



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

Name of Project: OHV San Carlos Trails Project 2024		Date of Application: 11/20/22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$193,200	Grant Request: \$172,000	
<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: San Carlos RD, PSICC NF		
Mailing Address: 3028 E. Main St, Canon City, CO 81212		
		Fax: (719) 269- 8719
Telephone: (719) 269-8500		Email: destiny.chapman@usda.gov

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT 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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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Sara Wolf		Title: Grants Management Specialist
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PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Canon City, CO

County: Fremont

Township/Range/Section: T48N R 71W Sec.27

State Senate District #: 2

State Representative District #: 47

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): USDA FS**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)Miles of Singletrack: 61 Miles of 50" or less: 117 Miles of Full-sized: 0**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals)
miles / ft. added _____ Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education Land Acquisition or Other

* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)

% of Budget	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
80	
5	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
0	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
15	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: OHV San Carlos Trails Project 2024	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: San Carlos Ranger District	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Destiny Chapman	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$193,200	Grant Request: \$172,000

Project Description: The Tanner/ Stultz trail system reconstruction project will be a multi-prong effort to restore these popular OHV trails. The trails have become choked with scrub oak which in recent years has greatly inhibited motorized use. The San Carlos District OHV trail crew, with assistance of the Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC), began the arduous work of opening the corridors in 2022. Grant funding secured for 2023, \$36,960 for MHYC, will enable continuation of the work. Our grant request for \$48,00 in 2024 includes funding for MHYC chainsaw teams to complete clearing and widening the trail to Forest Service specifications.

In addition to the oak brush clearing, the trail tread is overdue for heavy maintenance and reconstruction. Drainage structures have failed due to severe rainfall and flooding. The trail tread has gullied in spots and no longer meets proper Forest Service specifications for grade reversals, out sloping and sustainable drainage. Despite maintenance performed by our trail crew, the extent of the needed rock work is beyond the ability of hand crews to complete.

For this reason, we are requesting funds to perform machine reconstruction of the most critical sections of the trails utilizing a trail dozer and mini excavator. We propose entering into a Challenge Cost-Share Agreement with Arrowhead Trails, Inc. for 12 weeks @ \$12,000 per week totaling \$144,000 in 2024. We have heard from local riders and clubs that these trails are important early and late season destinations that are increasingly inaccessible due to poor trail conditions. The Forest Service is anxious to rectify that situation for the enjoyment and safety of our OHV riding public.

WHO? The San Carlos Ranger District of the San Isabel National Forest, a sub-unit of the USDA Forest Service, PSICC National Forest, in partnership with MHYC and Arrowhead Trails, Inc.

WHERE? Tanner Peak is approximately 8 miles south of Canon City, CO. The OHV trail network trailheads on National Forest are accessed from Fremont CR 143.

WHAT? Major reconstruction as detailed in the Project Description. Widening the trail corridor through scrub oak stands and machine reconstruction of the trail itself. Logistical support, project oversight, and volunteer group coordination will be provided by the Forest Service OHV trail crew.

WHEN? Work will commence in May 2024 when MHYC and Arrowhead Trails mobilize. Pre-work will already be done with Forest Service Grants & Agreements. Equipment maintenance and clean-up will continue through October 2024.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – The *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo is displayed on signs and kiosks around the District. Almost all our public contact discussions include thanking trail users for registering their machines to support the grants that enable the hiring of OHV trail crews and purchasing the tools they need to maintain trails.

Budget Form

Project Name: OHV San Carlos Trail Project 2024

Date Project will be Completed: Nov. 30, 2024

Project Sponsor: San Carlos RD, PSICC NF

*****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)	\$172,000		\$ 172,000.00
Other Funding Sources			\$ -
Forest Service training not covered by grant funds	\$ -	\$1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Forest Service administration and office support	\$ -	\$3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
Forest Service facilities utilities; gov't. tool and equipment use		\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Forest Service vehicles monthly rate costs, gasoline, repairs & maintenance		\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Forest Service project design & oversight; ordering supplies and equipment		\$4,750.00	\$4,750.00
Arrowhead Trails, Inc. conservation & stewardship field instruction		\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00
Royal Gorge ATV Club trail & bridge contributions	\$ -	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 193,200.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>			Category Total	\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
			Category Total	\$ -
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
	per week			
Year One, Inc. dba Mile High Youth Corps; overnight saw crew	\$12,000	4 weeks		\$48,000
Arrowhead Trails, Inc. on the Tanner/Stultz Trails Reconstruction Project	\$12,000	12 weeks		\$ 144,000.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 192,000.00
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>				
Volunteer PPE & non-monetary awards for work on OHV trails	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 1,200.00
			Total	\$ 193,200.00

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

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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	OHV San Carlos Trail Project 2024	Project Sponsor	San Carlos 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:

Pike and San Isabel NF, Comanche and Cimarron NG Date: 10/18/1984

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

Date and title of document:

Pike and San Isabel NF Forest Environmental Impact Study 1984

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 2024.

