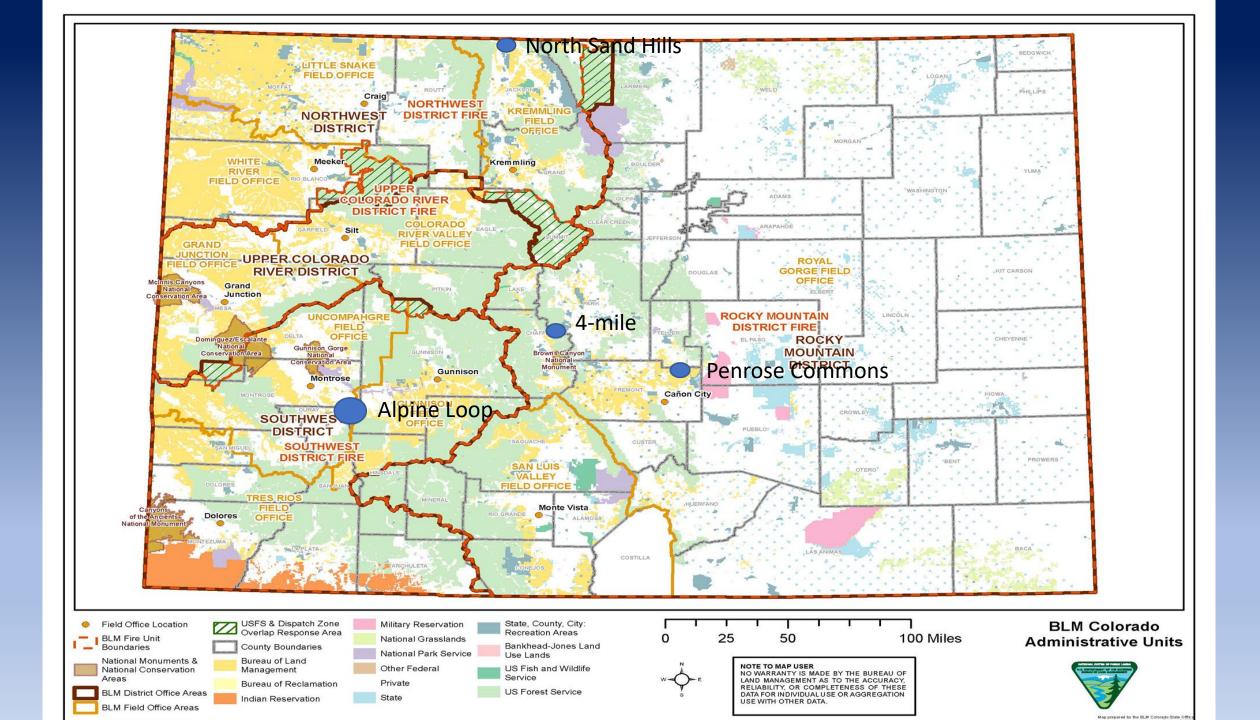






Bureau of Land Management Statewide OHV Law Enforcement 2023 Lessons / 2024 Forecast



Notable Successes

- Huge increase in Public Contacts
- Increase in OHV public education
- Law Enforcement visibility has increased leading to more positive interactions with the Public
- Resources protected
- Trails protected
- Relationships built with interagency patrols







FY 23 OHV Stats (Grant Funded Patrol):PERSONS CONTACTED2000REGISTRATIONS CHECKED1200WARNINGS ISSUED (Registration)147CITATIONS ISSUED41





FY 23 OHV Grant Funded Patrol Totals North Sand Hills

- 2-3 officer surges Memorial Day and July 4th (No dedicated surge for Labor Day due to staffing)
- Estimated visitation 1-2K per holiday weekend
- Rangers gained cooperation from organizers of several unpermitted events
- *Still*, Denver Wolves OHV club issued 17 citations with resource damage and closure violations.
- Rangers first on-scene and coordinated medical response for two OHV injury-accidents with 1 fatal





FY 23 OHV Grant Funded Patrol Totals Alpine Loop

- 15 patrol days from June to September *(well short of target);* also 6 Rangers for 4-day surge late summer due to large club event (resource damage).
- Season visitation estimated at 430,000+ driving 150,000 vehicles
- Approx 75K (49%) OHVs
- Ranger response to several accidents; one death reported during 2023 season





FY 23 OHV (Non-Grant Funded)* OHV ContactsREGISTRATIONS CHECKED200WARNINGS ISSUED120CITATIONS ISSUED28

• *OHV contacts conducted as part of other patrols not charged to OHV grant funds.





FY23 OHV Season Challenges:

- \$2,316.25 grant funds returned to CPW at end of season
- Staffing: 13 uniformed officers covering ~8.2 million acres in regular, non-OHV patrols, dealing with dumping, occupancy, grazing trespass, etc. (*Often little incentive to work out of regular AOR*)
- Limited LE staff = Limited ability to adequately address public safety and resource concerns.
- Funding availability Offices generally limited on ability to pay for additional officer patrols or OT for additional duty days.
- Increase in SRP related events (Large Club events*)
- Increase in off-road travel violations





Patrol Plan for 2024 Season

- North Sand Hills: 2 officers for each of the three holiday weekends.
- Wolford Recreation Area consistent/recurring presence.
- Alpine Loop: Two officers for 4th of July and Labor Day weekends. Target of two(+) patrol days per week, July Sept. (Increase from 15 patrol days for 2022 season to target of 40 patrol days in 2024)
- Penrose Commons: Anticipated visitation of 20,000, with peak usage in October.





For 2024 Season

- Exploring possibility of offering detail opportunities to our NPS partners (*would have to be an overtime arrangement*). Looking into IAA with FS partners to increase local funded support.
- Implementing BLM detail request announcements and local detail sign up sheet to increase participation.
- The ability to pay OT will help incentivize officers taking additional shifts or details shifts outside of their respective AORs to provide OHV surge patrols. Will attract out of state support.







2024 Season – Anticipated Challenge

- Large Clubs / Unpermitted events
- Alcohol + H.P. Machines (+ weapons?)
- Seek cooperation, but enforcement if needed, to protect enjoyment and safety of others
- (VIDEOS)





QUESTIONS?



