



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

Name of Project: Rampart Trail Crew & Patrol VI (Good Mgt)		Date of Application: 2 Dec 22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$120,990.00	Grant Request: \$111,750.00	
<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: USDA / USFS South Platte Ranger District		
Mailing Address: 30403 Kings Valley Drive, Suite 2-115 Conifer, CO 80433		
		Fax: NA
Telephone: 303-275-5626	Email: marc.grandia@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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Telephone: 303-275-5626		Fax: NA	Email: marc.grandia@usda.gov
		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)		
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PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Sedalia		
County(ies): Douglas		
Township/Range/Section: 8-10S/69W/21-36		
State Senate District #: 30		
State Representative District #: CO-04		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:		
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): USFS		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>~86</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>~200</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>~50</u>
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<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.)		
% 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.)	
50		
35	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
5	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.)
100	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Rampart Trail Crew & Patrol VI	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: USDA / USFS South Platte RD	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Marc Grandia	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 120,990.00	Grant Request: \$ 111,750.00

Project Description:

We are requesting Good Management Trail Crew participation. The Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol is in an important OHV area of Colorado, has at least three previously successful trail crew grants, manages and solves problems for OHV riders, provides good management and direction, limits resource damage, and has provided crew logs for the performance periods. If awarded Good Management status, I would like to combine this grant with the Rampart Good OHV Trail Crew.

WHO? The USFS, South Platte Ranger District, Rampart OHV Crew will be the responsible party for this project. The crew and equipment will be stationed at the Indian Creek Work Station near Sedalia, CO; all work will be within the Pike National Forest, South Platte RD, at the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area. The three-person crew will focus on trail maintenance, visitor contacts, education, and compliance primarily on the Rampart Range single track trails. We will also be submitting a future grant to partner with the Mile High Youth Corps for eight weeks to conduct trail maintenance on some of the more remote trails.

WHERE? The crew's areas of patrol and maintenance consists of trails 770 A-J, 693, and 683. The single track trail crew will cover nearly 90 miles of the single track system on the Rampart Range and all associated trail heads.

WHAT? The trail crew will dedicate 50 percent of their time to maintenance of the Rampart single track. Crew members not MSF Dirt Bike certified will complete training so they can utilize skills to safely negotiate the single-track trail system. We will train one crew member as FPO and all crewmembers will be CPR certified. All the single-track trails have regular tree blow down, drainage issues, and other hazards; this riding crew will be capable of maintaining the trail system and the trail heads that access the single track. The initial phase of work on the single track will be planned with the Statewide OHV crew to clear all single track from hazards that occurred over the winter season. Crucial drainage work will be done at this time and other needed work will be documented to plan future maintenance days and work parties. The crew will be required to wear uniforms that identify themselves as the OHV trail crew; dirt bikes and equipment will display the "Colorado OHV Registration Dollars at Work" logo.

Work projects for the season will be as follows:

1. Hazard and hazard tree removal
2. Bridge repair, installation, or removal
3. Tread hardening, drainage remediation

4. Trail braiding and user created trail ripping and rehab
5. Restrictor gate installation and repair
6. Volunteer work parties (6) and special events such as poker runs (2)
7. Sign installation, removal, and replacement
8. On/Off loading ramp repair

Feedback from the public and partner volunteer groups will be solicited to determine if completed work meets safe and sustainable riding standards.

WHEN? The single-track trail crew will be onboarded as early as mid-April 2024 and begin trail work as soon as weather conditions permit. If weather and/or the mud-season closure are limiting factors planning, training, and maintenance will be priority. The project will be complete 30 November 2024. The crew will have two permanent members that will be on for a minimum of 13 pay periods.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –The trail crew will display “Colorado Registration Dollars at Work” on both uniforms and machines. Additionally, logos will be displayed at trail heads and kiosks. Educating the public of where their registration dollars go will be ongoing during both maintenance and patrol days.

