



**2023-2024**  
**Off-Highway Vehicle Program**  
**State Trail Grant Application**

<b>Name of Project:</b> Dozer 24 Project		<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/1/22022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$73,157.00	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$48,157.00	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District		
Mailing Address: 29211 Hwy.184, Dolores, CO 81323		
		Fax: NA
Telephone: 970 882 6843	Email: thomas.b.rice@usda.gov	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> 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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Tom Rice	Title: Recreation Staff Officer	
Mailing Address: 29211 Hwy. 184, Dolores, CO 81323		
Telephone: 970 882 6843	Fax:	Email: thomas.b.rice@usda.gov
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: X YES NO

<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: Rebecca Cuthbertson	Title: G and A Specialist	
Mailing Address: 1671 Cole Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80401 (note that this contact will likely change-contact Tom Rice for more info.		
Telephone: 970 275 8040	Fax: NA	Email: rebecca.cuthbertson@usda.gov

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**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: Dolores, CO  
County(ies): Montezuma, Dolores and LaPlata  
Township/Range/Section: multiple  
State Senate District #:6  
State Representative District #:58 and #59

**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): \_Public Lands

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

Miles of Singletrack: 120 Miles of 50" or less: 77.3 Miles of Full-sized: 7.5

**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)

All-Terrain Vehicle  Side x Side  Full Sized 4X4  
 Motorcycling  Four-Wheeling  Accessible Access

**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)  
Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

<input 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.)

70%	<b>Program maintenance</b> (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.)
15%	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
5%	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
10%	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	<b>Total:</b> (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Dozer 24	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: San Juan National Forest, Dolores RD	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Tom Rice	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$73,157.00	Grant Request: \$48,157.00

**Project Description:** The Dozer 24 project proposal is a collaborative trail program partnering the San Juan National Forest’s Dolores and Pagosa Ranger Districts’ trails programs. The Dolores District is requesting funding to hire two Forest Service seasonal employees (one equipment operator and one swamper) who will address trail maintenance needs on both district’s popular OHV trails. The Dolores District is the primary party responsible for the administration of the project. If funded, operations will occur in Montezuma, Dolores, Archuleta and Mineral counties from April through October of 2024.

The State Trails OHV program and the San Juan National Forest provided funding to purchase a new trail dozer in 2019. Subsequent OHV program funds will continue to support the staffing of the trail dozer.

To accomplish maintenance in an efficient manner, Dolores District staff will conduct heavy maintenance using a trail dozer, a Forest Service funded mini-ex (limited use) and two district seasonal employees. Specific accomplishments include cleaning water diversion structures (water bars, rolling dips, ditches and culverts); clearing deadfall; rehabilitating user made routes; boulder placement; trail reconstruction (rebuilding drainage structures, crib walls and turnpikes); minor reroutes and signing trails to standard. Maintenance would meet Forest Service trail specifications (*Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Trails (USDA USFS EM-7720-103, September 1996)*). Staff would also be responsible for visitor contacts and education.

Trail maintenance and reconstruction efforts on the following ATV trails would be accomplished from May-October.

- *Dolores District-Morrison, BC Rim, Chicken Creek, Aspen Loop, and Mancos area trail network- These popular OHV trails are located near Mancos and have several locations that require annual maintenance..*
- *Dolores District- Rico West Dolores OHV trails-Light maintenance on newly constructed routes authorized in the Willow Divide, Ground Hog and Black Mesa zones of the district.*
- *Dolores District- Rico West Dolores OHV trails-Maintenance on routes authorized in the Rico area of the district including 62” OHV trails.*
- *Pagosa District-District Wide Network- Heavy maintenance and/or minor re-routes are proposed on sections of routes in the Blue Creek, Mosca, Monument, Porcupine, and Mill Creek Road landscapes.*
- *If opportunities arise with the Columbine Ranger District, the dozer program will be available to them.*

Degraded trail segments on both districts need heavy maintenance to provide for improved riding opportunities and reduced trail impacts. In addition, the availability of heavy equipment helps support the efforts of our Trail Crew and other district projects that are supported by other CPW OHV grants.

“Colorado Registration Dollars at Work” logos will be affixed to trail signs on many of the district’s motorized trail signs and OHV trail crew shirts (if available and provided by CPW) will be worn by trail crew staff while in the field. Crew members also contact visitors and explain how their OHV registration dollars help finance trail maintenance. Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) from the District’s Recreation program are available to the crew and can be used to issue citations or provide additional travel management information to visitors.

Providing for the long-term sustainability of these trails is crucial to the Dolores and Pagosa District’s recreation program and the public that use district trails.

Accomplishing this project would ensure Forest Service resources are being used in a fiscally sensible manner while improving and maintaining existing trail infrastructure and providing a quality trail experiences for motorized and non-motorized visitors.

# Budget Form

**Project Name: Dozer 24**

**Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2024**

**Project Sponsor:**

\*\*\*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)	\$ 48,157		\$ 48,157.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dolores Ranger District in kind-Trail crew boss staff, grant administration oversight, FPO/LEO assistance, fleet, benefits, training, facility and shop use.	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
San Juan Trail Riders trail clearing efforts	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 73,157.00</b>

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>			
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Wage Grade 8-Dozer operator	\$ 22.12		\$ 33,157.00
GS4- Swamper	\$ 14.48		\$ 10,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	1,951.04	<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 43,157.00</b>

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Sign, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, screws, hardhats, dozer maintenance, gravel, boulders, bank fees associated with federal purchases, filter fabric, packs, saws, PPE, bolts, seed, sign posts	\$ 5,000.00	1	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
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	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

V. Volunteer Support <small>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.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 48,157.00</b>
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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

Dozer 24 Project

Project  
Sponsor

San Juan National Forest,  
Dolores Ranger District

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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:

San Juan National Forest Land Management Plan

Date: 9/2013

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

Date and title of document:

4/1/08 Mancos Cortez Travel Management Plan; 12/5/12 Boggy Glade Travel Management Plan; 6/01/2021 Rico Trails Project; 7/30/2018 Rico West Dolores Travel Management Plan; San Juan National Forest Land Management Plan 9/2013;9/29/83.

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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.]

NA

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For more information contact: Emma Reinemann, NEPA Specialist

970-882-6822

[emma.reinemann@usda.gov](mailto:emma.reinemann@usda.gov)

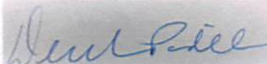
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4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).NA

Derek Padilla, District Ranger, San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title



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District Ranger

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Land Manager Signature and Title

11/1/2022

Date

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## **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

The Dozer 24 grant would accomplish specific maintenance and reconstruction efforts on San Juan National Forest's Dolores and Pagosa Districts' system trails. Tasks include drainage structure maintenance and repair; turnpike, side-hilling, rock and log crib wall reconstruction; and climbing turn maintenance. Motorized enthusiasts, both ATV and motorcycles, will benefit from this project because it will repair and maintain important trail infrastructure, develop more sustainable trails, protect important public land resources while continuing to provide improved access to many miles of forest system trails for all trail users.