Destiny Chapman, San Carlos District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title


Land Manager Signature and Title

11/14/2022

Date

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

OHV San Carlos Trail Project 2024

(Tanner and Stultz Trail Restoration Project)

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project

The work accomplished through this grant will enhance ATV and motorcycle trail experience on Forest Service lands administered by the San Carlos Ranger District of the San Isabel National Forest.

Tanner Peak at 9340 ft. is only eight miles from Cañon City, CO. The mountain is a local landmark and a popular four-season recreation destination for hikers, climbers, and OHV enthusiasts. Three Forest Service trailheads give motorized access to the mountain: Tanner TH, East Bear Gulch TH, and Stultz TH. The interconnected trail system total 17.2 miles open to ATVs and another 2.3 miles of single track for motorcycles. Riders can summit the mountain on the Tanner Trail for spectacular views of the Wet Mountains, Sangre de Cristo Range, and Pike's Peak to the north. Several out-and-back, semi-loop and shuttle options offer a variety trail options. The lower reaches of the trails are dominated by scrub oak while higher sections transition to Ponderosa and Douglas Fir.

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Motorized trails on National Forest are big draws during the summer recreation season, and during hunting and snowmobile seasons as well. Our local communities benefit economically from money spent on fuel, lodging, food, supplies, and entertainment. Feedback from visitors and volunteer groups confirm that well marked and maintained trails promote return visits.

Maintenance is a priority to promote satisfactory and challenging riding opportunities. In subsequent years the Good Management OHV crew will maintain switchbacks and drainage

structures, clear downfall, and trim overgrown vegetation. Proper maintenance reduces the spread of trail braiding and new routes created by users avoiding sections in disrepair.

The San Carlos Ranger District requests this grant assistance to augment our Good Management funding. For this grant cycle we looked closely at asking only for a realistic level of financial help to provide the product and service the public rightfully deserves and has come to expect from their public land managers.

The San Carlos Ranger District covers over 400,000 acres and is committed to providing high quality motorized trails for our visitors. User surveys and register sheet tallies confirm that many hundreds of people utilize the trails annually. Together with partners and volunteers, the OHV trail crew maintains approximately 85 miles of motorized trails on National Forest annually. The District boasts 61 miles of single track motorized trails, 177 miles of ATV trails, and 250 miles of 2-track roads open to ATVs and motorcycles. The maintenance history of motorized trails in our area goes back decades. Thanks to grant funding, we can provide program continuity by hiring experienced personnel familiar with local maintenance and improvement needs, and equip them with efficient tools. Their professional abilities provide quality supervision and project management for Youth Corps crews, contractors, and volunteers.

2. Partnerships, Support, and Leverage

The line item for Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC) crews in this OHV San Carlos Trail Project grant contains a funding request for \$48,000 for 4 weeks of work in 2024. This proven resource greatly multiplies the efforts of the OHV trail crew in improving valuable single-track and ATV riding opportunities. MHYC work helps protect the investments made in previous years by maintaining work already completed. They will be needed to accomplish the goal of long-term sustainability on the Tanner/ Stultz Trails system and thanks to grant funding clearing will continue in 2023. Many public contacts are made during this high-profile project, and trail users saw first-hand the improvements to this popular trail. Local managers are very proud of the partnership we have forged with Youth Corps crews, and not only for the trail work accomplished. The benefit to young people gaining public land stewardship experience is invaluable and speaks to a core mission of the Forest Service. MHYC has supplied a letter of support for this grant for 2024.

Since 2014, the San Isabel Trails Alliance (SITA) and its predecessors have been very active partners in single track motorized trail maintenance. The club routinely participates in work projects, and provides input on trail conditions, signing needs, and use patterns. The club has partnered in enduro and trials events that bring hundreds of participants and spectators to the District, including a very successful motorcycle enduro race in 2021.

The Colorado State Parks OHV Program in coordination with the San Carlos Ranger District, again fielded the State-wide motorcycle trail crew in 2022. They spent a week clearing blow-down and repairing drainage structures and providing valuable input on needed maintenance items. This is a long-term productive collaboration, and we anticipate hosting the crew again in 2023 and 2024.

The Royal Gorge ATV Club is a long-term partner and performed trail maintenance and clearing on trails in the Canon City area in 2022. The club assisted the District OHV crew widening an ATV bridge over Cottonwood Creek on the Rainbow Trail in 2021. The club made In-kind contributions total \$1,800 and supplied a letter of support for this grant application.

The Forest Service in-kind contributions are: \$4,750 for project design and oversight; \$1,750 for training cost not covered by grant funds; \$3,250 for administrative support; \$3,100 for equipment use and maintenance, utilities, vehicle monthly rate costs and gasoline.

Arrowhead Trails, LLC made \$3,950 toward in-kind contributions.

These leverage contributions total \$21,200 and are detailed in the 'In-Kind (Non-Cash) contributions column in the project budget spreadsheet.