DEFINITIONS:

MSF-Motorcycle Safety Foundation
FPO-Forest Protection Officer

Budget Form

Project Name: Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol VI (Good Mgt)

Date Project will be Completed: 30-Nov-24

Project Sponsor: USDA Forest Service South Platte 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)			\$ 111,750.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GS-07 0462 OHV Grant Admin., Supervision & Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000.00
GS-09 0462 OHV Grant Admin., Supervision & Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,240.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 120,990.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

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
GS-06 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (16 PPs)	\$ 32.16			\$ 41,164.00
GS-06 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (16 PPs)	\$ 32.16			\$ 41,164.00
GS-05 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (1039)	\$ 20.81			\$ 21,622.00
FPO Certification x1	\$ 1,100.00			\$ 1,100.00
Riding Gear; PPE	\$ 1,500.00			\$ 1,500.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,313.12		Category Total	\$ 106,550.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
Signs, hardware, bridge decking, trail marker posts	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Grass seed for rehab	\$ 275.00	2	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Concrete	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 2,300.00
III. Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
Motorcycle Maintenance	\$ 2,400.00	1	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Chainsaw Maintenance	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
			Category Total	\$ 2,900.00
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>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			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>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
			Total	\$ 111,750.00

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: Rampart Trail Crew & Patrol VI Project Sponsor: USDA / USFS South Platte Ranger District

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 National Forest Land Use Plan Date: 1984

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

Date and title of document:

July 2005 Rampart Range Recreation Area Motorized Roads and Trail Plan

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:

Marc Grandia (303) 275-5626 marc.grandia@usda.gov

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

Lisa Heagley – District Ranger (Acting), South Platte Ranger District

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Lisa Heagley, Acting District Ranger
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/23/2022
Date

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

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

The primary objective of this project is to maintain and enhance the single-track trail system throughout the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area. Trails 770 A-J, 693, and 683 were designed as single-track trails. Currently there are over 90 miles of single-track and over 200 miles of 50" trails. The challenge is not being able to maintain the single track in addition to the trails covered by the Good OHV Management Crew. The single-track crew was added to the program to solely focus on the single-track trails and has been able to respond to issues regarding resource damage and handle safety concerns. They recognize areas where reroutes need to be considered as well as close off and rehabilitate non-system routes to protect the landscape.

The single-track trails were designed and constructed specifically with the more advanced rider in mind. Crewmembers that are knowledgeable and experienced single-track riders are the key to success of this project. They will provide quality maintenance to the single-track trails including the most remote areas that 50" crews cannot access. Issues and concerns identified early in the season will be able to be addressed, not only to avoid trail closures, but to maintain the trails in a safe and sustainable standard. Fifty percent of the crew's time will be dedicated to keeping these trails maintained.

The three-person trail crew will be responsible for providing a presence, distributing information, educating the public, and enforcing rules and regulations on the single-track system. One crewmember will receive FPO training to issue written warnings or violation notices. During the crew's first season in 2019, they made 1,525 visitor contacts, and issued 58 written warnings and 47 violation notices. Over the next few years, crewmembers have contacted thousands of riders and have been able to educate them on safe and sustainable riding practices. Reinforcing the importance of OHV registration shows the public where their dollars are being spent.

As one of the premier riding destinations in Colorado, the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area provides opportunities to tens of thousands of enthusiasts every year. As the Denver area and front range population increases, more and more outdoor enthusiasts head to the foothills and mountains to recreate. Many head to the Rampart Range to negotiate its single-track trail system. The single-track trail crew is critical to ensure that all users have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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

For over 40 years the Forest Service and the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC) has worked together to maintain, improve, and develop the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area into one of the premier riding areas in Colorado. RRMMC's support includes volunteer participation, securing funds for maintenance efforts, utilizing the SUTTER & SWECO trail machine, hosting work parties, and educating riders on the proper way to enjoy OHV's. As part of this collaboration, volunteer projects will be dedicated to prioritized maintenance and enhancement projects. This includes the slashing in of closed trails, seeding of ripped trails, sign installation, fence repair and installation, and a variety of other trail maintenance projects. The single-track crew will be instrumental in identifying, planning, and coordinating more labor-intensive volunteer trail projects.