To accomplish maintenance in an efficient manner, the Dolores District dozer operation will conduct heavy maintenance using a mini dozer and a Forest Service funded mini excavator on both districts' trails. Specific accomplishments include cleaning water diversion structures (water bars, rolling dips, ditches and culverts); clearing deadfall; constructing pull over lanes; boulder placement; rehabilitating unauthorized routes, trail reconstruction (rebuilding drainage structures, out sloping, crib walls and turnpikes); installing OHV cattle guards; and signing trails to standard. We will also use this opportunity to continue to train Forest staff on equipment operations.

Staff would also be responsible for visitor contacts. "Tread Lightly" and "Share the Trail" principles that explain the shared use philosophy of our trail systems while encouraging responsible trail use will be shared with trail users via on the ground staff. Funding from the State OHV program will also be highlighted via signage and visitor contacts. Feedback from our visitors will also be addressed by staff.

Trail maintenance and reconstruction efforts on the following ATV trails would be accomplished from May-October.

- Dolores District-Aspen Loop, Aspen Spur, Golconda, Morrison and Mancos area trail network- These popular OHV trails are located near Mancos and have several locations that require annual maintenance. Funding would support an equipment operator and swamper.
- Dolores District- Rico West Dolores OHV trails-Light maintenance on newly constructed routes authorized in the Willow Divide, Ground Hog and Black Mesa zones of the district.
- Dolores District- Rico West Dolores OHV trails-Maintenance on routes in the Rico West Dolores area.
- Pagosa District-District Wide Network- Heavy maintenance and/or minor re-routes are proposed on sections of routes in the Blue Creek, Mosca, Monument, Porcupine, and Mill Creek Road landscapes.
- Columbine Ranger District-The Dozer program will be available for work on the Columbine RD. (note that essential Columbine positions were unfilled at the time this grant was being written and therefore no input was available from their trail program.)

Maintenance of these specific areas should occur every 1- 3 years depending on level of use, storm events, winter impacts or soil conditions. Because many of these trails are popular and need semiannual maintenance they are on each district's priority maintenance list. Maintenance is a priority for our trail infrastructure that the OHV program has already invested grant program dollars in.

Motorized trails on the Dolores and Pagosa Ranger Districts serve riders of all ages and abilities satisfying novices while also providing more challenging riding opportunities. Not only do many of our visitors come from Durango, Mancos, Cortez or Pagosa Springs, others travel from Utah, Arizona, New Mexico as well as many other states including Pennsylvania and New York.

Each year we continue to experience an increase in trail use requiring the investment in annual maintenance. Gathering specific user numbers of our trail system is a challenge but anecdotal tallies show over 125 riders/ day on our popular OHV trails and over 3 dozen riders/day on our more challenging single-track trails during the height of the riding season. Investments in trail maintenance preserves critical trail infrastructure while reducing future maintenance costs and supporting a sustainable trail system.

### **2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):**

The Dolores and Pagosa Districts have a long partnership with motorized groups including the San Juan Trail Riders and Pagosa Trail Riders. Backcountry horsemen and bike clubs are also cooperators with the districts. These partnerships are a major part of the success of our trail program as their enclosed letters of support demonstrate. Much of their work focuses on trail clearing, light trail maintenance and outreach with other users. Without their efforts, many of our trails would have a large volume of downed trees on the system.

Local governments also support our trail program. Ongoing recreational opportunities including motorized trail use supports local economies through equipment, fuel, lodging and food sales.

In addition to the strong partnership program we have with volunteers, we have also benefited from nearly two decades of State Trail's financial assistance for planning, construction and maintenance activities on our system trails. We acknowledge their support by placing their "Colorado OHV Registration Dollars at Work" on many of our trail markers and kiosks.

Our grant proposal would provide the critical heavy maintenance needs that many of our volunteers cannot complete but are an important part of Forest Service trail maintenance duties.

No Forest is immune to controversy when it comes to decision making because we simply manage land for a diverse population with equally diverse opinions. That said, projects such as motorized trail maintenance are a benefit to nearly all visitors as it improves access to public lands while protecting the natural and cultural resources that are important to forest health.

An in-kind contribution of \$20,000 by the Dolores and Pagosa Ranger Districts will include project management and technical support by trail specialists and Forest engineering as well as Recreation Program Managers. Furthermore, in-kind contributions include use of government vehicles, trailers and other trail equipment. Local trail riders also provide general trail clearing costs that total over \$5,000 in labor and equipment costs. \$25,000 of in-kind support represents over 34% of the total project cost of \$73,157 and 51% of the grant request amount of \$48,157.

Finally, projects using Forest Service trail staff and equipment improves the coordination between districts and is a fiscally sensible approach to mobilizing manpower and equipment that can focus on district trail priorities.

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

Many of the trails within the project area are in important watersheds, some of which are dominated by rocky terrain and erosive soils. Funding for this project will ensure protection of natural resources and cultural resources including water quality (ensuring proper drainage structures are in place and are operating to standard), reducing erosion by maintaining drainage structures and avoiding negative impacts to riparian zones, using turnpike construction or maintenance of trail features while also protecting critical resources such as erodible soils and steep slopes. These protective measures will allow for native vegetation to flourish that in turn stabilize soils and slopes over the long term.

Dozer maintenance provides indirect ecosystem benefits by reducing potential impacts to critical resources such as watersheds or wetlands while also helping support rehabilitation of landscapes by maintaining a sustainable trail system using trail maintenance best management practices.

Implementation of the project will help achieve the desired conditions as required by the 2013 San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan and three travel management plans while also meeting the best management practices needed for the long-term sustainability of Forest Service trails and the protection of natural and cultural resources.

#### *Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:*

Our 2019 CPW State Trail grant request partially funded the purchase of a trail dozer. The remaining portion was paid for using Forest Service funds. This piece of equipment is our primary heavy lifting tool, but we also propose to use a Forest Service funded mini excavator for limited use on some trail projects. A mini excavator is a functional tool for operations such a boulder placement, topsoil "mining" activities and other travel management implementation projects.