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

The key objectives of this grant proposal are the restoration and maintenance of the Tanner/Stultz trail system. A primary purpose of our work is resource protection, reducing sedimentation by adding well-placed water bars and ditching. These structures improve water quality for aquatic communities. Tree roots are not as readily exposed when we stop the loss of tread material due to erosion. Many trail sections have become entrenched and choked with large cobbles as a result of this soil loss. Grant-funded trail mechanized equipment will improve drainage, re-contour and out slope the trail. User safety and enjoyment will also be enhanced.

We completed projects with similar goals utilizing a grant-funded Youth Corps crew and Arrowhead Trails 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019. In 2015 and 2016 extensive tread work was completed on Silver Circle Trail. In 2017 and 2018 work was accomplished on Snowslide Trail and on St. Charles Trail. Restoration work on Squirrel Creek and Indian Trails is funded for 2023. Direct benefits of these projects include reducing the spread of noxious weeds, and closing trail braids, thereby lessening disturbance to wildlife and migration patterns.

We intend to apply for supplemental grants in coming years to further enhance work projects also designed for resource benefit and protection. Maintenance work on the motorized trail system on the San Carlos Ranger District will include armoring stream crossings and reducing tread width to proper dimensions. Improved signing, an annual undertaking, reduces off-trail route finding and unauthorized user-created trails on unsustainable alignments.

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education, and Enforcement

The Forest Plan for the Pike and San Isabel National Forest provides direction for managing travel on National Forest Lands. In addition, San Carlos Ranger District has implemented the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) system. The MVUM provides a clear depiction of allowable uses of roads and motorized trails. The OHV crew has taken the lead in signing trails and supplying maps to volunteer groups and visitors. The directional and travel management signing we install assists visitors to know which vehicles are appropriate to specific trails.

Providing educational information at trailheads gives the public a better understanding of wildlife concerns, such as raptor nesting sites and information on sensitive species. Proactive messages on the positive role that trail users can have in protecting wetlands and forests promote stewardship. Maintaining these bulletin boards and kiosks is an important function the OHV crew performs. They also service our trailhead register boxes used to collect use numbers and visitor comments.

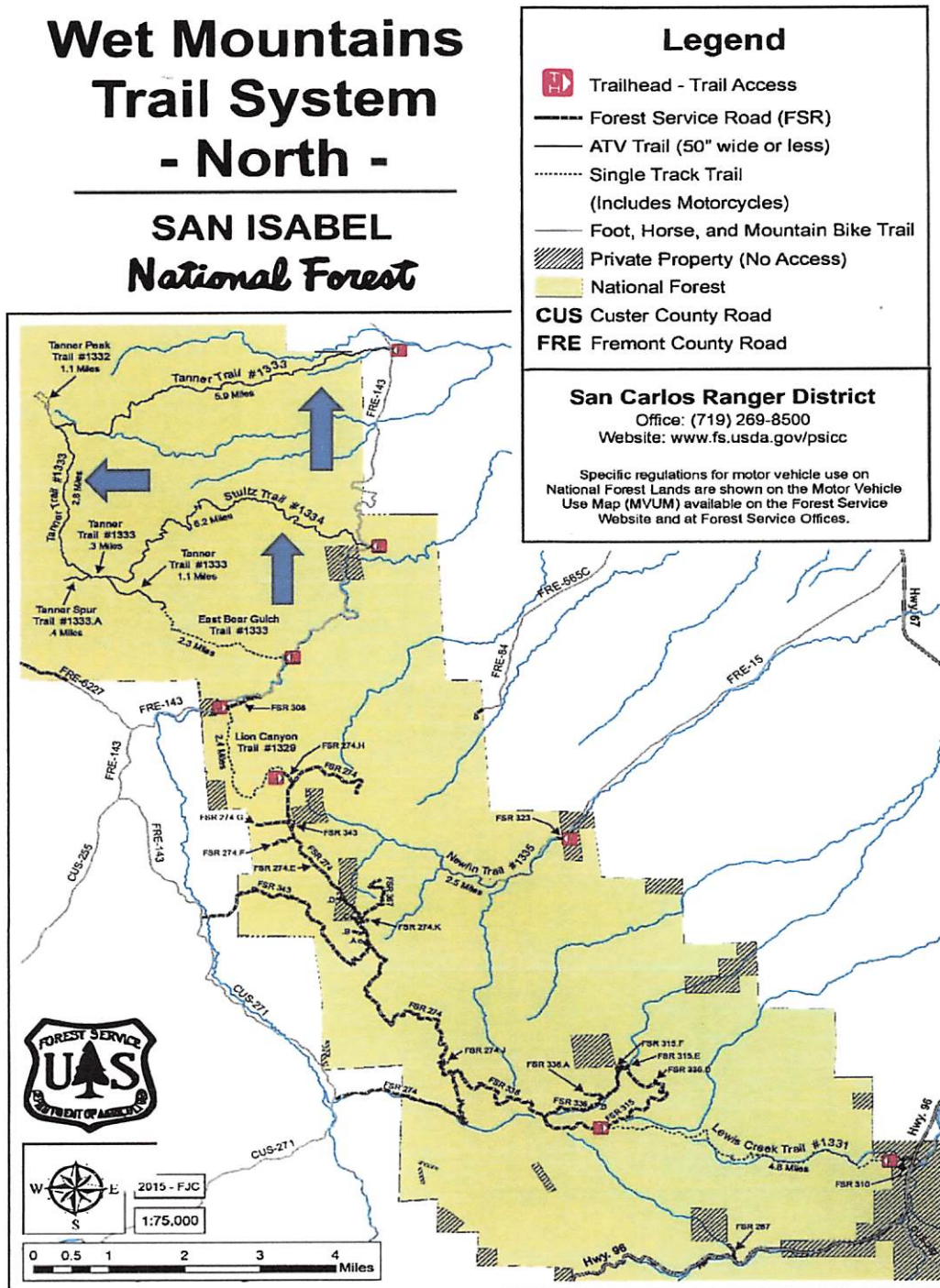
The OHV trail crew educates trail users on Tread Lightly and Stay-the-Trail practices. Making public contacts while working on the trails demonstrates land stewardship and stimulates