As part of the process to get where we are today, the Forest Service has collected and analyzed data that went into the decision to build these trails and where to locate them. We have gone to extraordinary lengths to involve all interested parties and seek their input. During the scoping phase conducted for the Environmental Assessment, we held four public meetings that were attended by over 500 people. These public meetings were attended by a wide variety of individuals and groups. We have incorporated this input into a plan that considers the needs of all interested parties, including concerns for resource sustainability and habitat protection. This proposed project is a result of that process. While it is impossible to meet the expectations of all interested parties, this project will provide more opportunities for the users, minimize negative impacts to the environment, and provide a basis for sound, comprehensive management of the area.

This proposed project is in accord with the plan approved in 2005. Since that time the Forest Service has partnered with several groups, clubs, and organizations with a shared objective to see this project implemented. In addition to the RRMMC, other partners include:

Douglas County - The County maintains all the roads located within the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation area including those open to unlicensed motor vehicles. They grade the main Rampart Road at least three times a year and to a lesser degree the three major trailheads as well as our higher clearance roads open to unlicensed motor vehicles. In addition, they were heavily involved with the construction of the primary Rampart Trailhead and entrance a couple years ago and completed a new trailhead near the Forest boundary on Dakan road. This facility has proved to be very popular with users in the Castle Rock and Colorado Springs area. It includes a toilet, kiosk, and year-round parking for approximately 25 vehicles.

CUSP - Coalition for the Upper South Platte. This group has organized several volunteer projects over the years in support of the area. Some of these include fence building, rip rap work to decrease erosion, and revegetation efforts.

MHYC - This season the Mile High Youth Corps will assist the single-track crew with critical maintenance and rehab requirements on some of the more remote areas of Trail 770. The hybrid crew will be capable of repairing drainage and erosion issues, trimming vegetation throughout the corridor, and slashing and rehabbing illegal routes. The single-track crewmembers will be available to educate the youth corps on proper trail riding etiquette and other forest rules and teach the importance of Leave-No-Trace.

Stay The Trail has been an invaluable resource to the Rampart Range for many years. Their approach to responsible OHV use has cultivated a culture of responsible OHV users across the state; their presence during work parties and poker runs has helped educate riders on being good stewards to public lands. During the 2022 season, they provided us with \$1400 worth of additional sign funding.

\$2300 is being requested to go towards the purchase of additional signs, construction hardware, concrete, and grass seed for rehabilitation areas.

All personnel associated with this project will display or inform the public that they are funded as a direct result of Colorado OHV registration dollars. In-kind services include overall supervision of the program which involves approximately 30% of the district's Travel Management Supervisor time, engineering support and contracting preparation for the rehabilitation effort. The total project cost is \$120,990.

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

The main benefit of this project is to emphasize resource protection, enhancement, and restoration. By responding timely to weather events along with regular maintenance, habitat will improve, erosion will be controlled, and over time the visual impacts will fade. The presence provided by the crew will ensure that closed routes remain closed and be restored to their natural condition. The dedicated trail crew will keep the trails clear and maintained.

The project area includes steep slopes, highly erosive soils, sensitive riparian habitats, and populations of federally threatened species such as the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, Pawnee Montane Skipper, and Mexican Spotted owl. Like many trails that have been user created, the sections of trail that are unsustainable have been identified for minor rerouting. These trails are difficult to maintain and have a negative effect on the resource. This damage is primarily the result of trails located too close to riparian or on excessively steep slopes with highly erodible soils. Re-routing trails out of riparian zones and off steep slopes minimizes erosion and keeps sediment on the upper slopes which will substantially improve water quality, improve stream bank stability, and promote enhanced riparian vegetation growth. It is essential that the closed sections of these trails be stabilized and put in a condition that allows for habitat improvement.

Resource Protection – All rerouted trail construction has been approved in accordance with the signed Environmental Assessment and subsequent environmental analysis and archeological and biological surveys. Based on these results the original layout has been adjusted to avoid any biological concerns or cultural resources. The crew will help ensure that riders are staying on designated routes and replacing route designation signs as well as educating riders on responsible OHV recreation.