The mini ex will be operated by the dozer operator or by the District's trails lead. At times, these two pieces of equipment can be operated in tandem as the two tool's capabilities complement one another. Fuel and daily maintenance will be a

Forest Service responsibility. It is anticipated that the dozer hours of operation will exceed 250 hours based on 2022 field activity. Maintenance costs vary each year, but 2022 maintenance totaled under \$1500.

Future operational costs (salaries are currently \$39,234.00) will be dependent on CPW OHV funds while future heavy maintenance costs will be the responsibility of the Forest Service.

As with any heavy equipment, major mechanical issues in the field are not quick fixes. However local heavy equipment repair companies can mobilize to the field to assist with any repairs that are beyond the ability of our trail staff. Those costs will be borne by the Forest Service.

When the trail maintenance season is over the dozer is winterized and stored at the District compound. The District anticipates the equipment to be in service with the agency for up to 8 more years. Upon retirement or replacement the equipment could be available for purchase through a General Services Administration (GSA) auction or transferred to another federal agency.

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

*Travel Management Implementation*-Our proposal complies with long term planning decisions included in the Mancos Cortez Travel Management Plan (April 2008), Boggy Draw Travel Management Plan (December 2012), the Turkey Springs Trail Management Plan EA (March 2012) and the 2018 decision for the Rico West Dolores Travel Management Plan Final EIS that authorized a trail system that is fiscally and ecologically sustainable and manageable. Measures to improve signing, construct width restrictors, rehabilitate decommissioned routes, reduce user conflicts, increase multiple use trail opportunities and improve on the ground enforcement of travel rules were analyzed and implemented in the travel management plans and continue to be implemented on our trail systems.

The program will help control unauthorized routes by closing them which in turn promotes vegetative reclamation and rehabilitation. The Dozer 24 program supports the long-term trail plans which includes providing motorized access and sustainable trails.

*Education*-Clear trail signing and maps is an important part of trail education. We continue to use the “yield triangle” on our shared use trails. The triangle describes how trail users should yield when encountering other users. For example, motorized users should yield to non-motorized users, mountain bikers should yield to hikers and horseback riders and hikers should yield to horseback riders. In addition, mixed motorized and non-motorized intersections of trails will be identified to minimize conflicts between users while increasing the awareness of potential safety issues. Recent signage activities include improved interpretive kiosks on several motorized trails including Calico and Gold Run trails. We will continue to install interpretive signs on other motorized trails that target all Forest visitors to educate the public on the benefits of shared trails.

The Dolores Recreation program staff weekends and high use holidays with employees to have an on the ground, targeted contacts with OHV users as well as non-motorized users. This multi-day, boots on the ground staffing approach helps us educate all visitors of the importance of multiple use activities.

We will continue to provide free Motor Vehicle Use maps (and suggest the use of Avenza or CoTrex apps) to all our visitors to educate the public about our motorized trail system.

Our educational material has been paid via other OHV grants or using Forest Service funds.

*Enforcement and Compliance Activities*-Clear signing allows our visitors to understand how our trails are managed while also enabling our law enforcement and Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) to enforce Forest rules and regulations. Implementation of this project will ensure access points, trailheads and trail intersections are well signed and any signs vandalized or damaged can be immediately repaired or replaced with new signs. It also improves compliance through education or by issuing citations for OHV rule violations.

Trail staff will work with Forest Service law enforcement officers and FPOs on enforcement or compliance issues. Many of the District’s FPOs work closely with CPW’s Southwest Regional Trail Coordinator including conducting trail patrols together. District FPO staff typically patrol weekends and Holidays, often using OHVs to contact visitors on our motorized trails. This program costs over \$9500 and is covered by the Forest Service and has proven to be a cost-effective educational tool. These patrols check OHV registration and remind any motorized users that their registration dollars



support motorized trail work. In some cases, FPOs issue citations to OHV riders who have expired registrations or violate travel rules. Citations are documented using the same database that our Forest Law Enforcement Officers use for their citations. Non-payment of citations can result in additional legal issues for the cited individuals.

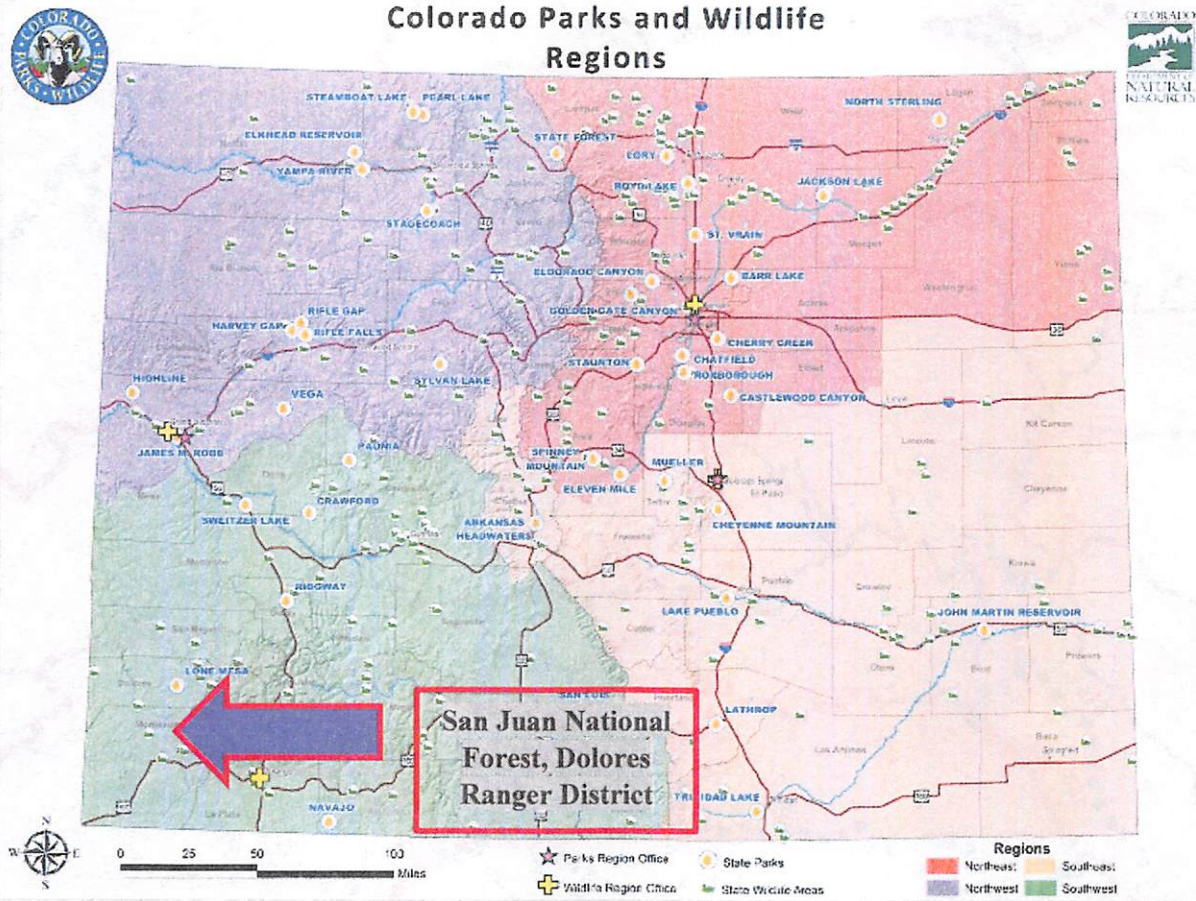
Although not directly imbedded with the crew, FPOs are available to the crew in the event of ongoing compliance issues that crews may witness. Crews will also have copies of the San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District (MVUM) that can be provided to any visitors they may contact while in the field.