- volunteerism. The trail crew informs trail users about Colorado OHV registration/permit requirements and explains the importance of the OHV registration program. The crew also provides current trail condition information to Forest and BLM visitor centers to assist trail users in planning rides. Improved trails, maps, and signage enhance public safety and OHV recreation experiences. The educational activities of the trail crew assist land managers in protecting resources and promoting responsible use. In addition, the crew leverages their time using volunteers, and leading volunteer trail maintenance and clean-up projects, such as the annual Brighten-The-Sangres Trail Maintenance Day, and National Public Lands Day. These occasions provide invaluable education and stewardship opportunities.

Two of our trail crew members in 2022 were qualified as Forest Service Forest Protection Officers (FPO) having enforcement and compliance responsibilities. An estimated 5% of their time is devoted to visitor contacts and enforcement. When appropriate, Violation Notices (tickets) are written. Grant funding improves field presence and compliance with regulations. During high-use holiday weekends patrol areas are identified and covered for compliance and educational opportunities. At least five other FPOs on the District with similar authority are active in patrolling recreation areas and OHV trailheads.

Forest Service recreation and resource managers at the San Carlos Ranger District office in Canon City have a close working relationship and long experience in planning and implementing motorized trail projects. The scope of this grant proposal is in keeping with the intent of the grant funding criteria, providing practical and worthwhile projects for the committee's deliberation. Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this application.

