. Specific tasks on these trails will include replacement and armoring of existing water bars as well as installing new ones, clearing deadfall and hazard trees, addressing erosion and trail drainage, as well as travel management implementation. There are plans to continue working on armoring and re-establishing the stream channels at some of the bigger creek crossings on the Grizzly Helena trail. Trail corridor clearing will also be an important focus to continue working for all the trails, and the north end of the Grizzly Helena Trail #1126 needs some heavy tread repair and maintenance as well as the section from Lone Pine South to the Red Canyon trailheads.

If the Parks Ranger District and Routt National Forest is awarded this Colorado OHV Youth Corps Association partnership funding in 2024, this will provide the funding necessary to continue work started by RMYC crews. In 2023 the HPBE OHV crew identified major projects that would harden muddy areas.

Trail clearing will be accomplished at least once a season on all our system motorized trails. Routine maintenance will be performed on approximately 50 miles of prioritized trails during the season. An important component of this project will be continuing our visitor education efforts with state consistent

signage, maintaining trailhead information, contacting visitors, and enforcing existing State and Federal regulations regarding the use of OHVs. We will continue to recognize and acknowledge the State of Colorado OHV program for the funding received in our brochures and signage. All of the above work will be performed during the 2025 field season from mid-May through mid- November.

If this funding is provided for 2025, this Parks Ranger District OHV crew may partner with the HPBE OHV Crew to accomplish some of these larger projects.

Budget Form

Project Name: Parks Motorized Crew 2025

Date Project will be Completed: Nov-25

Project Sponsor: Routt National Forest, Hahns Peak / Bear Ears 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)			\$ 90,000.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3/4 Ton FS Truck	\$ -	\$ 7,250.00	\$ 7,250.00
USFS in kind salary funding	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
FS Tools and equipment		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
First Aid Training		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Northern Colorado Trail Riders volunteer labor @ \$30/hr X 900 hours	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000.00
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 145,750.00

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	Quantity	Total Cost
Trail Crew Supervisor GS7	\$ 24.91		\$ 21,917.30
Experienced Crew Member GS 6 or 7	\$ 24.91		\$ 21,920.80
Experienced Crew Member GS 5 or 6	\$ 22.66		\$ 19,941.68
Full Time Employees overtime project oversight, equipment training, and assist with	-		\$3,000
Travel			\$ 2,500.00
Training (CPR/First Aid, FPO, Chainsaw, Dirt bike)			\$ 1,000.00
PPE and Uniform Cost	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,861.95		Category Total \$ 71,279.78

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

Materials and Tools for Projects	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Materials and Tools for Projects			\$ 10,000.00
Chainsaw repair / replacement			\$ 2,720.22
			Category Total \$ 12,720.22

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

Equipment Maintenance (UTV, ATV, Trailer, Motorcycle)			\$ 3,000.00
Dirtbike PPE			\$ 3,000.00
			Category Total \$ 6,000.00

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

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			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.

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

VI. Insurance
(Non-profit organizations only)

	\$ -		\$ -	
			Category Total	\$ -

Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer			
	\$	-	\$ -
	\$	-	\$ -
			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			
			Total
			\$ 90,000.00

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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	Parks Motorized Trail Crew 2025	Project Sponsor	Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland
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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:

Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan: _____ Date: 02/1998
1997 Revision _____

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

Date and title of document:

NA

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.

No site specific NEPA Needed: Maintenance of existing OHV trails and structures doesn't require additional NEPA

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

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

Thomas Bates, Deputy District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title



Deputy
District
Ranger

11/28/2023

Land Manager Signature and Title

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):

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

- What specifically will the project accomplish?
- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?
- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.
- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?
- Why is this project a priority at this time?
- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?
- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

What specifically will the project accomplish?

This project will continue an ongoing effort to develop and maintain a sustainable, enjoyable, and a safe trail system on the Parks Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest. It will continue to address the backlog of deferred trail maintenance that exists, as well as address emerging issues that affect trail sustainability and travel management patterns. For the 2024 and 2025 field season the district will focus on identifying and addressing immediate safety hazards along trails. This may include installing new armored water bars, rehabilitating older water bars, re-establishing the channel on some small creeks or drains and armoring the banks as appropriate to prevent further erosion along with installing turnpikes through saturated soils. We will continue to sign trails and roads to be consistent with our Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) and make visitor contacts in the field throughout the summer providing education and OHV registration compliance.