Successful funding by Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV program for the Dozer 24 program will promote motorized recreational opportunities while protecting the natural and cultural resources in the project area.

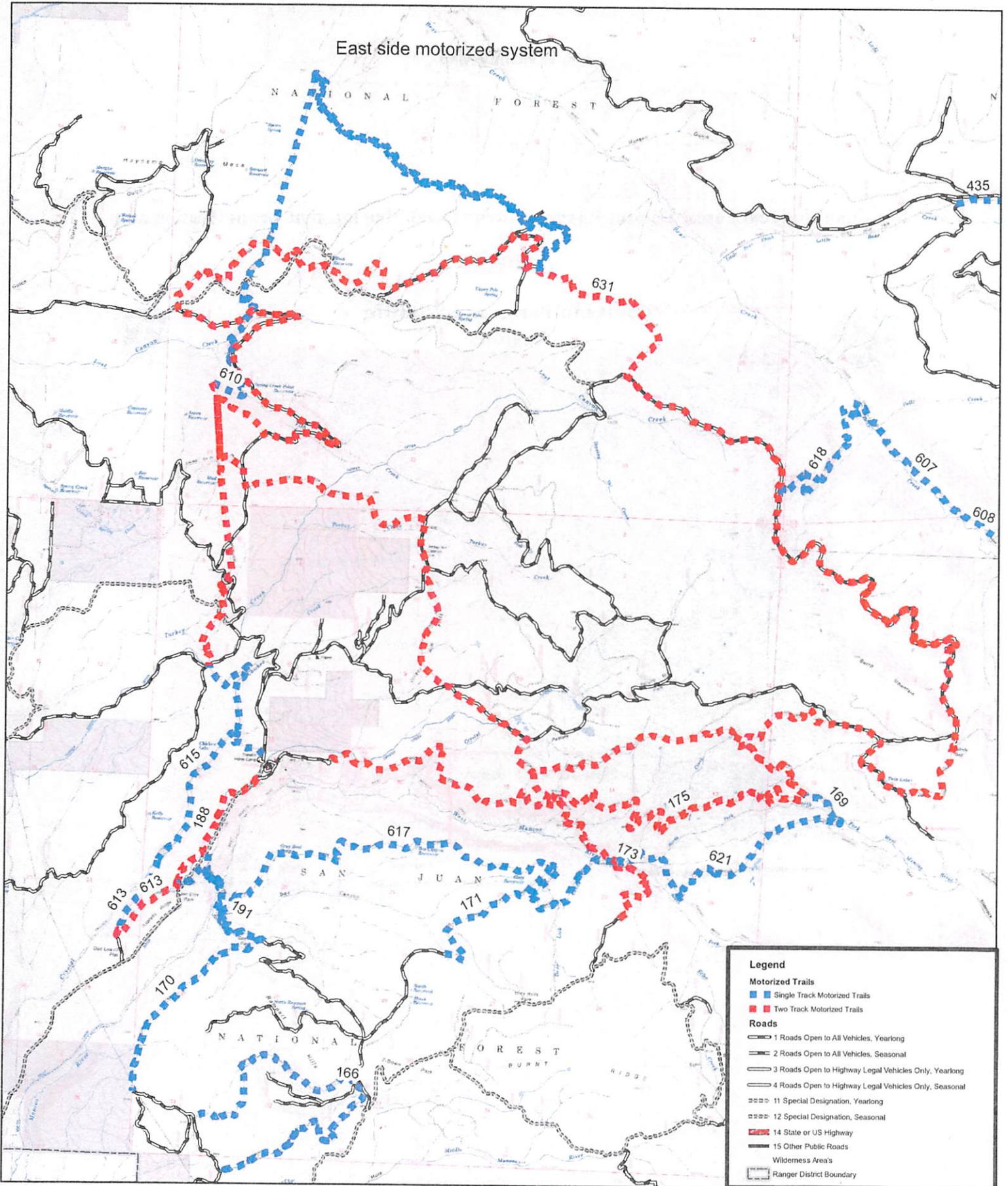
# E. 1. Vicinity Map

## San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District