Wet Mountains Trail System - North - SAN ISABEL National Forest

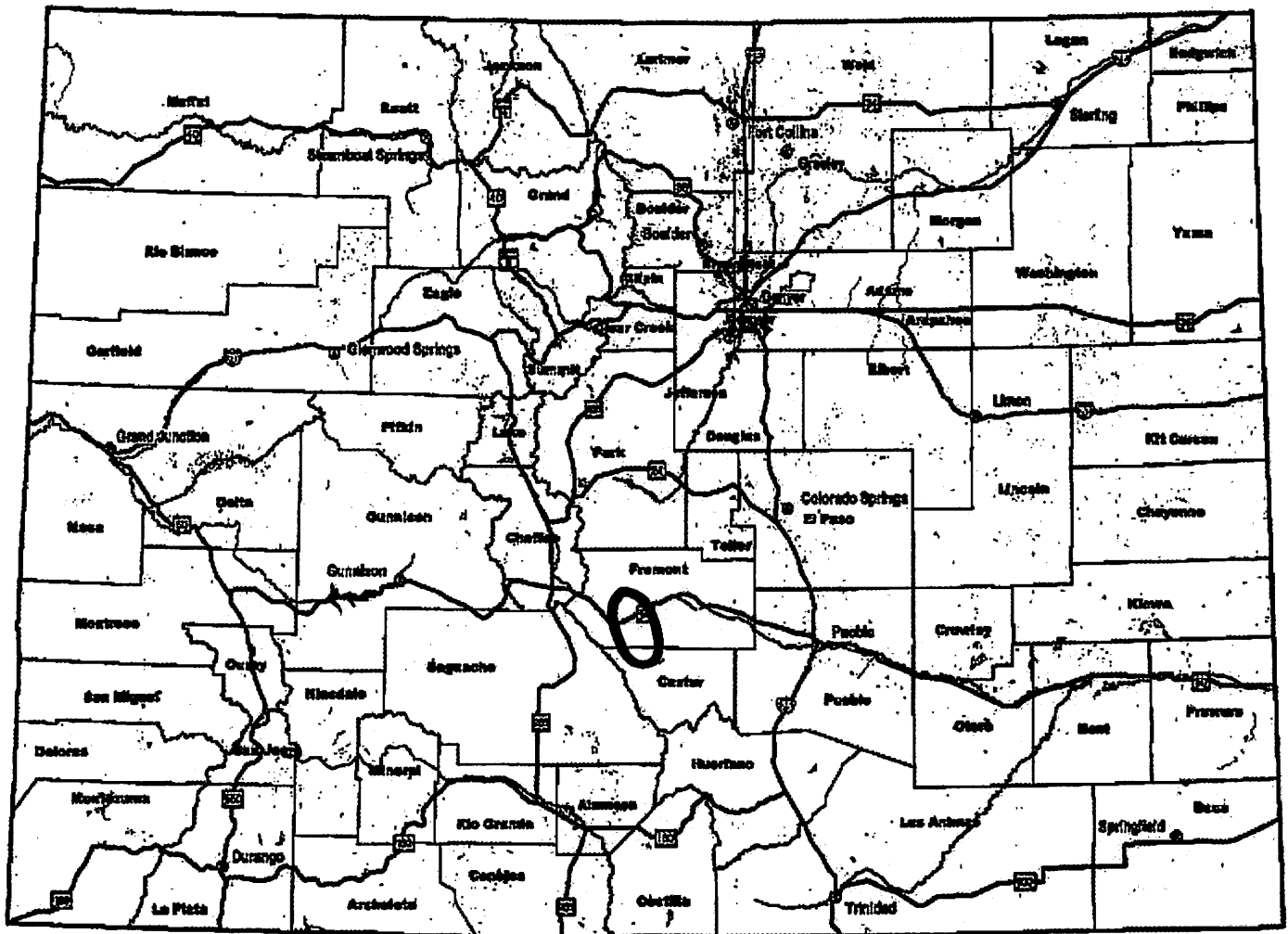


Tanner/Stultz Trails Reconstruction Project

The San Carlos Ranger District proposes to host a Mile High Youth Corps crew to perform trail clearing and brushing on these popular OHV trails near Canon City. Machine reconstruction of the trail tread will be performed by Arrowhead Trails, Inc. Project support will be provided by the San Carlos R.D. OHV trail crew. Tanner Trail # 1332 is 10.1 miles long. Stultz Trail # 1334 is 6.2 miles long and forms a loop ATV ride with Tanner Trail.

VICINITY MAP

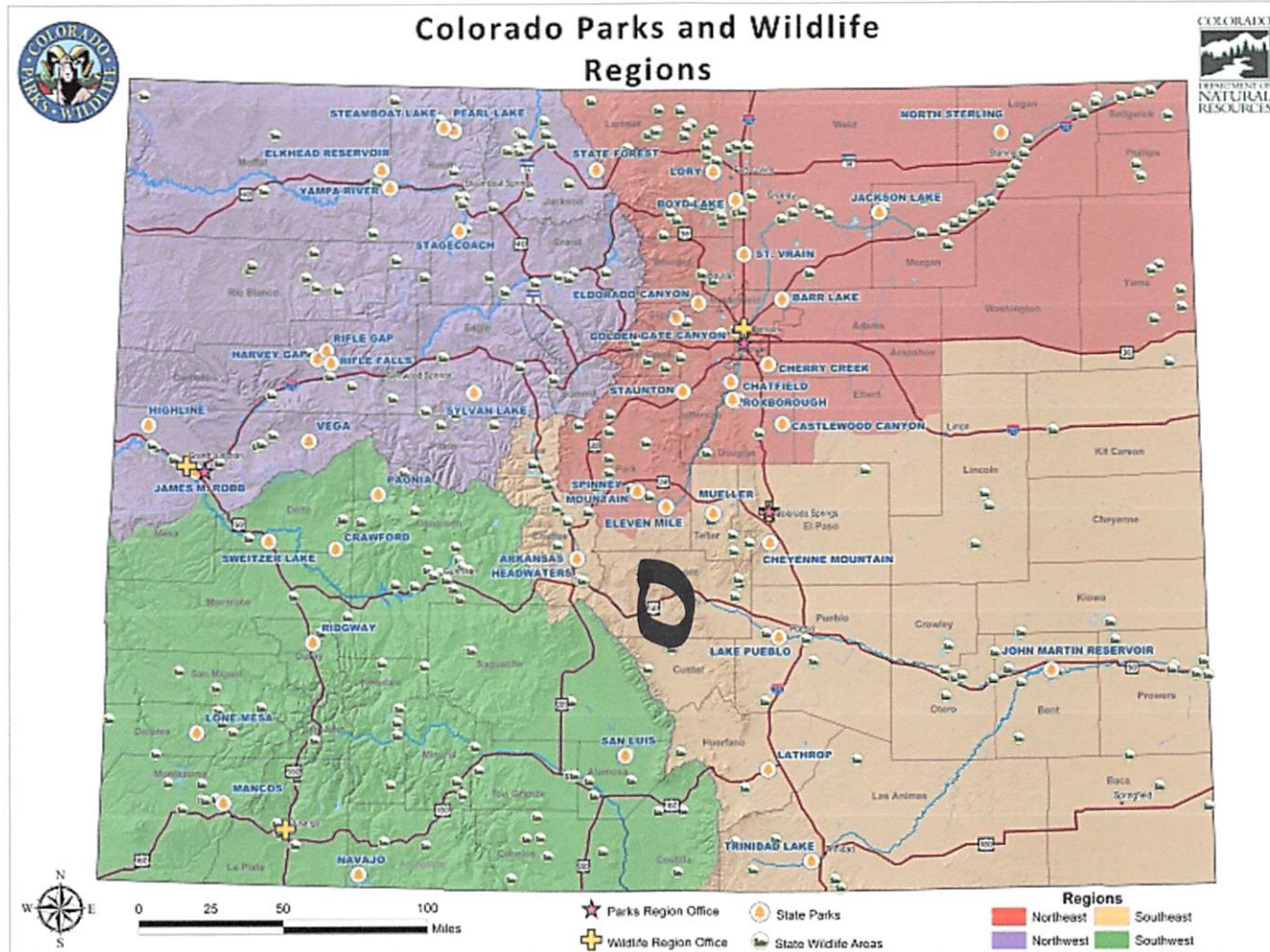
OHV San Carlos Trails Project 2024 ***Tanner and Stultz Trails Restoration Project***