The ongoing work from the program will keep trails rideable and sustainable. This in return will benefit the riding opportunities on the district while protecting natural resources. It will also educate trail users on the area and the importance of OHV registration. Continued travel management signing, and visitor contacts have helped to keep riding enthusiasts informed and making the right choices. Work will continue in areas where trail braiding has become a problem by re-establishing trail tread to prevent off trail riding.

Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.

Being a part of the Good OHV Management Program for the last 17 years has greatly helped to provide essential maintenance to keep over 130 miles of OHV trails open on the district, some of these trails also tie in with adjacent riding areas. Without the funding of this program, we would struggle to get the trails cleared of deadfall each year and the deferred maintenance would fall further and further behind. Through a partnership with the Northern Colorado Trail Riders, we have been doing work on many of these trails since the year 2000 keeping them cleared, open, and maintained.

Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?

This project will help keep trails open and maintained at sustainable levels which will lead to a satisfying experience for our recreating public. Our OHV trail system has a variety of terrain that challenges riders from those just beginning to those who have been riding for decades. For example, the Grizzly/Helena Trail is known to be a challenging trail. This project will help address some of the more dangerous obstacles. This will minimize resource impacts and increase rider enjoyment of the trail. This project will help to keep all these trails open to provide this important recreational benefit.

Why is this project a priority at this time?

The Parks Ranger District is still dealing with the effects of the bark beetle epidemic which has led to considerable downfall on the trails each year as well as other water related impacts due to the large number of dead trees. There are many water related issues throughout the trail system that is an ongoing priority. The Parks District continues to see increased use in OHV traffic, and through opportunities like the Good OHV Management Grant we can continue the trail maintenance and travel management implementation.

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

Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?

The project's main partner is the Parks Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest, as this is where the project will be taking place. Other partners include the Northern Colorado Trail Riders who annually help clear the trails of deadfall and other trail maintenance projects, Colorado State Forest State Park, and the Sulphur Ranger District who both have trails that connect with this project, and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp who help provide crews to do trail maintenance work.

Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?

No

Leverage

USDA Forest Service

3/4 Ton FS Truck	\$7,250
UFS in kind salary funding	\$20,000
FS Tools and equipment	\$1,000
First Aid Training	\$ 500
Northern Colorado Trail Riders volunteer labor @ \$30/hr X 900 hours	\$ 27,000

USFS total \$ \$55,750.00

Good Management OHV Grant \$90,000

Total Project Cost \$ \$145,750.00

Volunteers

The Northern Colorado Trail Riders are one of our volunteer groups that have invested a tremendous amount of time and effort into the multiple use trails on the Parks Ranger District. Along with their volunteer labor efforts they are also a valued partner because of the contacts they have with other motorcycle and ATV riders and OHV clubs where they spread the word about trail etiquette and travel management strategies.

OHV grant program acknowledgement

The Parks District continues to acknowledge the State OHV grant program in our printed trail brochures, at trailhead bulletin boards, and through the use of "Colorado Registration Dollars at Work" stickers throughout our trail system. We also had crew t-shirts this season identifying the crew as a US Forest Service OHV crew and Colorado registration dollars at work.

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

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

- Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.
- Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how.
- Will the project construct or improve drainage structures to prevent erosion or repair damage from excessive runoff, or harden and/or bridge stream crossings and wet areas?
- Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area.

The principal objective of this project will be trail maintenance on existing trails. This will help prevent erosion, trail widening, and mitigate safety hazards. The district staff along with this crew will continue to look at ways to get trails out of sensitive riparian areas or harden these areas where they can't be avoided. Ongoing efforts will be continued for closing off unauthorized routes with signage, barricades, and rehabilitating them as necessary. Rehabilitation may include contour falling of dead trees to block and help stabilize the trail, seeding or re-vegetating, surface re-contouring, and/or establishing drainage to stabilize and discourage further use. Trail maintenance efforts will continue to focus on maintaining and building water bars to control water and prevent erosion along with check dam installation where appropriate to re-stabilize the trails. We will continue to work on areas where the trail has become braided; work will include drainage control and tread repair or reconstruction.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

Large Equipment purchased with OHV funding must have commitment to Long-Term Maintenance and Operations and must only be used for OHV Trail Maintenance Activities. When not in use, equipment will be made available for use on other OHV projects currently or previously supported by CPW. When equipment is no longer in use or needed, it should be passed on to another OHV Club, the BLM or Forest Service, or returned to CPW to insure continued OHV trail maintenance activities. Describe provisions to be made for the following:

- Who will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the equipment?
- What is the expected annual budget for operations, maintenance and fuel?
- How many (machine) hours are needed to maintain the trail system?

