



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

Name of Project: <i>OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program</i>		Date of Application: 11/22/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$309,187.00	Grant Request: \$196,996.00	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: <i>Ouray Ranger District (GMUG National Forest)</i>		
Mailing Address: <i>2050 S Townsend Ave. Montrose, CO 81401</i>		
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OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

PROJECT CONTACT		
<small>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.</small>		
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Montrose, CO		
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PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT		
<small>This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
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PROJECT LOCATIONNearest Town or City: **Montrose**County(ies): **Montrose, Ouray, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale**

Township/Range/Section:

State Senate District #: **5,6,7**State Representative District #: **54,58,61****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): **USFS****TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)Miles of Singletrack: 150 Miles of 50" or less: 160 Miles of Full-sized: _____**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 miles / ft. added _____
approvals) 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.)**70****5****Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts** (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)**15****Planning & Travel Plan Implementation** (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)**10****Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous** (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)**Total:** (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: <i>OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program</i>	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Ouray Ranger District	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Joseph Knob	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$309,187.00	Grant Request: \$196,996.00

Project Description/Scope of Work

The Ouray Dozer Maintenance Program has been and continues to be a crucial asset to Colorado OHV trails. Though the program is based in Montrose and under the Forest Service, it continues to serve the whole GMUG as well as the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office. The program consists of two dozer crews operated by Jim Jackson and Russel Augustus. With the input from the local community and BLM, the annual workplan is created. For the 2023 field season, these are the goals of the program:

- Spend the early spring working on preparing equipment for the field season
- Perform quick surveys on trails identifying priority of work after the winter
- Start trail maintenance on north end of Uncompahgre Plateau working Picket Corral, Bear Pen, Cottonwood, 47 Trail, and Love Mesa
- Split the dozers into two crews to accommodate the GMUG supporting Grand Valley Ranger District, Paonia Ranger District, and Norwood Ranger District as identified in annual dozer meeting
- Install approximately 150 ft of grass paver on Parallel Trail
- Improve the Roubideau Trail by installing turnouts for larger vehicles which would create a safer turning area and also install erosion control measures such as leadoff ditches and grade reversals
- Maintain the trails on the south end of the Uncompahgre Plateau: Spring Creek, Dented Door, Rim, Dry Creek, Ashely, and Moore Mesa
- Move to the High Country to work the Stealey Mountain area
- Work the trails surrounding Silver Jack: Lou Creek, Fox Creek, West Fork, and Cowboy Lake Trail
- Spend two weeks supporting the Gunnison Ranger District
- Assist the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office with equipment needs on OHV trails
- End the field work by inventorying completed work on the ground and preparing for the next season
- Winterize equipment and work on end of season repairs

Definitions:

OHV- Off Highway Vehicle

GMUG- Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

Budget Form 2023-2024

Name of Project: *OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program*

Date Project will be Completed: 5/31/2025

Project Sponsor: USFS- Ouray 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)			\$ 196,996.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USFS Matching \$112,191.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trails Coordinator, Joe Knob, for 6 months	\$ 27,363	\$ -	\$ 27,363.00
Rec Staff (20 days)	\$ 9,020		\$ 9,020.00
Forest Engineer (14 days)	\$ 5,775		\$ 5,775.00
Grants/ Agreements Specialist (14 days)	\$ 5,760		\$ 5,760.00
FS provided Dozer Truck (FOR) for first dozer truck	\$ 8,296		\$ 8,296.00
FS provided Dump Trailer (FOR)	\$ 1,476		\$ 1,476.00
FS provided Camp Trailer	\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000.00
Fleet Management (14 days)	\$ 4,001		\$ 4,001.00
Volunteer/Partners 2000hrs@ \$21.25 an hour		\$ 42,500.00	\$ 42,500.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 309,187.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>			
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per day		Total Cost
WG-8 (18/8 permanent seasonal) - Jim Jackson	\$ 240.00	9 months = 170 days	\$ 40,800.00
WG-8 (18/8 permanent seasonal) - Russel Augustus	\$ 240.00	9 months = 170 days	\$ 40,800.00
WG-5 Swamper (13/13 Career-Seasonal)	\$ 168.58	6 month=120 days	\$ 20,230.00
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Per Diem 4 months each (Operators and swampers-4 days/week for 24 weeks)	124/week	4 days a week= 16 weeks	\$ 7,936.00
PPE/Outfitting cost/Safety Communication devices			\$ 2,500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	552.07	Category Total	\$ 132,496.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
fuel filter, hydraulic fluids, propane, oils, grease, ect.	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
misc- shop towels, hand cleaner, bungies, straps, ect.	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
Power tool accessories- wrenches, sockets, batteries, drill bits, ect.	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 4,000.00

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
	\$		\$
R&M- Dozer and equipment	\$ -		\$ 20,000.00
Fuel for dozers and machines			\$ 8,000.00
Replacement UTV	\$ -		\$ 24,000.00
		Category Total	\$ 52,000.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$		\$
FS (FOR) and mileage on 2nd Dozer truck for 6 months	\$ -		\$ 3,500.00
Management Fee for equipment for 6 months	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 6,000.00

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

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>			
	\$		\$
Training for volunteers such as: First Aid, CPR, chainsaw, ect.	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 2,500.00

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

Total **\$ 196,996.00**

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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	<u>Ouray- OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>Ouray Ranger District (GMUG National Forest)</u>
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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:

<u>Amended Land/Resource Mgt. Plan (GMUG Natl. Forest)</u>	Date: <u>1991</u>
<u>Uncompahgre Natl. Forest Travel Plan-Record of Decision</u>	<u>2002</u>

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.
Date and title of document:

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:

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

Dana Gardunio District Ranger- Ouray RD

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Date: 2022.11.21 10:43:56 -07'00'

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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Project Name Ouray RD Dozer Program 2024 Project Sponsor USFS Ouray Ranger District

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 BLM Gunnison Gorge Resource Management Plan & EIS Date: November 2004
 BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan April 2020

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

Date and title of document:

See above.