The project area is on Forest Service lands on the San Isabel National Forest within Fremont County near Cañon City, CO.

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.

Mile High Youth Corps performing clearing work on Tanner Trail 2022 in preparation for the Tanner/Stultz Restoration Project 2024.



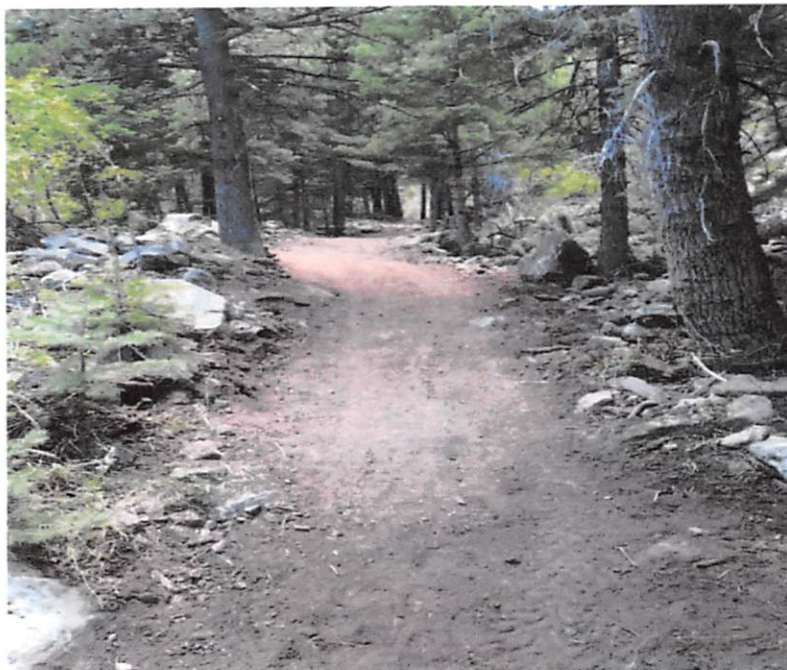




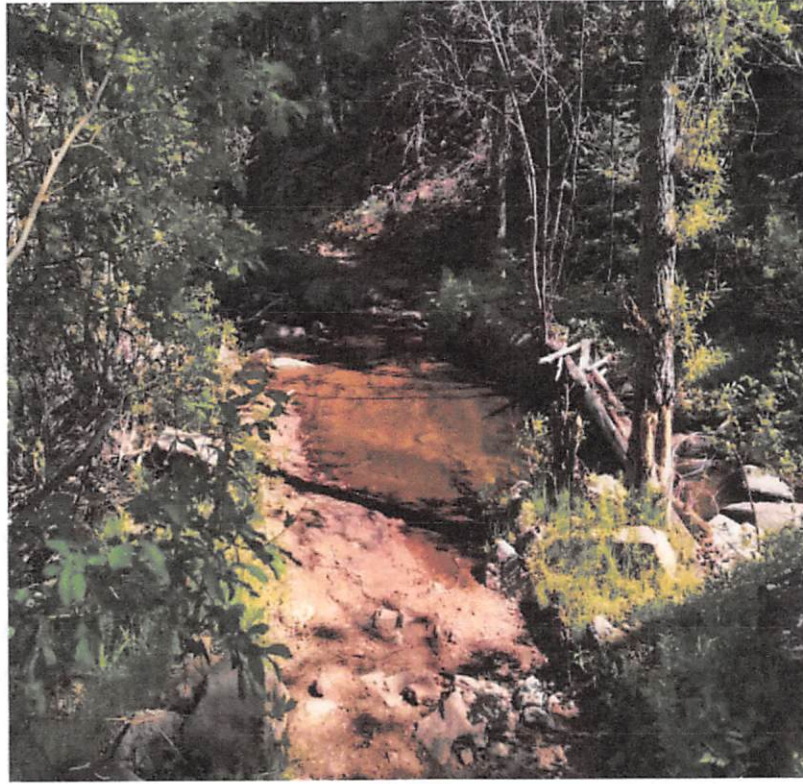
*Highlights of OHV trail improvements on the San Carlos R.D. 2022
made possible with a State Trails OHV grant*