- What is the expected annual cost for future operations and maintenance and will that be dependent upon additional OHV grants?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

We are asking for funding to purchase materials for bridge replacements, turnpike materials and tool replacement. Along with funding to maintain all the current equipment.

The Parks Ranger District would be responsible for operation and maintenance of the equipment using funding from our Good OHV Management grants or allocated USFS funding. Combined with our other motorcycles that we use on the district; it is estimated from 50 to 100 hours of time per year for clearing trails of deadfall using the motorcycles, and making visitor contacts.

We would continue to use the equipment for OHV related trail work if possible. Should the Parks District become unable to use it further we would contact CPW to find another organization that needed this equipment.

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

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

Travel Management:

- Will this project employ one or more travel management measures such as educational tools, signage, control structures, methods to reduce conflicts among user groups, visitor contacts and/or increased compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations? If so, explain those measures.
- Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.
- Will the project assist in monitoring or closing or rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes in compliance with TMPs or MVUMs or address damaged or closed routes pursuant to an MVUM? (e.g., repair, or the placement or replacement of signage, fencing, and trail barriers or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails, etc.). If so, explain how.
- Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

This crew will address travel management on the Parks Ranger District of the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest as outline in the latest version of the Parks Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) and ensure that appropriate signage is correct. We will work to monitor and address off-trail and non-system routes by signing, fencing, and rehabilitating where appropriate. Crew members along with other recreation staff on district will be trained to educate OHV users about appropriate uses in the area, give out MVUMs, trail brochures, check for OHV sticker compliance, and provide information to reduce conflicts between user groups. They will also inform trail users the importance of OHV registration. This promotes cooperation on our multiple use trails.

The crew's effort to mitigate illegal routes will benefit the natural resources on the district. Part of this implementation of this grant will be signing and maintaining our open OHV trails and roads, as well as monitoring for un-authorized use of non-system routes. When non-system routes are discovered, we try to first sign those areas, followed up with barricades or fencing, and rehabilitation of the route by closing with downed trees and adding drainage structures if necessary. A last resort we will go in to decommission or re-contour as necessary. Along with these efforts, visitor contact, and education will be a tool to gain compliance. This project is consistent with our Forest Plan, previous travel management decisions, and our MVUM implementation to designate open motor vehicle routes and maintain our multiple use trails in a sustainable manner.

Education

- Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to "on the ground" user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.

- Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.
- Does this project use or provide educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures, kiosks, or patrols to educate riders? If so, explain.

This project will continue building on previous educational efforts implemented on the district. The Parks District Motorized Good Management OHV Trail Crew regularly makes visitor contacts while out in the field working. Many of the contacts occur during routine maintenance. This gives us the opportunity to check for compliance with the OHV registration laws, interact with trail users; show them the work that we do, and validate the importance of Stay the Trail. We regularly get compliments on the work we do and our efforts to help keep trails open and maintained. We feel it is important for trail users to see where and how their registration dollars are being spent. Another part of our educational efforts is directed towards signing and providing information at our trailheads. We constantly strive to keep signs updated and in good repair, maps and brochures stocked at all trailheads, provide current information to our visitors which can lead to greater understanding and less conflict between all visitors. Another important message that we have been sharing for several years is hazard tree awareness, reminding folks that there are thousands of dead trees in the forest that are now falling and to be alert for windy conditions and falling trees while you are camping or recreating. During busy holiday weekends we make the extra effort to be visible to our recreating public while working and on patrol to provide these public contacts and education materials.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

- How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?
- Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?
- How will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, designated routes and OHV registration requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists?
- How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?
- Include an estimate of the time and/or financial resources that will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance and law enforcement under this proposal.