Trail braiding is a significant concern throughout the Rampart Range. The crew will identify these problem sites, close off, and rehab them. Native grass seed will be planted once these trails are ripped to bring the area back to a natural state. The trail system is constantly being monitored with resource concerns in mind. Sections of trail that are determined to be unsustainable will be evaluated. Any closed sections will be rehabilitated as to minimize any further impacts. This is also the case with trails that may interfere with critical habitat (riparian areas), in sensitive nesting areas (Goshawk), or slopes that are too steep and are contributing sediment to streams. Eliminating the source of erosion and sediment transports can improve fish habitat miles downstream.

Enhancement – This project will not only enhance the experience for OHV riders but other trail and forest users as well. The Trail crew will clear trail on a regular basis and respond to needed repairs in a timely fashion. They will be able to respond to any change in the system with short notice.

Restoration – The trail system is constantly monitored and evaluated. Maintenance projects are prioritized based on their resource impacts and safety concerns. This project will ensure that resource impacts are addressed, and restoration actions are planned and executed. If a trail is rerouted, closed sections will be rehabilitated by ripping the old trail, followed by slashing in forest debris, and planting of native grass seeds.

Currently there are no new plans for new trail construction or major re-routes. As conditions change on the ground minor re-routes will be considered to protect non-sustainable trails; specifically, where deep cut routes consisting of decomposing granite is causing difficult negotiation of trails and user created bypasses.

Large equipment maintenance – Currently, the Rampart OHV crew has one grant purchased mini-excavator. It recently underwent its 500-hour service and operator level maintenance is conducted monthly. The mini excavator is used for projects such as digging hole for post and cable installation and minor grading operations.

As of now, there is no plan to turn-in or replace the machine as it is in great working condition and used frequently on the Rampart.

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

Travel Management:

This project will implement and be in compliance with applicable portions of the decision made in the 2005 Rampart Range Recreation Area Motorized Roads and Trails Plan. This travel management plan is the result of an extensive process that looked at an area over 92,000 acres in size. All of the existing motorized routes were evaluated for sustainability, resource concerns, and forest plan compliance. Other considerations include user satisfaction and reducing conflicts, and how well the network of trails worked in providing connectivity and loops. This plan identified trails that were to be closed and rehabilitated, trails that are targeted for rerouting, and acknowledged the need for new trails for both 50 inch wide ATV's and UTV's, and single track. By incorporating these recommendations new routes were added to improve loop opportunities, reduce conflicts between users, and provide trail access to areas where there was previously only road access open to licensed OHV's only. The crew will patrol and monitor the "roadless area" east of Dakan Road and to the west of Perry Park. This habitat has seen illegal routes develop near multiple campsites. The crew will slash in and rehab these routes to protect the area. The patrol crew requested in this grant proposal will help to ensure that the decisions made in this travel plan are maintained and adhered to.

Education:

A principle objective of the three person patrol crew is to make as many contacts as possible and educate users on a variety of topics. As mentioned, in 2019 this crew made approximately 1,525 contacts as documented in the daily diaries. With tens of thousands of visitors each year engaged in a variety of activities it is essential that education play an important role. All trails will be clearly signed and are displayed on the South Platte Ranger District MVUM. MVUMs will be provided at trailhead kiosks and offered as part of every contact. Educating the public on the importance of OHV registration will be a part of the contact conversation and environmental concerns and habitat protection will be discussed. Riders who are not compliant with OHV registration will be asked to register as soon as convenient. The message that OHV dollars go back into the trail system will be important for all visitors to understand. Additionally, educating riders on safe practices will be a key point; the use of Forest Service approved spark arrestors will be at the forefront to visitor contact conversation. Those not in compliance with the use of spark arrestors will be asked to not ride that machine.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

This already busy area is growing significantly in popularity every year. In addition to safe and positive recreation activities, there is a portion of the public that visits the area with nefarious intent. Illegal activities include vandalism, resource damage, graffiti, improper trash disposal, occupancy infringements, irresponsible shooting, drug use, assaults, fire violations, and other violations covered under to Forest Service Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These activities have a negative effect for those that wish to visit the area for other recreation opportunities. The trail crew will be trained to respond to these incidents either directly or with the assistance of Forest Service or county law enforcement officers to ensure that their own safety as well as the public's is looked after. This crew will inform users of forest rules & regulations and the importance of OHV registration. Forest Protection Officers will write necessary warnings and violation notices. These statistics are tracked for grant administration purposes as well as internally in our law enforcement and investigation management activity reporting system (LEIMARS). Thirty five percent of the crew's time will be spent doing visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement activities.