Good Management Grant location map

Dozer 24



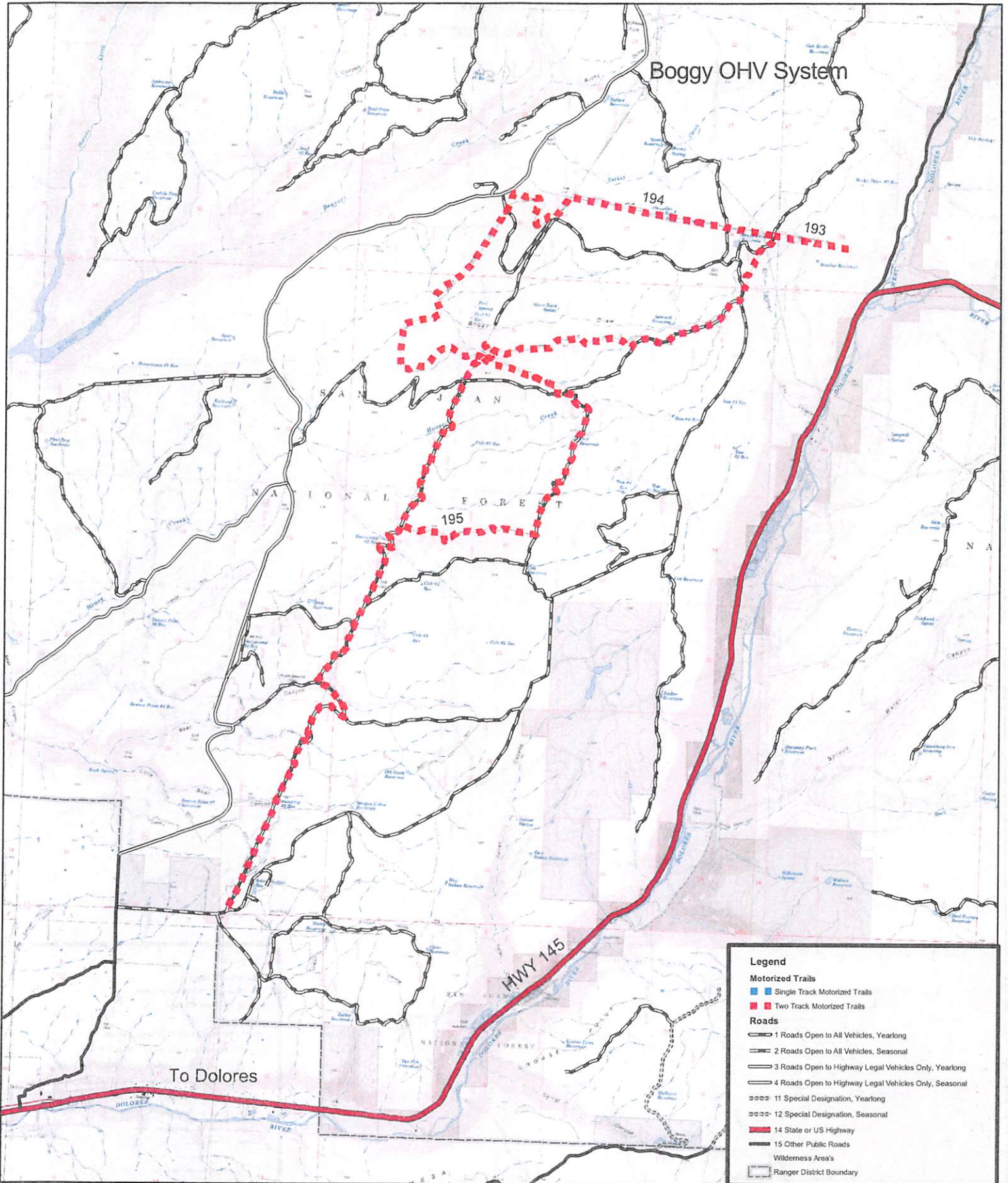
# Dolores Ranger District Motorized Trail System



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Dolores Ranger District

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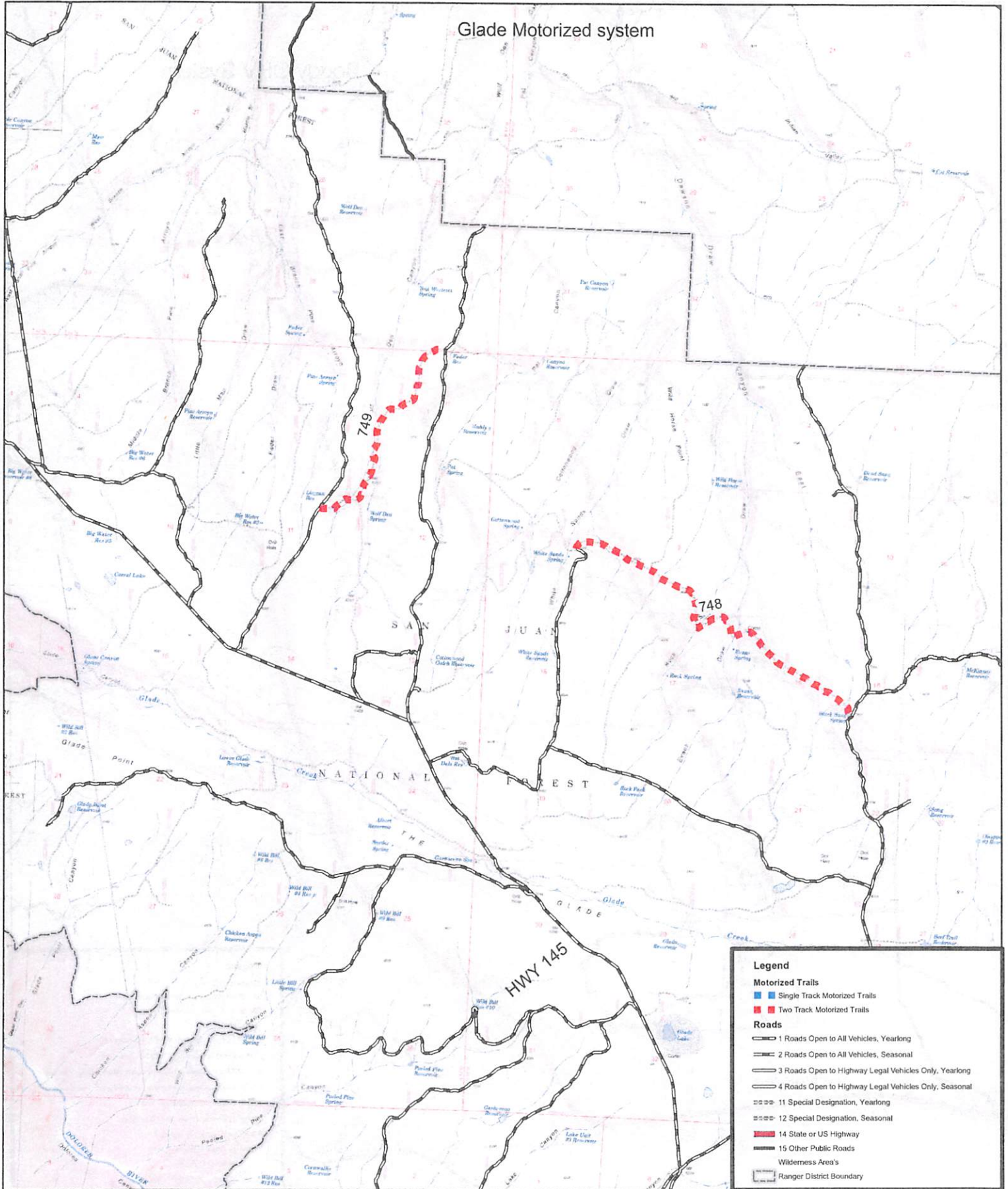