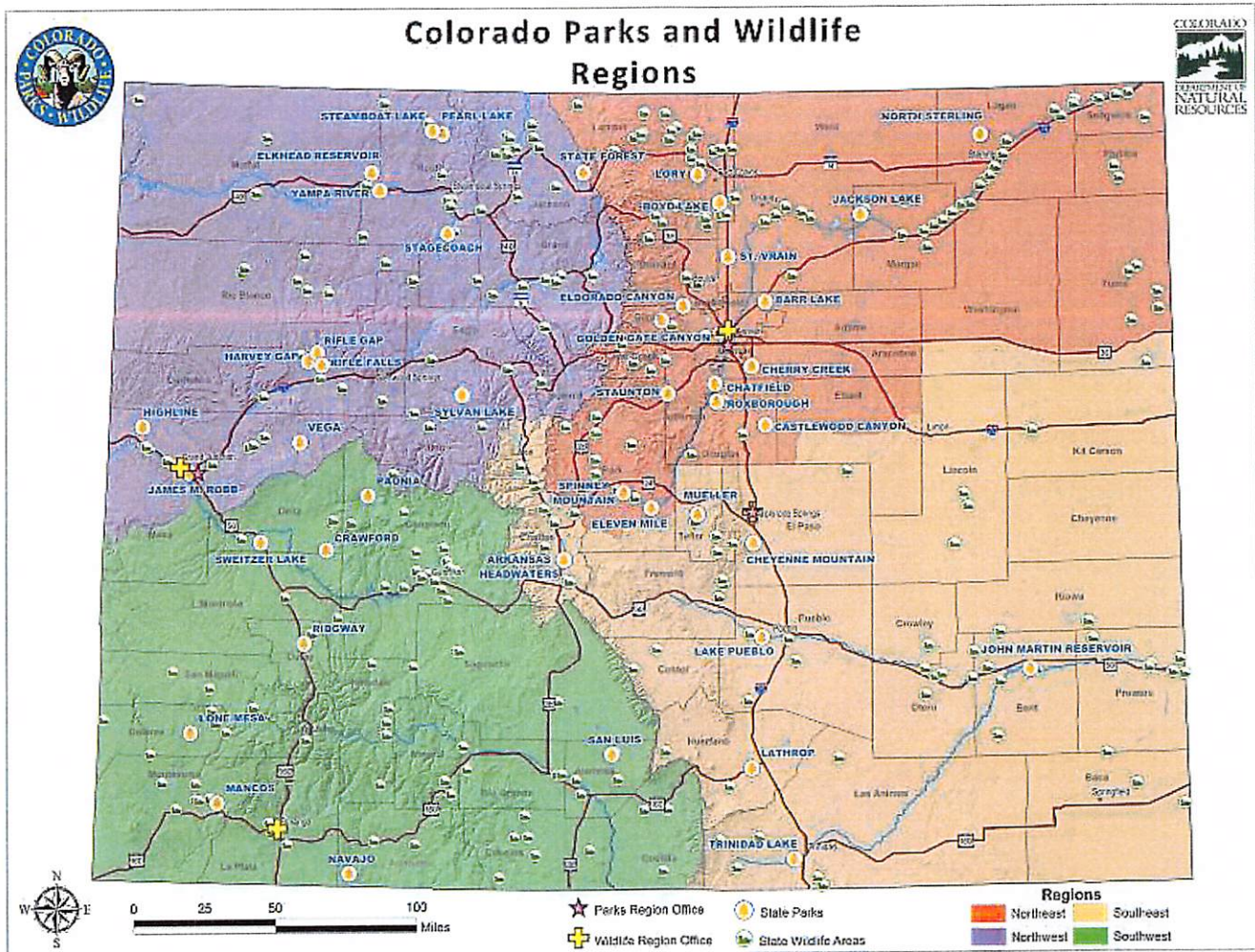
As part of our ongoing efforts, we continue to check OHV registrations. Crew members along with other district recreation staff, and law enforcement officers will try to talk with people while they are in camp to check stickers, hand out maps, and relay other information as pertinent. Each year the crew will try to have a Forest Protection Officer on the crew, who can issue warnings and write citations as necessary. On busier weekends we routinely have presence from one of our dedicated Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers making public contacts. Visitor contacts are documented on our daily trail logs and any enforcement activities can be tracked through our Law Enforcement database. During these contacts we stress the importance of keeping OHVs on designated routes as well as explaining the importance of registering their machines whether in state or out of state and where those monies go. Time and resources dedicated to our law enforcement efforts vary year to year and by season, but a fair estimate would be about 15% of the total project cost, counting trail maintenance time where we also make contacts. With accurate signing on the ground and the availability of MVUMs, there continues to be better compliance by all visitors.