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:

Caroline Kilbane

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Suzanne Copping, Uncompahgre Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title


Land Manager Signature and Title

11/28/22
Date

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project:

The OHV Dozer Maintenance Program is crucial to address the maintenance needs of OHV trails due to the amount of public use on these trails. Though the influx of use due to the pandemic brought the visitation use to extremely high levels, the 2022 field season on the Ouray Ranger District showed that the use has somewhat stabilized, though still very high. The dozer operations have done an exceptional job keeping up with the maintenance and repairs that are still being felt by the amount of use on these trails. Without this program, the district would be years behind and, potentially, would never recover from the issues created on these trails.

Having operators for these dozers is one of the most important pieces to the success of the program. With that, we have hired two career-seasonal operators (WG8's) to add stability to the program. The majority of funds requested through this grant will be used to pay 9 months of the salary for the operators and 6 months of salary for two WG5 swampers. Because the swamper position has become one of the hardest to hire, we are requesting to turn one of them into a career-seasonal with them being on for 6 months and off for 6 months. These positions are crucial for the success of the dozer program and maintaining OHV trails. A UTV is also being requested to support the program and replace an aging one that is currently being used. The remaining funds requested will be used for supplies/tools, repairs to the machines, and materials for the trails.

The dozer program is responsible for OHV trail maintenance on the Ouray District, TMW adopted trails off the district, spends two-three weeks on Gunnison OHV trails, and assists the neighboring districts as needed. There are over 500 miles of OHV trails on the forest and these dozers play a critical part in the maintenance needed to provide sustainable riding opportunities and good resource management. The Dozer Program has filled a void that used to exist in OHV trail maintenance. They are more effective and efficient in time and money maintaining our 50in trails than when we had to use the GM OHV trail crew. The workload is now spread out to where the GM OHV trail crew can concentrate more on single track trail maintenance, signing, clearing, and other OHV trail related job duties. The dozer crews and trail crews are complimentary to one another in achieving the most cost effective and efficient practices in trail maintenance. The trail crew will clear the trails scheduled for dozer work and the dozer crew assists the trail crew on special projects occurring on ATV/Side by Side trails.

Having the two dozers on the district has allowed improved frequency in annual maintenance on OHV trails. The scheduled annual maintenance increases the life of the trails by providing improved sustainability and productivity in trail miles maintained. Specific project work consisting of trail stabilization materials have increased and difficult areas are now being addressed with a more permanent solution as seen on the Cabin Bench project done by Forest Service and Thunder Mountain Wheelers as well as on Old Owl Creek Trail. Every year, areas are identified where mitigation methods are used to install permanent solutions such as installing grass paver or cinder blocks to stabilize the area. Mitigating resource issues in a timely manner is a strong testimony to the public that motorized impacts to the resource are just as manageable as non-motorized use.

To keep up with the annual maintenance requirements and projects, the dozers are a crucial piece to the success of the program. They are efficient in tread reconstruction, constructing rolling dips, lead off ditches, and installing cinder blocks and grass paver. In a matter of minutes, the dozers are able to preform the work that would take days to accomplish by hand. For the amount of work the dozers do, labor costs and crew sizes are minimal while productivity is maximized.

50in trails are multiple use trails and all user groups benefit from the trail work done by this program. With expectations of having a positive user experience, the public is able to enjoy trails that meet those expectations through this program. Trail dozer work helps create more sustainable trail systems, mitigates

undesirable resource impacts and is highly approved by the land managers and other natural resource specialists. This program not only affects the Ouray District but all districts on the GMUG as well as the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office.

There will always be a need for OHV trail maintenance and Resource Management if we want to ensure future generations the same recreational opportunities on our public lands that we currently enjoy today. This program is one of the most successful ways to achieve that.

2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage:

The Ouray Ranger District, one of five districts on the GMUG National Forest, is based out of Montrose, CO. Along with the Grand Valley Ranger District Dozer Program, based in Grand Junction, CO, the Ouray Ranger District Dozer Program services the Uncompahgre Plateau, Grand Mesa, Mountain Division, Gunnison, Paonia, and Norwood. The program is meant to be a resource for the whole Forest though majority of time that the dozer spends is working on Ouray managed trails. Every year, time is factored in for all district and neighboring BLM Field Offices. In order to be a resource for all motorized CO trails in the area, the Ouray Dozer Program consists of two dozer crews: two operators and two swamper. Equipment that is tied to the program includes:

- SWECO 480 dozer (Thunder Mountain Wheelers owned through a CPW grant)
- Sutter 500 dozer (Thunder Mountain Wheelers owned through CPW grant)
- 2018 900 Polaris RZR (purchased with CPW grant)
- 2022 900 Polaris RZR (purchased with CPW grant)
- 2 camp trailers (FS owned)
- 2 Heavy duty equipment trailers (one purchased with CPW grant and one FS owned)
- 2 trucks to haul the dozer and trailers (one owned by FS and one leased through CPW grant)

Because the dozer Program has become such an important asset to Colorado motorized trails, much time, effort, and funds have gone into maintaining its success. Acknowledging this importance, the Forest Service has also committed to its success. The Trails Coordinator position was developed and funded by the Forest Service to manage the Dozer Program and OHV Good Management Program. Two career-season dozer operator positions were approved and hired at the beginning of the 2022 field season. Having these career positions add stability to the program.