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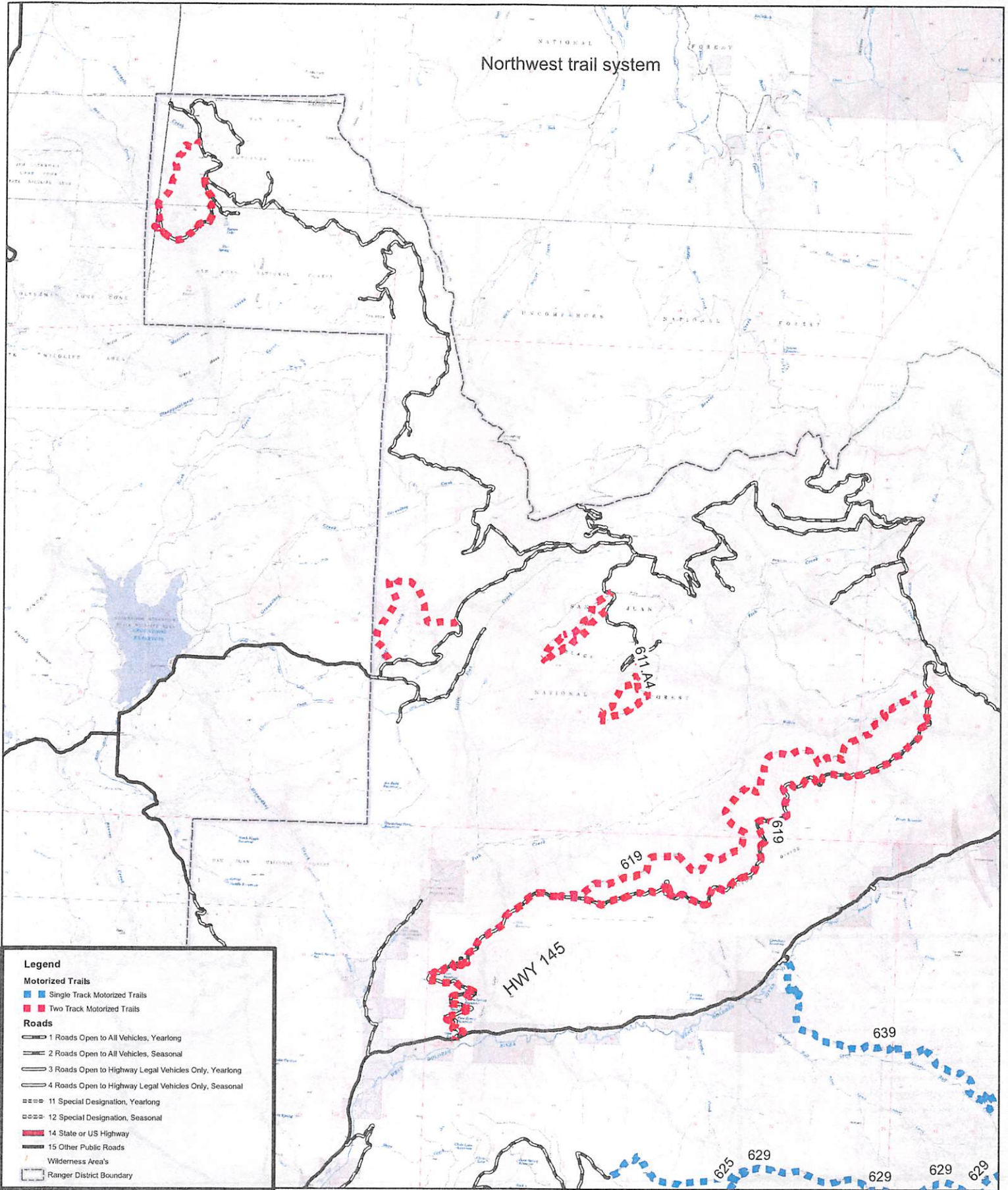


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# Dolores Ranger District Motorized Trail System



**Legend**

**Motorized Trails**

- Single Track Motorized Trails
- Two Track Motorized Trails

**Roads**

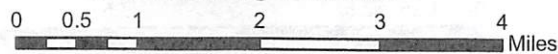
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Wilderness Area's

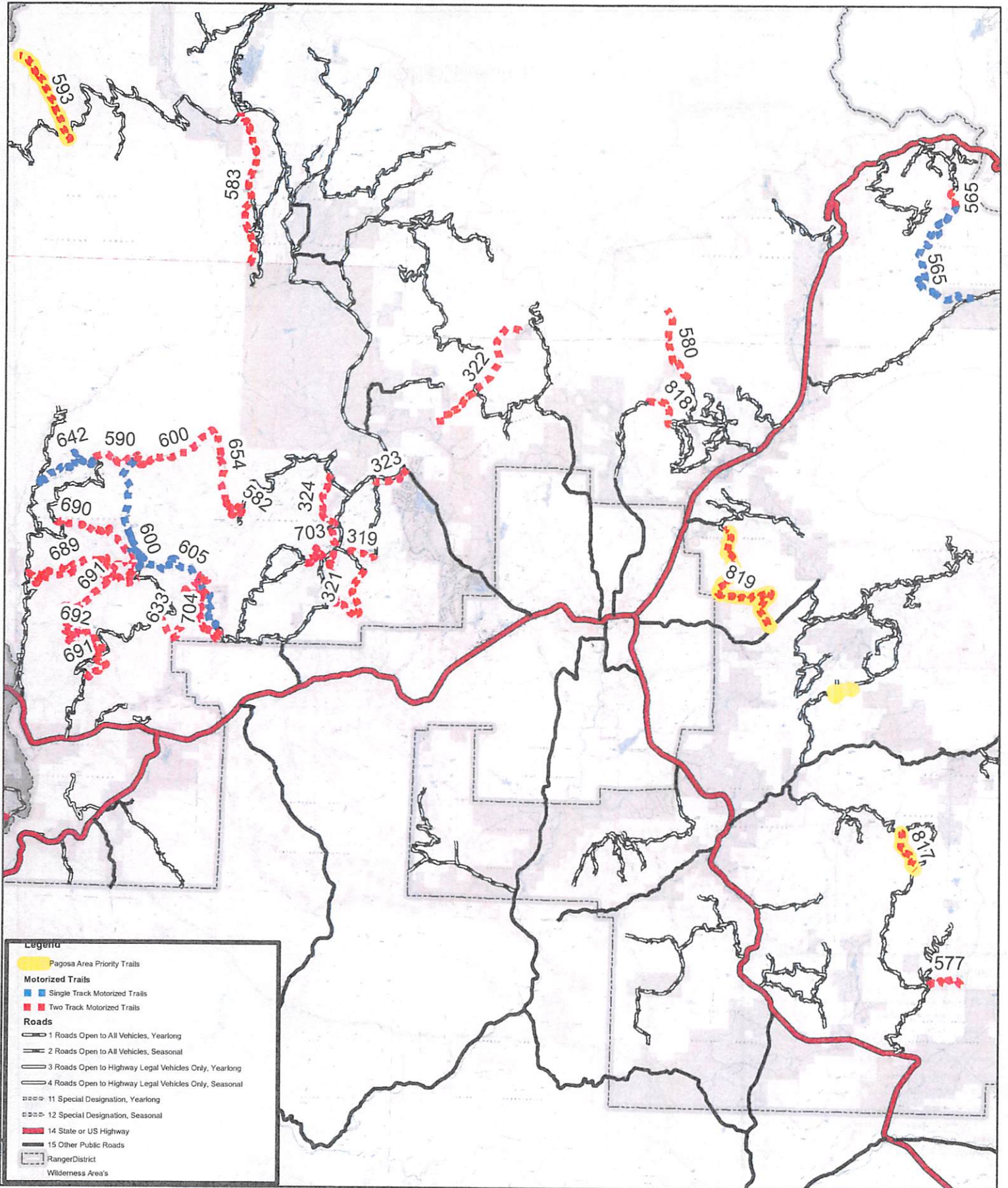
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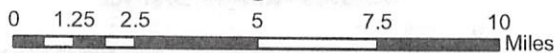
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# Pagosa Ranger District Motorized Trail System