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

Maps being requested include:

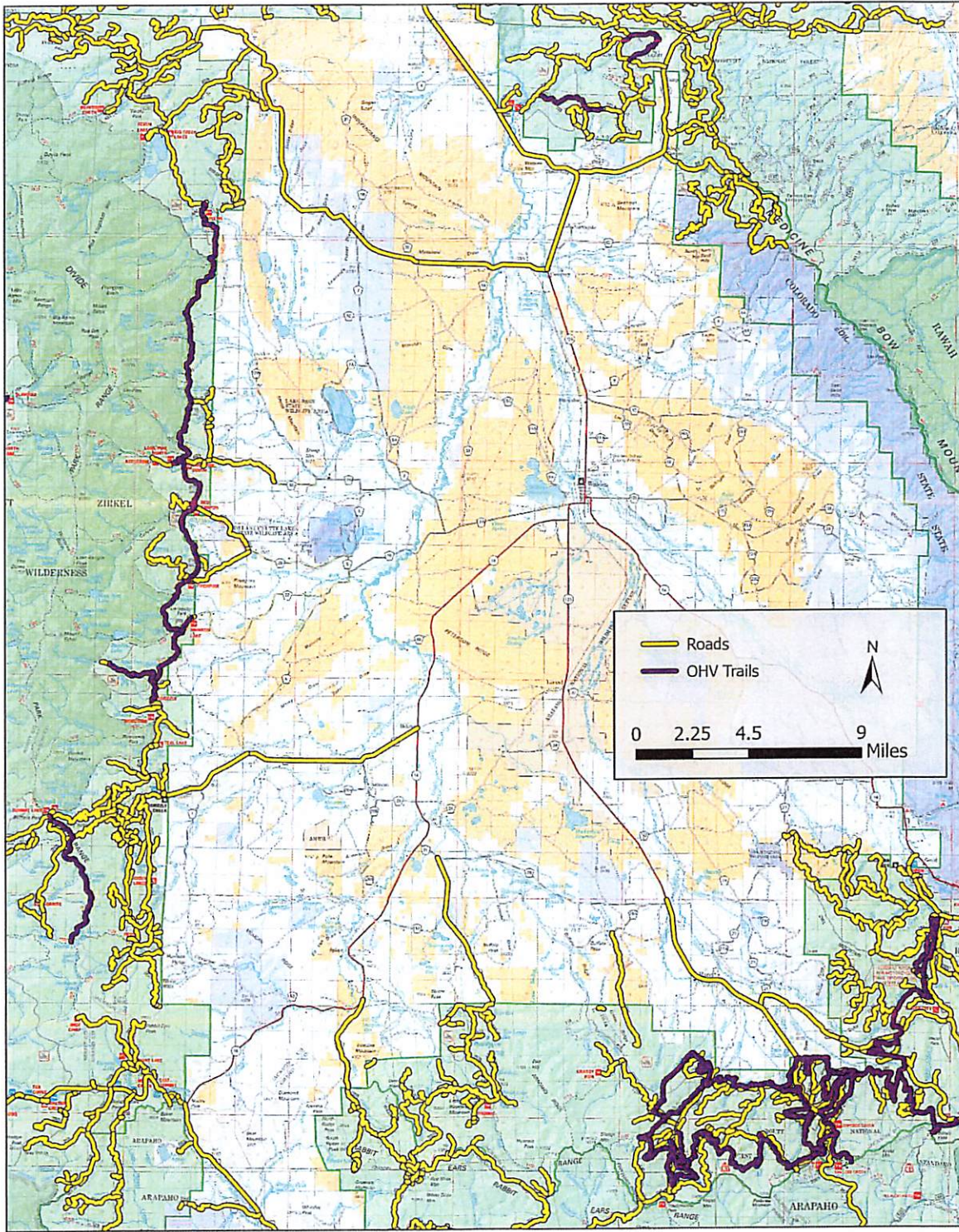
- “General area” (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* “project vicinity”. (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

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.



A map of all OHV Opportunities on Parks RD. Roads are in yellow and OHV Trails in purple.