Partnerships are an integral part of the Dozer Program. Besides the funding provided through CPW grants, Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, WESTCORE, and the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office all benefit and help guide the work of the program. The FS Trails Coordinator communicates and with these individuals about needs on the ground. These individuals are important in developing the seasonal workplan of the program and are consulted on the needs that are seen on the ground that the dozers can address. In this way, the yearly workplan is developed and the program is able to successfully maintain and enhance OHV trails.

Both dozers, RZR's and other support equipment have the *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* decal on them in support of the State OHV Grant Program. The crew also wear crew shirts that have the Stay the Trail, Forest Service, and the State's *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo on them.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities:

The Trail Dozer Program is an essential component of the Ouray Trails Program. Accomplishing efficiency and productivity that only heavy machinery can achieve; the dozers are an integral piece of equipment. With sustainability being the key factor to achieve, Resource Managers continue to strive to obtain this. Providing recreational opportunities while managing the landscape so it can support this use without losing its characteristics which is one of the main reasons the public recreates on their public lands.

Having two dozers for the program, maintenance frequency on OHV trails has been able to increase. The rotation and timeframe of the dozers on trails has prevented major issues and kept OHV trails open for the public to enjoy. With sustainability being the objective, impacts resulting from recreation use has been minimalized leading to improved trail conditions and stability. When greater attention to stability of trails is

needed, the dozer is able to assist in installing grass paver, cinder blocks, and hardening water crossings. For projects such as these, volunteers and the Trail Crew assists to expedite the process.

Having a wet 2022 field season, the importance of maintaining a maintenance schedule proved to be critical. Improper or insufficient drainage features and trail stabilization can lead to expensive repairs to the trails. Great attention to proper installation of erosion mitigation measures and a dozer training plan has been crucial to protect and enhance OHV trails as well as protect natural resources. The dozer operators are superb at installing lead off ditches, water bars, and tread reconstruction. By paying attention to detail and through skill, the operators are able to keep users on the existing trails, minimize erosion, and protect the natural resources around OHV trails.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

The Dozer Maintenance Program has several pieces of equipment that is crucial for it to function. Pieces of equipment include:

- SWECO 480 dozer (Thunder Mountain Wheelers owned through a CPW grant)
- Sutter 500 dozer (Thunder Mountain Wheelers owned through CPW grant)
- 2018 900 Polaris RZR (purchased with CPW grant)
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Through this grant, the program will be able to pay for the fuel and maintenance of the dozers and Polaris RZR's. With fuel increasing weekly, more of the budget is being spent to operate the machines. As was discovered in the 2022 field season, parts for the machines are taking longer to get, harder to find, and are increasing in price. The program is trying to be proactive in purchasing important parts to limit downtime of the crews and increase productivity. The budget for this grant reflects a large portion being devoted to repair costs and maintenance. With the crews being at full capacity, it is expected that the dozers put on about 250-300 hours each season to maintain the trails. With the increase in age, it is expected that dozer repairs and maintenance will be more common.

Equipment that increases past a certain point loses trade-in value and costs more to repair. In order to get the most for the trade-in and make sure that the crews don't have more down time due to expensive repairs, a new machine to support the dozers is being requested in this grant. The proposed trade-in would be the 2018 Polaris 900 purchased through a previous CPW grant. With a new machine, it is expected that transportation, carrying fuel for the dozers, and maintenance on the trails will be dependable.

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement:

Travel Management:

The 2002 GMUG Travel Management Plan is the current document being used for direction and guidance on the Forest. Compliance with this travel plan continues to improve as we continue to stress the importance of public education, improved and consistent signage, and trail applications:

- Installation of OHV width restrictors – prevents full size and >50" OHVs from accessing our 50 in. trails.
- Installation of OHV cattle guards to replace stock gates where the trail goes through a range allotment
- Provide well maintained trails for all user groups – prevents reroutes, trail braiding, and user created damage
- Seeding, natural closures and other rehabilitation applications on old reroutes.
- All trail work is in compliance with USFS standard guidelines for trail maintenance and construction for trail sustainability

Education:

Public contact is one of our best educational opportunities to have conversations with the public regarding:

- How OHV registration dollars are used to help maintain OHV trails
- Critical in demonstrating how this program operates and maintains the trails
- What causes undesirable resource impacts, how these can be addressed and fixed, and how they as trail users can play a part in the prevention
- MVUMs (Motor Vehicle Use Maps) are provided along with educating the individuals on how to use them so they gain an understanding of the acceptable use of different trails
- Responsible trail use and trail etiquette by all users
- Importance of the States OHV funding is displayed on all of the equipment with the *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logos.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