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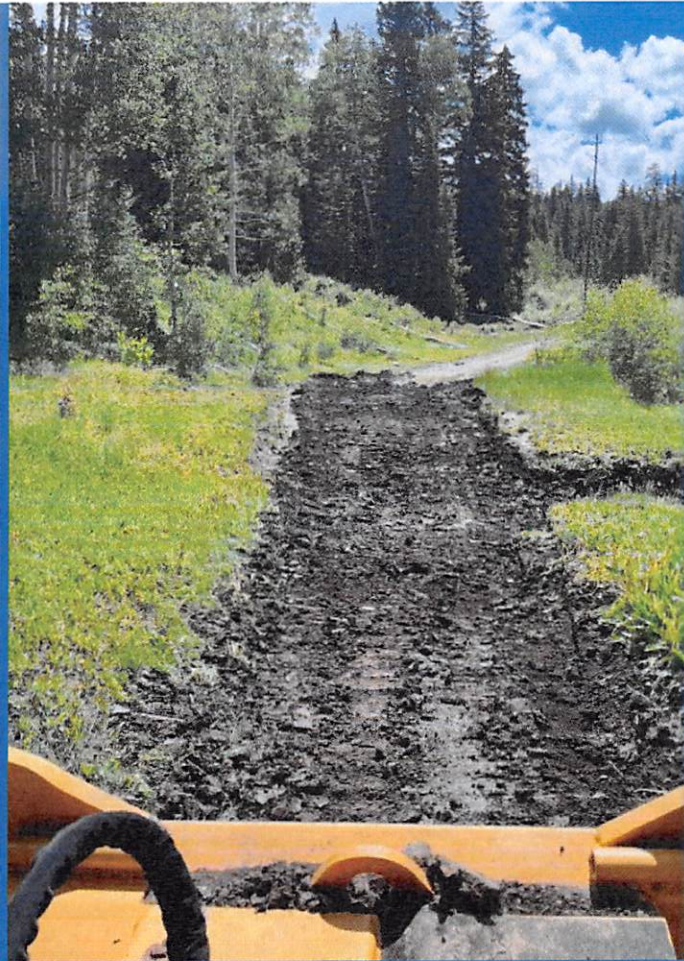


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October 17, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
13787 South Hwy 85  
Littleton, Colorado 80125

RE: Colorado State Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant

Dear Mr. Metsa:

The Town of Dolores Supports the efforts of the Dolores Ranger District to pursue grant funding from the Colorado State Parks and Wildlife OHV Program to fund projects for the maintenance of motorized trails on the San Juan National Forest. The Town of Dolores supports the grant requests for the following three grant proposals:

**The Calico Trail Project-** The District proposes to hire a Southwest Conservation Corp crew for up to 8 weeks of work on the Calico Trail located north of Rico, Colorado near the Lizard Head Wilderness area. The trail is a popular motorized route that ties into a number of other motorized trails such as the Eagle Peak, Stoner Mesa, and Priest Gulch trails as well as a number of Forest Service roads and other single-track routes. This section of trail was rerouted over 3 years ago and now requires some focused maintenance. Work includes stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread, and drainage repair.

**Dozer 24 Project-** This year our Dozer crew completed heavy maintenance on a variety of trails near the communities of Mancos, Dolores, and Rico. The district is requesting funds that will pay the salaries of a returning dozer operator and a swamper. This crew will focus on heavy maintenance of our motorized trail system using the district's trail dozer.

**Good Management Trail Crew 20-** Beginning in 2003, the district has staffed a trail crew who works on the San Juan Forest's motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program.

The Dolores Ranger District has successfully partnered with the Good Management Program trail crew and the Southwest Conservation Corp on trail maintenance projects for the last decade. This relationship and much needed support have helped to maintain popular trails such as the Calico, Aspen Loop, Boggy Draw ATV loop and Stoner Mesa trails. The accomplishments of these crews could not have been done without the assistance from the State OHV Program.

We appreciate your consideration and ongoing support of our great regional motorized trail system and the Dolores Ranger District's trail program.

Respectfully,

Leigh Reeves, Mayor

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# MANCOS TRAILS GROUP

*Promoting outstanding trail experiences in the Mancos Valley*

2022.10.17

State Trails Committee  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 US Hwy. 85 N  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Dolores Ranger District Motorized grant proposal

Dear Trails Committee,

The San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District (RD) will once again be submitting grant proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails program for projects on the district. The Mancos Trails Group (MTG) is a diverse group of volunteers working to promote trail stewardship and etiquette for all trail users within the Mancos Valley in Montezuma County, Colorado.

We have an ongoing close relationship and work with the Dolores RD on several trail projects. This past year MTG's group of volunteers donated 1,190 hours of time working on trails projects on the Dolores RD and our "workforce" was comprised of 81 different Volunteers! We are excited to submit this letter of support for the District's grant application.

Funds that come to the District help to provide jobs including staffing a trail crew that works on the district's 220+ miles of motorized trails. In particular, the West Mancos River drainage where MTG focuses much of our trail maintenance efforts, would benefit from grant funding. These trails tie into a number of other motorized trails such as the Aspen OHV loop, West Mancos and Chicken Creek trails, as well as a number of Forest Service roads and single track motorized routes. Work includes brushing, stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread and drainage repair as well new drainage construction.