(F) Project Illustration

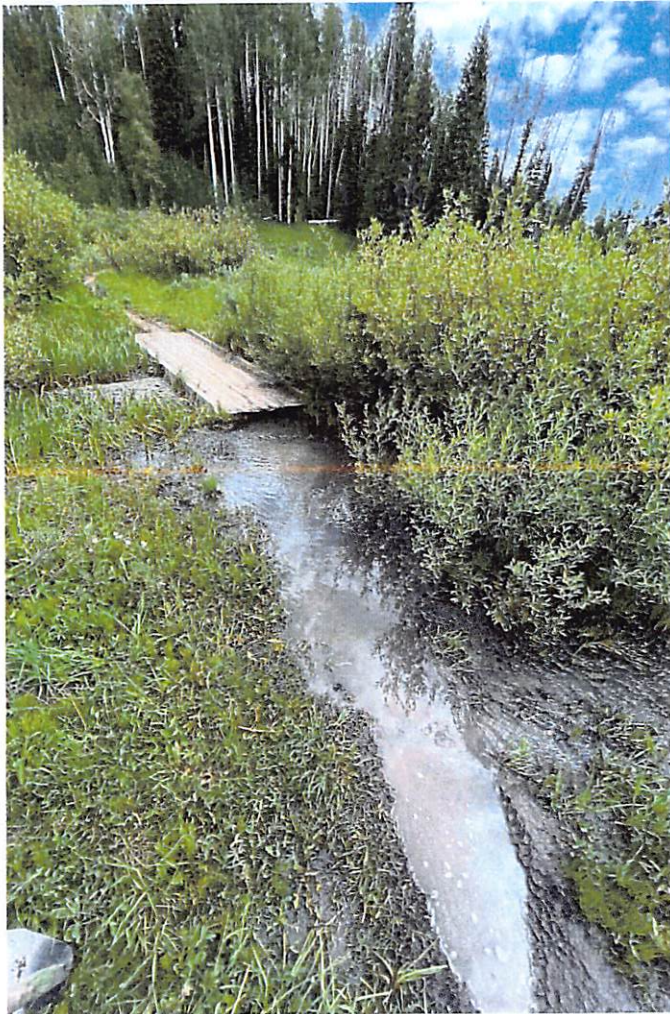
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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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Northern Colorado Trail Riders

November 17, 2023

To whom it may concern,

Northern Colorado Trail Riders would like to express our support for the Good Management grant requested by the Parks District of the US Forest Service.

Northern Colorado Trail Riders was formed 31 years ago to protect and advocate for motorized trail use in Northern Colorado. We have worked actively with the Parks District for over 20 years, providing OHV grants to fund trail crews. We've also provided two motorcycles to the district for them to use in maintaining trails. Every spring we spend hundreds of hours helping to clear deadfall from the single track trails. We are fully committed to extending and expanding our relationship with the Parks District.

The Parks District provides important motorized trail opportunities within a couple hours drive from the major population centers on the Front Range. For many years, the Parks district have been excellent stewards of these motorized trails. As such, they deserve continued support and funding from the OHV community to maintain these trails and assure that they are sustainable.

With well over 100 miles of motorized trails in the Parks District, and ever-increasing usage, NCTR will also be submitting an additional grant request focused on the Grizzly-Helena trail. We are pursuing a comprehensive review of the entire trail, with a key purpose being the addition of trail bridges for an extended riding season, improved rider safety, and protection of critical watersheds. We would very much like to utilize additional Good Management trail resources in the 2024 season to fix some known issues with several wet areas of this trail.

We appreciate your consideration in supporting the Parks district Good Management grant request.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jason Hale'.

Jason Hale

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(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 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

The Parks OHV Crew will be focused on general maintenance of all the OHV trails and routes on our district. These areas are on the western end of North Park, along the Grizzly/Helena Trail, in the Willow Creek area, and Snyder Creek Area. The work will happen from May – November 2024, with the beginning of the season focusing on logout and general drain and corridor maintenance. As the season goes on the crew will focus their efforts on rebuilding and replacing decrepit trail structures like turnpikes and culverts. We will continue to partner with Northern Colorado Trail Riders as our OHV club partners. We plan to work with them on many miles of logout, and larger projects like turnpike and bridge builds. We will also be working alongside Rocky Mountain Youth Corps to accomplish these tasks, and our larger projects for the season. For us, 2023 presented opportunities to work with neighboring districts, and the work encountered very few issues. We plan to use this crew to collaborate with our local clubs, as well as other districts. We plan to continue this success in 2024 and 2025.