Contacting the public and explaining the reason for the rules and regulations is one of the most effective ways in achieving compliance. A huge asset is the amount of volunteer and user groups that are on public lands on a daily basis. The groups take to other members of the public and are able to increase compliance. With the dozer and OHV crews on the trails working, the public sees what is being accomplished and that they are actually paying for better trails with their OHV stickers. The public's awareness, interest, and ownership in the trails increases. Between the trail dozer crews and the trail crews, public awareness has increased that rules and regulations will be enforced by FS personnel and FS law enforcement officers. During field contacts, vehicle registration is encouraged if the user does not have one and follow up is done to make sure the licenses were obtained by the individuals. Documentation of these contacts are written up in the daily crew logs and are also reported to the district's law enforcement officer. Efforts that have been made to make it easier for the public to follow the rules and regulations are:

- Providing consistent trail maintenance and trail access-decreasing user created routes
- Proper trail signing and Travel Management stickers on trails
- Motor Vehicle Use Maps that show the acceptable trail use
- Gates, natural barriers, rehabilitation of the decommissioned routes
- Public contacts reinforcing the importance of OHV registration stickers and how the funding benefits the trails they are using and responsible resource management

Definitions:

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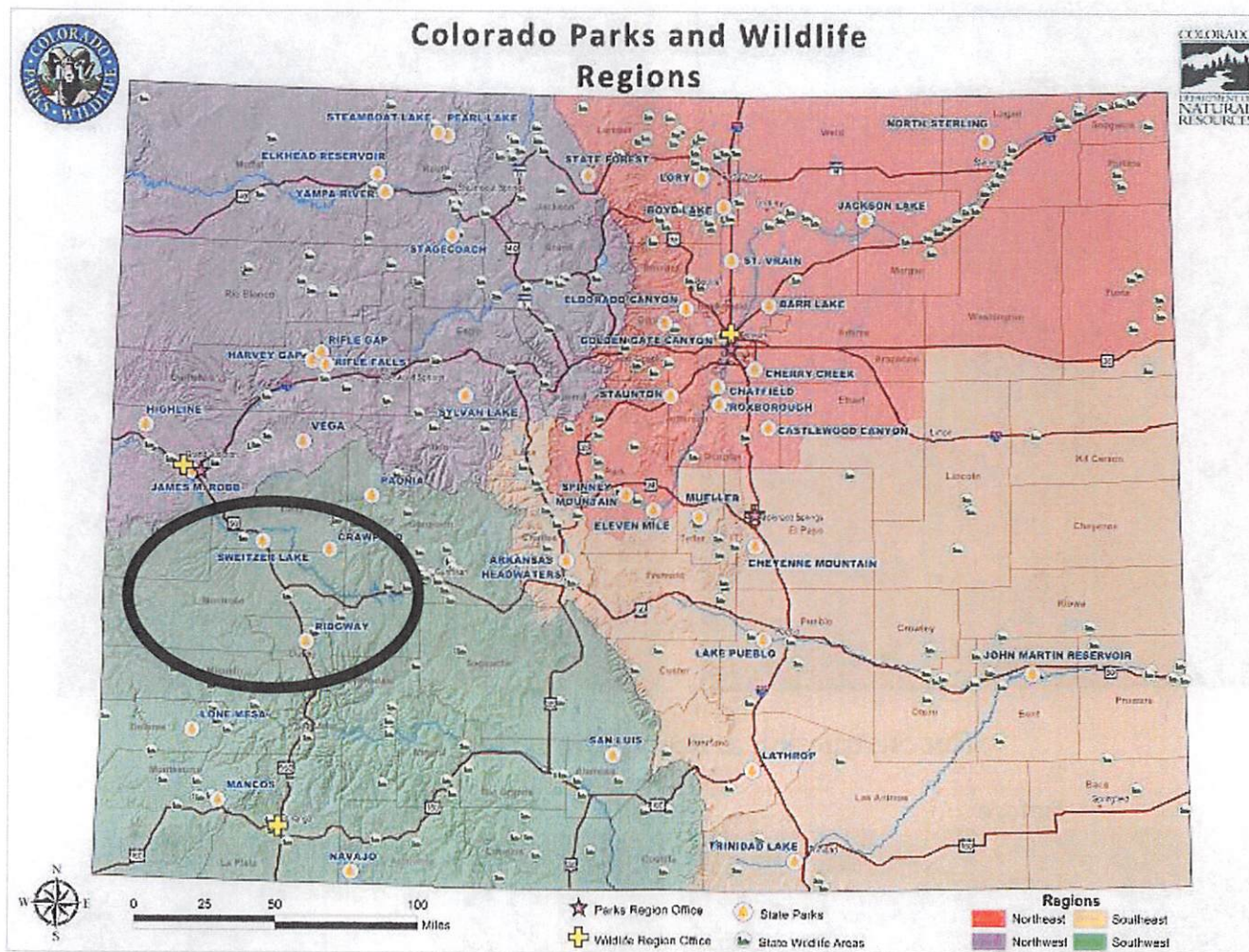
FS - Forest Service