Before reconstruction



After completion



Before - stream crossing causing siltation



After - defined and durable stream crossing



narrow off-camber trail section on a scree slope



trail section reconstructed for safe passage



Central Colorado Mountain Riders

28 October 2022

Colorado State Parks
Attn: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

Please accept this letter of support from the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) for the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant 2024 that will help them provide better OHV opportunities on our public lands.

CCMR is an all-volunteer, non-profit motorcycle club based in Salida, CO. Our mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized trail opportunities in the central Colorado area through cooperation, education, etiquette, and stewardship. CCMR has over 200 members and businesses who are recreational users that spend thousands of hours on trails and contribute to the CPW OHV funding with the purchase of hundreds of OHV stickers annually. CCMR partners with the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation in central Colorado including opportunities within the San Carlos Ranger District, specifically the Westcliffe, Lake Isabel, and Wet Mountain areas.

The San Carlos district, via this OHV grant funding, will hire an OHV trail crew to maintain motorcycle and ATV routes on National Forest Lands. Their grant will also fund Mile High Youth Corps to work on motorized trails, as well as hire a trails contractor to perform machine reconstruction and drainage work. Specifically, CCMR members benefit from the maintenance done on the Rainbow Trail (FS 1336) in the San Isabel National Forest. This 100+ mile trail is a favorite of many of CCMR members. Now that the Rainbow Trail was made continuous again via an OHV funded grant, the San Carlos maintenance effort is even more significant as more users will ride the entire trail.

The San Carlos Ranger District OHV effort is an asset to the Colorado motorized community. CCMR recommends the approval of the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trail Project 2024 Grant.

Sincerely,

Bob Daniel

President – CCMR



SOUTHERN FRONT RANGE

October 17, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Attention: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trail Grant 2024

Dear Mr. Tom Metsa,

On behalf of Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC), I am writing in full support of the 2024 San Carlos Ranger District (SCRD) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails Grant application. Funding will allow SCRD to continue providing safe and accessible OHV opportunities on public lands. Plans include partnering with a MHYC trail crew to maintain motorized trails, hiring a 4-person OHV trail crew to maintain designated routes on National Forest lands, and working with a trails contractor to perform machine trail reconstruction and drainage work. This support is critical to advancing the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources.

MHYC is a comprehensive, year-round model serving 250 young adults annually across 23 Colorado counties, having the largest geographic footprint amongst Colorado's eight accredited youth corps. MHYC's Land Conservation program engages young adults, ages 18-24, in conservation-based work focused on environmental improvements on public lands. Simultaneously, the program opens the door to careers in natural resources by giving youth hands-on experience and a greater understanding of the industry. To support project efforts, MHYC is committed to providing dedicated crews of Land Conservation Corpsmembers to assist with OHV trail maintenance projects during the grant period.

We appreciate the huge impact that the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant has had on public lands across Colorado. We encourage you to look favorably on SCRD's proposal to continue this impact. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or need more information about our program. I can be reached at 303.433.1206 extension 230 or at jesser@mhyc.net.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Roehm', written over a white background.

Jesse Roehm
Director: Land Conservation and Operations

HEADQUARTERS

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**CUSTER COUNTY
SEARCH & RESCUE, INC.**

P.O. Box 1092
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Colorado State Parks
Attn: Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 81025

I am writing today in support for the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant 2024. Custer County Search and Rescue has had a long history of cooperation and support for all public lands in and around Custer County. Restoration of trails in the San Carlos Ranger District will greatly impact our ability to successfully conduct rescue operations around Westcliffe, Rye, and Lake Isabel. This area is a popular recreational area for hunters, fisherman, hikers, equestrians, OHV users, and many others.

Without maintained access, rescue operations can be significantly hindered as terrain travel in the area is heavily wooded, rocky, and difficult to navigate. After several winters with damaging winds, the deadfall in the area is significant which makes backcountry travel more hazardous and may increase the level of danger for those recreating in the area. Trail reconstruction and drainage work is critical for utilizing rescue equipment for injured and/or lost individuals.

We highly value our relationship with the Forest Service for without genuine partnership, we would not be able to provide timely, effective, and successful search and rescue operations. We highly support the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant.

Sincerely,

Melissa Harth
Board Chair
Custer County Search and Rescue



To: Whom it may concern

We support the grants and work for the OHV Trails in the San Carlos Ranger District has done plus working on for the future. Our customers ride these trails And spend time in these areas yearly. The work in the Lake Isabel, Westcliffe and La Veta areas is amazing. Please keep granting this to keep our mountains useable and safe.