As a local organization with most of our members being local residents we fully endorse and support Dolores RD in their effort to secure funding. Thank you for taking our letter of support into consideration.

*DK Hoffheins*

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October 18, 2022

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**RE: CPW Motorized Trail Grants**

Dear Mr. Metsa;

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners is again pleased to support the Dolores Ranger Districts' motorized grant request to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This year the San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District Motorized Trails Program will focus on three significant projects within the District.

- **The Calico Trail Project-** The Dolores District proposes to hire a Southwest Conservation Corp crew for up to 8 weeks of work on the Calico Trail located north of Rico, Colorado, near the Lizard Head Wilderness area. The trail is a popular motorized route that ties into several other motorized trails, such as the Eagle Peak, Stoner Mesa, and Priest Gulch trails, as well as many Forest Service roads and different single-track routes. After rerouting the trail segment three years ago, focused maintenance is to keep the path in good shape. Work includes stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread, and improved drainage structures.
- **Dozer 24 Project-** Our Dozer crew completed heavy maintenance on various trails near Mancos, Dolores, and Rico communities this year. The District is requesting funds to pay the salaries of a returning dozer operator and a swamper. This crew will focus on heavy maintenance of our motorized trail system using the District's trail dozer.
- **Good Management Trail Crew 20-** Beginning in 2003, the District has staffed a trail crew who works on our motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program. They are the core of our trail program, focusing on maintaining the District's 220+ miles of motorized routes.

Many of our communities in southwest Colorado benefit from motorized access to public lands adjacent to our towns. Community members recreate on these lands daily and continue to advocate for reasonable and responsible motorized recreational opportunities.

Recreational OHV opportunities are significant to our local economy and lifestyle. Moreover, it is open to visitors from all regions of our country. It is critically important to us to protect motorized use as a valued recreational resource. Montezuma County's interest is to ensure that Motorized/OHV use will be integrated into plans equally, responsibly, and sustainably for generations to come.

The USFS Dolores Ranger District has effectively tapped into grant opportunities to help sustain the Motorized Trail program. More importantly, the USFS Dolores Ranger District has been especially adept at converting funding opportunities into successful trail maintenance projects on the ground.

Rural communities with limited tax bases need help maintaining the recreational network vital to the state. CPW's partnership in keeping an outstanding recreational network is critical. In the face of declining federal recreational budgets and increased recreational use, CPW's financial commitment to the community is vital and appreciated.

Montezuma County strongly supports the Dolores Ranger District's Motorized Trail program and the grant request to CPW. The Dolores Ranger District has consistently demonstrated sound project management and delivered outstanding results. We strongly encourage CPW's continued investment in the Dolores Ranger District's trails program with this proven track record and high community value.

Montezuma County strongly supports all of the proposed trail maintenance activities and the involvement of the Southwest Conservation Corps crew to perform the work. The Southwest Couth Corps builds capacity in youth while getting an important job done.

Montezuma County supports trails of all kinds. With this grant proposal, we are pleased to support work focused on motorized trail improvements. The proposed maintenance will help maintain a sustainable trail system long into the future.

Sincerely,

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners

Jim Candelaria



Kent Lindsay



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November 7, 2022

Tom Metsa,  
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RE: Dozer 24 Project

Tom:

On behalf of the San Juan Trailriders, I am writing in support of the Dozer 24 that Tom Rice of the Dolores Public Lands Office has applied for. The Dolores District has been forward-thinking in its execution of regular heavy maintenance, using a programmatic approach to be proactive instead of reactive in maintaining motorized trails on the district, including those in the vicinity of Dolores, Mancos, and Rico. As user traffic increases every year, the stress on trails, and the organizations that partner to maintain those trails increases as well. San Juan Trailriders is fully aware of the need for efficient maintenance of motorized trails. As such, we feel that funding the yearly dozer operations with salaries for a dozer operator and swamper is of huge importance to not only motorized recreation, but all other trail users. Tom has proven exceptionally competent in getting the most "bang for the buck" with this operational philosophy, and that has afforded trail users on the Dolores District with a both a more enjoyable recreational experience, and sustainable trail system for years. We look forward to seeing this success story continue for years to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for the Dozer 24 Project and the work that the Dolores District continues to do on behalf of all public land users.

Sincerely,  
Dustin Wilkinson  
San Juan Trailriders  
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October 12, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
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RE: Dolores Ranger District Motorized Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Metsa:

The Town of Mancos offers our highest support to the grant proposal from Dolores Ranger District. Recreational tourism has become increasingly important to the Mancos economy.

Approximately 1/4 of our overall economy is tourism oriented. Due to our climate in SW Colorado, we not only attract local outdoor enthusiasts but many tourists as well who take advantage of our geography and multitude of activities that our area provides. This increased interest is due in part to the public accessibility to areas located on public lands.

The Town of Mancos is currently in the process of updating our Parks & Trails Master Plan. Our recent public visioning meeting attracted over 100 attendees, with many being students at the Mancos School District. Mancos students are largely rural kids that spend the majority of their time outdoors. Many of the comments we received requested expanded access to trails and new trail construction in the surrounding areas.

The proposed project will significantly improve the access to public lands, and is essential for meeting the type of holistic experience many recreational tourists are looking for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Alvarez".

Heather Alvarez  
Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer  
On behalf of the Mancos Board of Trustees

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RE: Letter of Support for Grant Proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails Program

Dear Tom:

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners (DCBOCC) is happy to write this letter of support for the upcoming grant proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails Program. We've seen the good working relationship between the San Juan Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife through these grants and the improvements it has brought to the trail systems that exist within Dolores County and our neighboring counties.

We support the 3 projects that are being planned on the Dolores Ranger District.


The Calico Trail Project- this is a major artery to several other localized heavily used trails in the Rico area. After being rerouted to prevent further damage, it now needs maintenance to improve drainage and stabilization. We know this is a highly used and favorite trail of many and are encouraged to hear the work efforts for this area.


Dozer 24 Project- the district is requesting funds for the continuation of heavy maintenance that will pay the salaries of returning dozer operator and a swamper being used for heavy maintenance of the motorized trail system.  
Good Management Trail Crew 20- this crew has existed since 2003 working on motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program. They are responsible for the district's 220+ miles of motorized routes.

The DCBOCC has supported the requests of grant proposals from the San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District utilizing the funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trail Programs for many years. With the increase of OHV usage and the number of people visiting and enjoying our public lands we see the need for continued maintenance and protection of these natural resources. It is good to see our local federal agencies working together to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners

  
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