BLM - Bureau of Land Management

MVUM - Motor Vehicle Use Map

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

E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



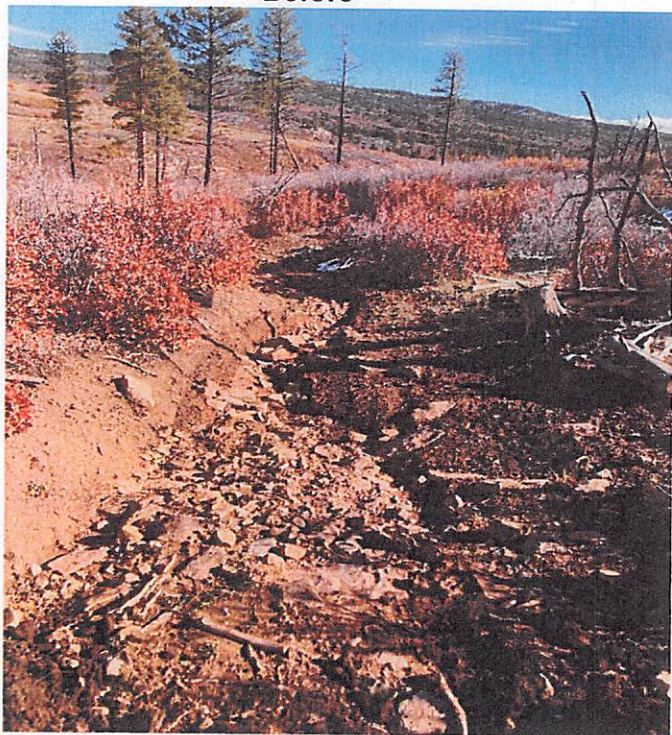
E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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

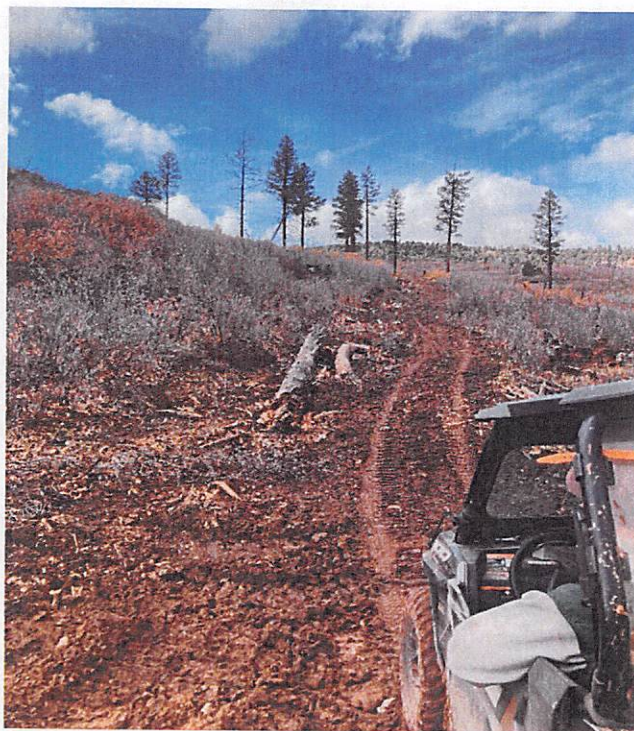
(F) Project Illustration

Tread Reconstruction on Bucktail 50in Trail

Before



After

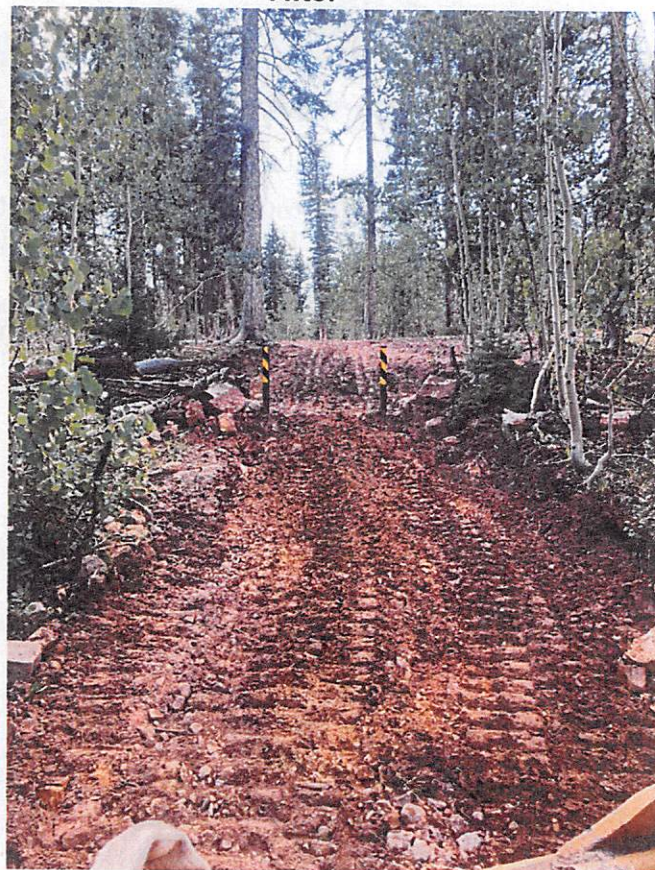


Reconstruction at Spring Creek Trailhead

Before



After



Reconstruction on 47 Trail with Thunder Mountain Wheelers. Installed over 280 cinder blocks to reinforce the tread.