Thanks, and we hope you continue to provide the grants needed to jeep the trails in the excellent condition they are now.

Keep up the great work!!

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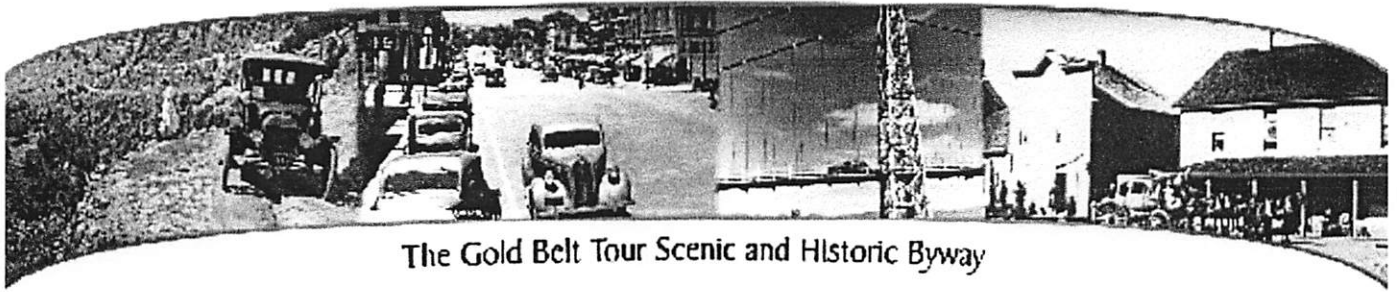
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The Gold Belt Tour Scenic and Historic Byway

1 November 2022

Colorado State Parks
Attn: Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
13787 S. Hwy. 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

The Gold Belt Tour Scenic and Historic Byway, Association would like to add our support to the grant request from San Carlos Ranger District (U.S. Forest Service). They are applying for these funds to hire a 4-person OHV crew to maintain OHV trails on National Forest Lands within Lake Isabel, Westcliffe, and La Veta areas. There are also plans to clear motorized trails, by hiring a trails contractor

We have been supportive of the Ranger District, in their past efforts and we would like to see them continue to this good works. Their efforts this round will fund machinery to perform major reconstruction and heavy maintenance on several area trails.

To continue this great work which improves motorized recreation they will need assistance from this grant.

Again, we hope you see fit to fund this grant request, so they can keep up the good work. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me at 719-689-2461.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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October 24, 2022

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ATTN: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager

Dear Mr. Metsa,

La Veta Trails (LVT) is writing to support the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant 2024 to address maintenance, reconstruction, and drainage improvements on National Forest Lands in this region.

The geographic area to be served by this grant includes Huerfano County, which has experienced an economic decline since the recession of 2008. Over the past four years, back-to-back disasters have challenged economic recovery. First was the devastating impact of the 2018 Spring Fire, the second-largest acreage in Colorado history. La Veta businesses reported losing 52-90 percent of revenue because tourists chose to stay away. The pandemic, which followed in 2020-2021, closed businesses, creating one of the highest job loss rates in the state. The third disaster was a severe wind storm in the spring of 2022 that damaged a critical outdoor recreational area in the San Carlos Ranger District so severely that it had to be closed for the season.

In addition, poverty and poor health outcomes have challenged this region's ability to recover. Since 2010, Huerfano County has been one of the poorest counties in Colorado, ranking at the bottom in 2020. At 9.4 percent, it had one of the highest unemployment rates in Colorado that year. While the rate dropped in August 2022, the county still has the highest unemployment rate and one of the lowest median household incomes in the state. In addition to poverty and low wages, Huerfano County is ranked 56th out of 60 counties for poor health outcomes.

In 2023, LVT will implement strategies to promote outdoor recreation and measure the impact on economic growth. We believe outdoor recreation has the potential to turn the economy around in Huerfano County. First, we will publish and broadly distribute a Spanish Peaks Recreation and Trail Guide to market outdoor recreation amenities, including OHV trails. Our data partners in this effort are San Isabel Electric Association, which is committed to economic development in the region, and Kelly Davis, who is the Research Director for the Outdoor Industry Association. They will compile an annual Spanish Peaks Trends in Outdoor Recreation Data Report that will document key indicators of economic growth. The annual report will help track the economic contribution of OHV trails.

La Veta Trails is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2015 to develop and maintain parks and trails systems in Huerfano County that connect people of all ages and abilities to the outdoors, inspire volunteerism, and contribute to the health and economic vitality of the region. We provide technical assistance, boots-on-the-ground project opportunities, Volunteer Stewardship, Youth Crew Leader development, First Aid/CPR, and Crosscut Saw certification programs in partnership with six local, state, and federal agencies and school districts. In 2018, LVT and the San Carlos Ranger District formed the Spanish Peaks Wilderness Stewards to maintain Wilderness trails.

We are excited to support the San Carlos Ranger District and look forward to our ongoing working relationship to promote OHV trails.

Sincerely,

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Marilyn Russell, President
La Veta Trails