Before



During



After



(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



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Ave
Montrose, CO 81401



Colorado Parks and Wildlife
OHV Grants Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Off Highway Vehicle Grants Committee:

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) fully supports the United States Forest Service (USFS) Ouray Ranger District in their efforts to acquire OHV grant funding through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Ouray Ranger District and the BLM UFO have and continue to work closely together to benefit motorized trails across public lands on the western slope, especially where boundaries meet.

These funds will continue to support OHV users by providing the necessary resources to maintain and improve motorized recreation opportunities on public lands. The trail dozer operators are critical for utilizing available dozers on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest and the UFO for the maintenance and restoration of high use OHV trails. As the UFO looks to expand trail systems in newly designated Special Recreation Management Areas and Extensive Recreation Management Areas, this dozer partnership will continue to be central to our success. By maintaining and restoring these routes, the GMUG provides the public with quality recreation opportunities and effective management of the surrounding natural resources across different landscapes and trail systems.

We hope that you will look favorably upon our request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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westcore@yahoo.com

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jamie Nance, I'm president of westcore, a 501c3 non-profit based out of Montrose, Colorado with 1200 members.

The intent of this letter is to show support from our club to an upcoming grant cycle for the 2023 year. Joe Knob with the USFS GMUG office has been an instrumental part of the agency and has done nothing but good for the forest service and for the BLM when he was working for them.

We hope that you can approve his grant request for the 2023 season and to continue the upkeep and maintenance of our local trail systems.

Sincerely,
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Thunder Mountain Wheelers
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Mr. Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
13787 S Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

November 2, 2022

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter of support for the Ouray Ranger District Grant request for the ongoing support of the trail dozer program from the Thunder Mountain Wheelers, (TMW).

With almost 500 miles of ATV trails on the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre, & Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest, resource protection and maintenance is an ongoing factor. 5 different Ranger districts are covered by the Ouray district dozer program. They are also used on the BLM early spring and late fall when weather conditions get bad at higher elevations.

The trail dozer is the heartbeat of the trails program. The Forest Service in cooperation with TMW will continue to have 2 dozers at work this coming year and with that comes the need for maintenance and repairs. Funding for the 2 - 18/8 dozer operators will enhance the program greatly by bringing back experienced people, eliminating time spent for training. Funding for a 13/13 career seasonal will give the program more versatility between the dozer program and Ouray OHV Trail Crew.

TMW will give support to the Ouray District with equipment and volunteer labor. We have proven that when we bring the Forest Service trail crew, dozer crew and TMW's equipment and volunteers together, efficiency and awesome trail repairs are achieved. Together the program provides the very important consistency in trail maintenance on the entire GMUG. TMW is very lucky to have Joe and his crew to work with. Only being his second year as Trail Coordinator Joe has proven himself as a leader for the trail operations and dozer program in the Ouray district. I'm proud to work along side him.

The Ouray District has proven their responsibility to the managing of funds for the most efficient program around. With the popularity of OHV trail riding on the GMUG National Forest the never ending job of trail maintenance, repair, and reconstruction is an on going thing. Environmental and safety concerns are always number one with our partnership.

Sincerely
Mike LeMaster
TMW Board Member
TMW Trail Coordinator

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November 2, 2022

Mr. Tom Metsa
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Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners in support for the Ouray Ranger District's Trail Dozer Program grant application.

Montrose County is nearly 70% public lands. A substantial portion of those lands are administered by the Ouray Ranger District. The trails system within the District provides our residents and visitors with recreational opportunities that would otherwise be lacking. The trail system also provides necessary access for users of differing physical abilities. An adequately designed and maintained trail system is essential in providing for multiple-use of public lands.

The Ouray Ranger Dozer Maintenance Program has significantly improved the trail system each year and they have developed comprehensive objectives and goals for 2023 that this grant would help fund. The OHV community provides substantial economic benefit to the state and to local economies. The fact that this program is funded by OHV registrations is illustrative of the positive economic impact of OHV activity. In addition to economic benefit, the OHV community is an advocate for responsible stewardship of public lands. The OHV community adds diversity to public lands user groups. Benefits related to OHV use in the Ouray Ranger District rely upon motorized trails which could be improved by receipt of the Trail Dozer Program Grant.

We welcome and support responsible OHV use in Montrose County. We hope that our support on behalf of our constituents will be taken into consideration as you evaluate this round of grant applications.

Sincerely,

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Keith Caddy
Chair

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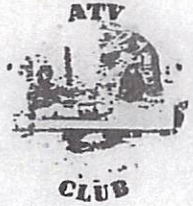
Sue Hansen
Vice Chair

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Roger Rash
Commissioner



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November 7, 2022

Mr. Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks and Wildlife Dept.
13787 South Highway 85
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Re: 2023-2024 OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Grant from the USFS Ouray Ranger District

As a proud representative of the more than 150 families in the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders (UVTR), I whole heartedly support the grant request submittal prepared by the USFS, Ouray Ranger District.

Our club actively works with the Ouray Ranger District and Joe Knob in particular, in maintaining ATV trails to ensure continued access for motorized travel on the public lands on the Uncompahgre Plateau that this grant request will cover. The well thought out and very comprehensive scope of work for the Dozer Maintenance Program for 2023 will ensure maximum utilization of the 50 inch dozers throughout the entire GMUG area of responsibility.

This grant will help to protect natural resources, while also providing increased motorized access to over 500 miles of trails in the GMUG. This improved access is essential to the USFS charter to provide multiple use access to the lands under its supervision.

To summarize, this is a very worthwhile grant request and our UVTR membership sincerely requests your favorable consideration of it.

Sincerely,

Richard Jakino, Vice President

11/10/22



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GOVERNMENT FLEET DEAL

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CREDIT CARD #	EXP. DATE 12/31/22	APPROVAL #

QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	2023 Polaris RZR TRAIL TRK. ^{color} Grey		17400.00
2	Sport Poly Roof #2884729		369.99
3	Poly wls front #2884737		599.99
4	Rear Poly Panel #2884745		299.99
5	Polaris HD 3500g winch w/cable #2881671		494.99
6	SUN TIRES (28912 328x112x12)		719.99
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8			19884.95
9	Shes. LABEL TO install ABOVE ACCESSORIES & parts		375.00
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11			20259.95
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14			20250.00
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Joseph Knob

Purchase Invoice

Date 10/20/2022
Invoice #:
Salesperson LAYNE FORD

Montrose CO 81401

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Unit Information

New/U	Year	Make	Model	Serial No.	Stock No.	Dsrp	Price
New	2023	POLARI	Z23A5K87A4	RZR Trail Ultimate Gho	3NSA5K877PH426219	426219	\$20,299.00
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Dealer Unit Price	\$20,299.00
Factory Options	\$0.00
Added Accessories	\$0.00
Freight & Labor	\$899.00
Doc Fee/ Commodity surcharge	\$598.00

Cash Price	\$21,796.00
Trade Allowance	\$0.00
Payoff	\$0.00
Net Trade	\$0.00
Net Sale (Cash Price - Net Trade)	\$21,796.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Title/License/Registration Fees	\$25.25

Trade Information

Sub Total (Net Sale + Other Charges)	\$21,821.25
Cash Down Payment	\$0.00
Amount to Pay/Finance	\$21,821.25

I hereby offer to purchase the vehicle above described, at the aboved price. The price quoted is for a new vehicle on which the price should be changed by the manufacturer before I have taken delivery, then this offer shall be construed as if the changed price was originally herein. This offer becomes a binding contract when accepted by dealer, but the delivery is subject to strikes, fires, floods or any other cause beyond the dealers control.

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November 3, 2022

Tom Metsa
Colorado State Parks
Trails Program, OHV Grants
13878 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Accomplishment Report for OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program 2022

Here is a brief summary of the accomplishments completed to date by the OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program 2022 for Grant #22V1.1 on the Ouray Ranger District.

Meter hours for the SWECO 480

- Beginning Meter Hours – 1424
- Ending Meter Hours – 1537

Meter hours for the Sutter 500

- Beginning Meter Hours – 1336
- Ending Meter Hours – 1473

Trail numbers that both dozers worked:

- 70.4 miles of tread worked
- 26.7 miles of bucking, limbing, and brushing
- 214 water bars built
- 370 water bars maintained
- 2 rolling dips and climbing turns
- 14 lead-off ditches built
- 88 lead-off ditches maintained
- 42 contacts made with the public about the CPW OHV Grant and Forest Service Policies
- Worked 12 Forest Service system trails

The 2022 field season was especially difficult but also exciting. Just as in previous years, hiring was unsuccessful. One swamper was hired and all others declined the position. The exciting news is that two operators accepted the position of career seasonal. The operators are a huge success for the program as it adds stability and continuity. With only being able to hire the two operators and one swamper, it was decided to operator one dozer crew and focus on quality work. Though our numbers did not increase as expected, the crew was able to accomplish quality work. Another success of this program for the season was its positive impact on three of the five districts on the GMUG. The dozers worked on Ouray Ranger District, Norwood Ranger District, and Gunnison Ranger District. Though hiring personal was not a highlight, the accomplishments of the crew were.

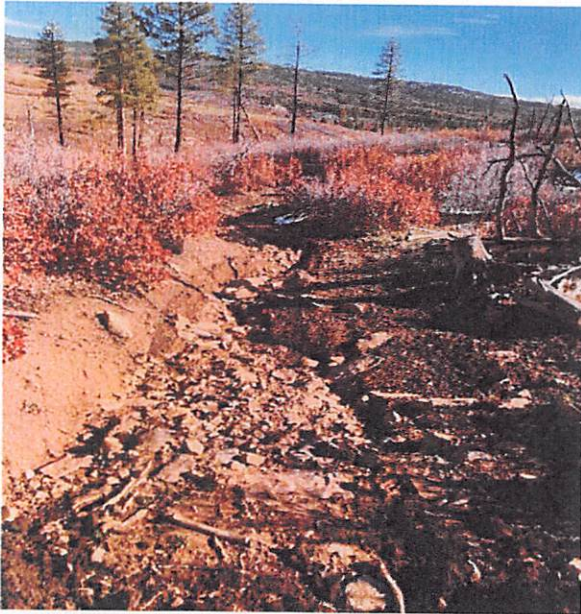
Budget:

80% - Program Maintenance, 5% - Enforcement, Education, and Visitor Contacts, 5% - Planning and Travel Plan Implementation, 10% - Equipment and Materials

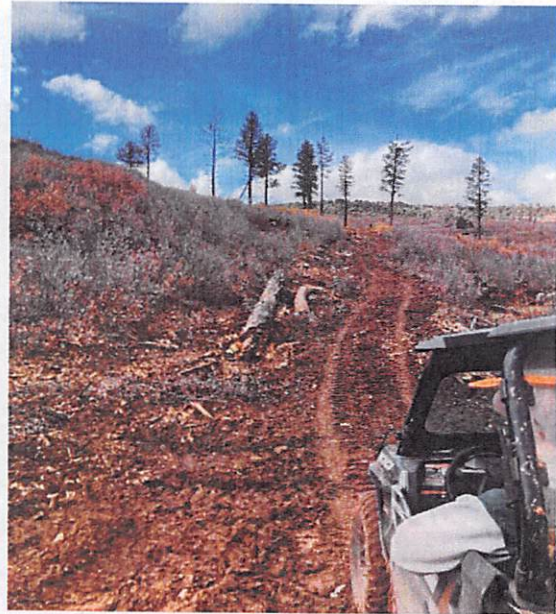
Thank you for supporting the OHV Trail Dozer Maintenance Program 2022!!

Tread reconstruction

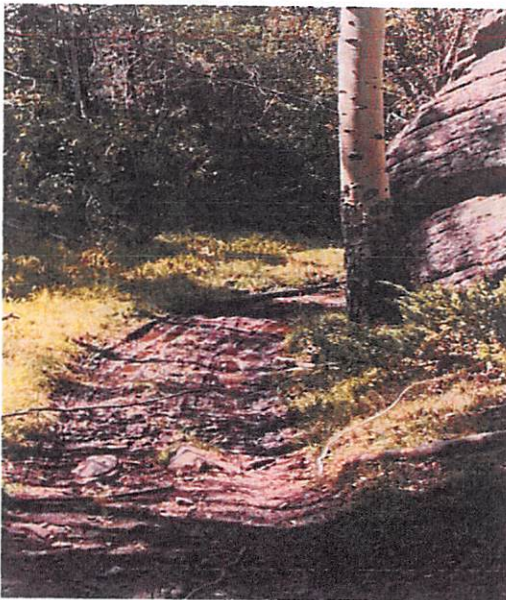
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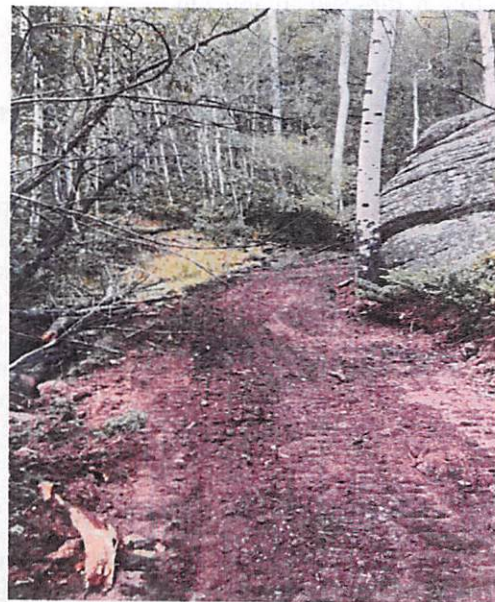
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After



Repairing the trailhead at Spring Creek

Before



After



Reconstructing 47 Trail with Thunder Mountain Wheelers

Before



During



After



Equipment training for Thunder Mountain Wheelers and Western Slope ATV Association



2023 Field Season Scope of Work Ouray Trail Dozer Program

The Dozer Maintenance Program is a crucial piece to the success of the OHV Program on the Ouray Ranger District. Because of the opportunity to use these dozers, the trails on the Ouray Ranger District are in better condition today than they have ever been. With the addition of Jim Jackson and Russel Augustus as career-seasonal operators, the Dozer Program is set to produce exceptional results every year. For the year 2022, these are the objectives of the program:

- Work with Thunder Mountain Wheelers and Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders to identify and resolve trail issues on Adopted trails
- Start the season by reworking the tread, drainages, and clear the corridor on Picket Corral Trail
- Move south and maintain Bear Pen Trail, Cabin Bench Trail, Cottonwood Trail, and 47 Trail
- Work on maintenance in the Cimarrons on Old Owl Creek Trail, Spalding Park Trail, and Stealey Mountain North Trail
- Improve the Roubideau Trail by installing turnouts for larger vehicles which would create a safer turning area and also install erosion control measures such as leadoff ditches and grade reversals
- Work with Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders to obtain funding for trail stabilization material on to be used on Parallel Trail
- Maintain the trails on the south end of the Uncompahgre Plateau (Spring Creek, Dented Door, Rim, Dry Creek, Ashely, and Moore Mesa)
- Continue to assist Grand Valley Ranger District and Thunder Mountain Wheelers with project as needed
- Continue to support and assist Paonia Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District, Norwood Ranger District, and the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office with their trail dozer needs
- Work within the Ouray Ranger District with the Range Program to install and repair cattle guards over OHV trails

The schedule of the dozers is that the trails on the north end of the Uncompahgre Plateau are worked first, April-May. After the snow recedes, one will move to the Grand Mesa while the second one works its way south on the Plateau. An area of focus will also be working the trails around the Silver Jack area in the Cimarrons during the hot months of July-August. In August-September, the needs of the rest of the Forest, Paonia, Gunnison, and Norwood will be met. Once it starts snowing in on FS managed lands, the program will shift its attention to BLM managed trails. With this schedule, the program is able to be as efficient as possible.