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.

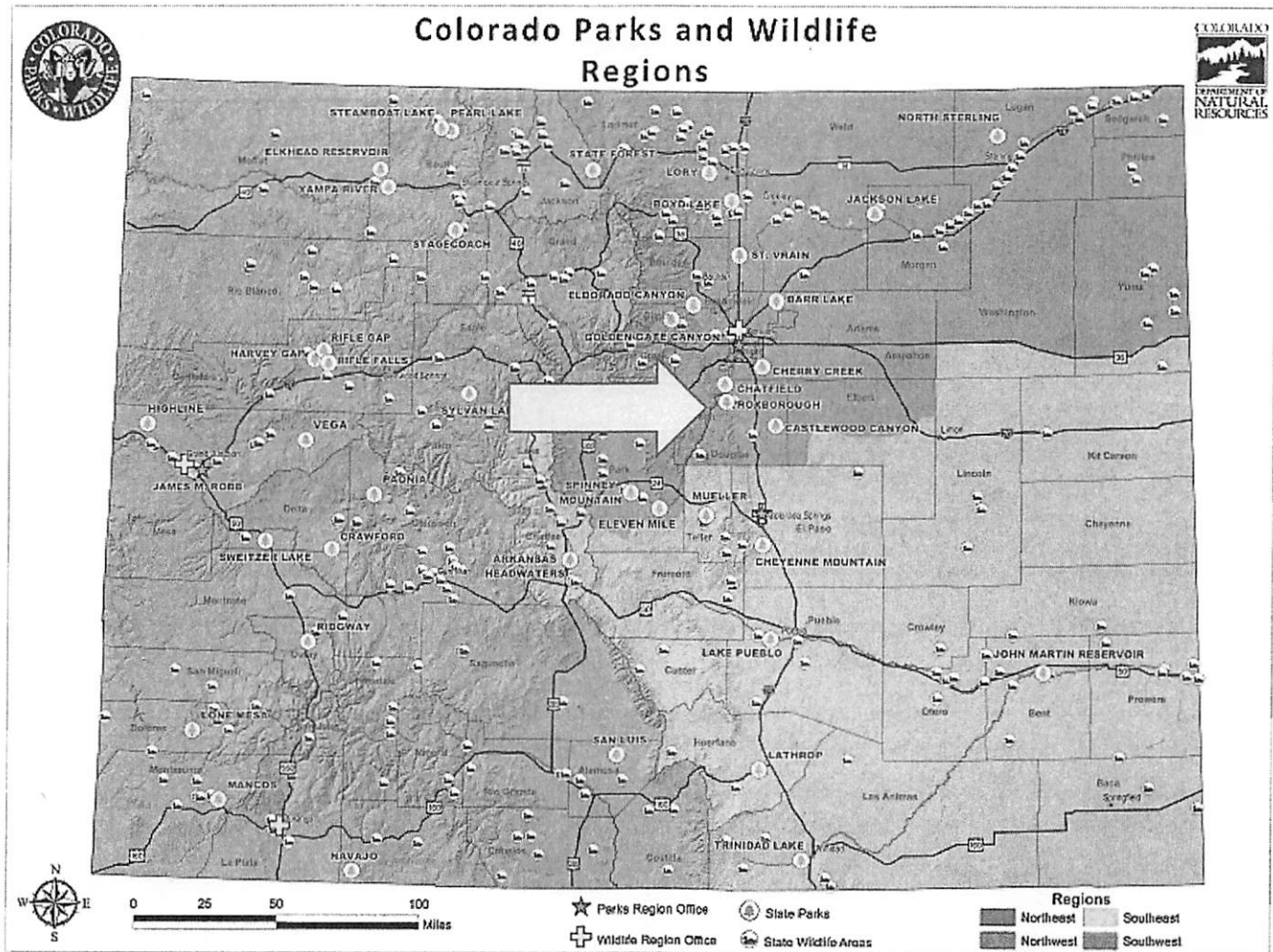


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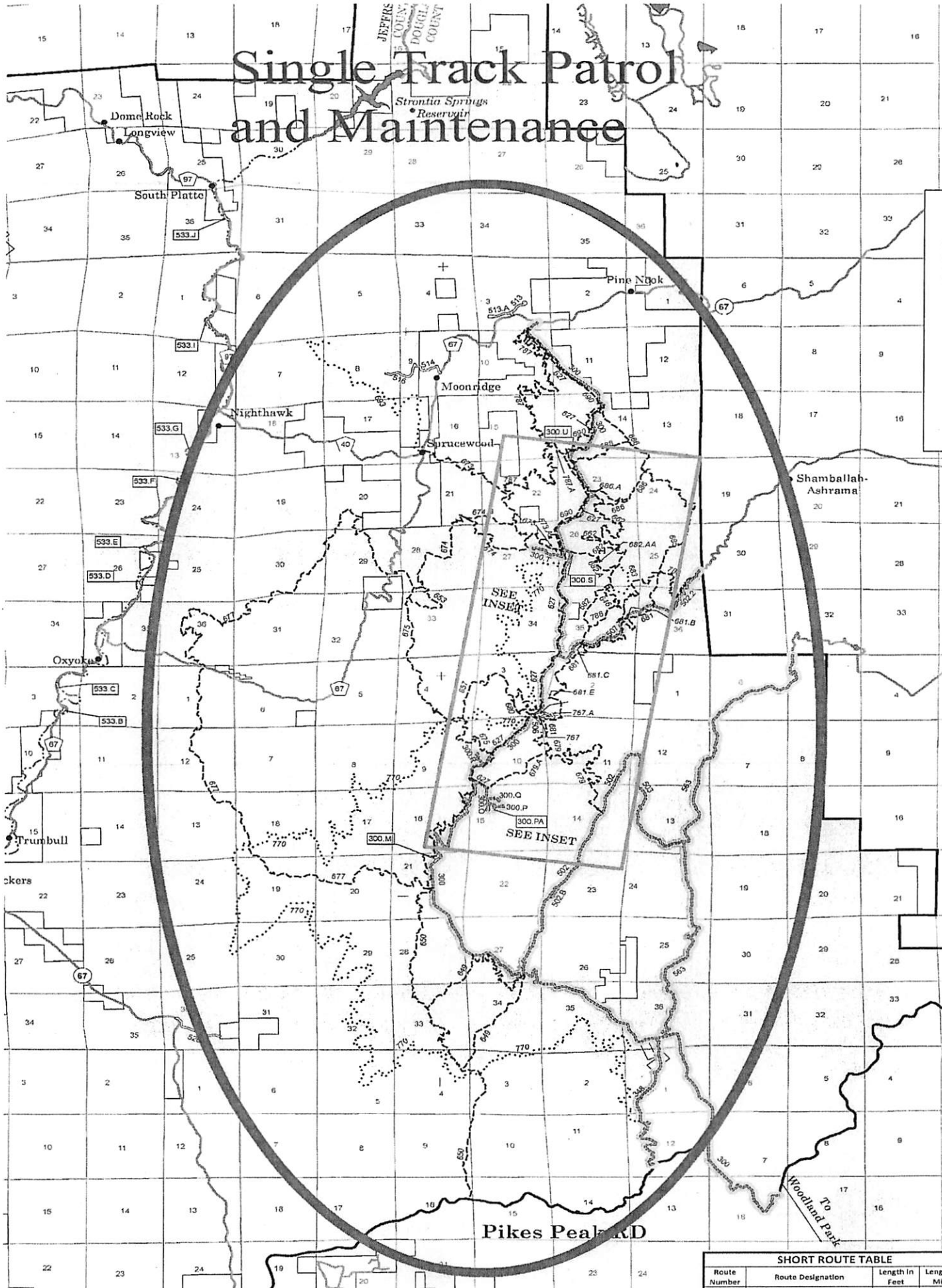
E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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.

Single Track Patrol and Maintenance

JEFFERS COUNTY
BOHLE COUNTY

Strontia Springs Reservoir



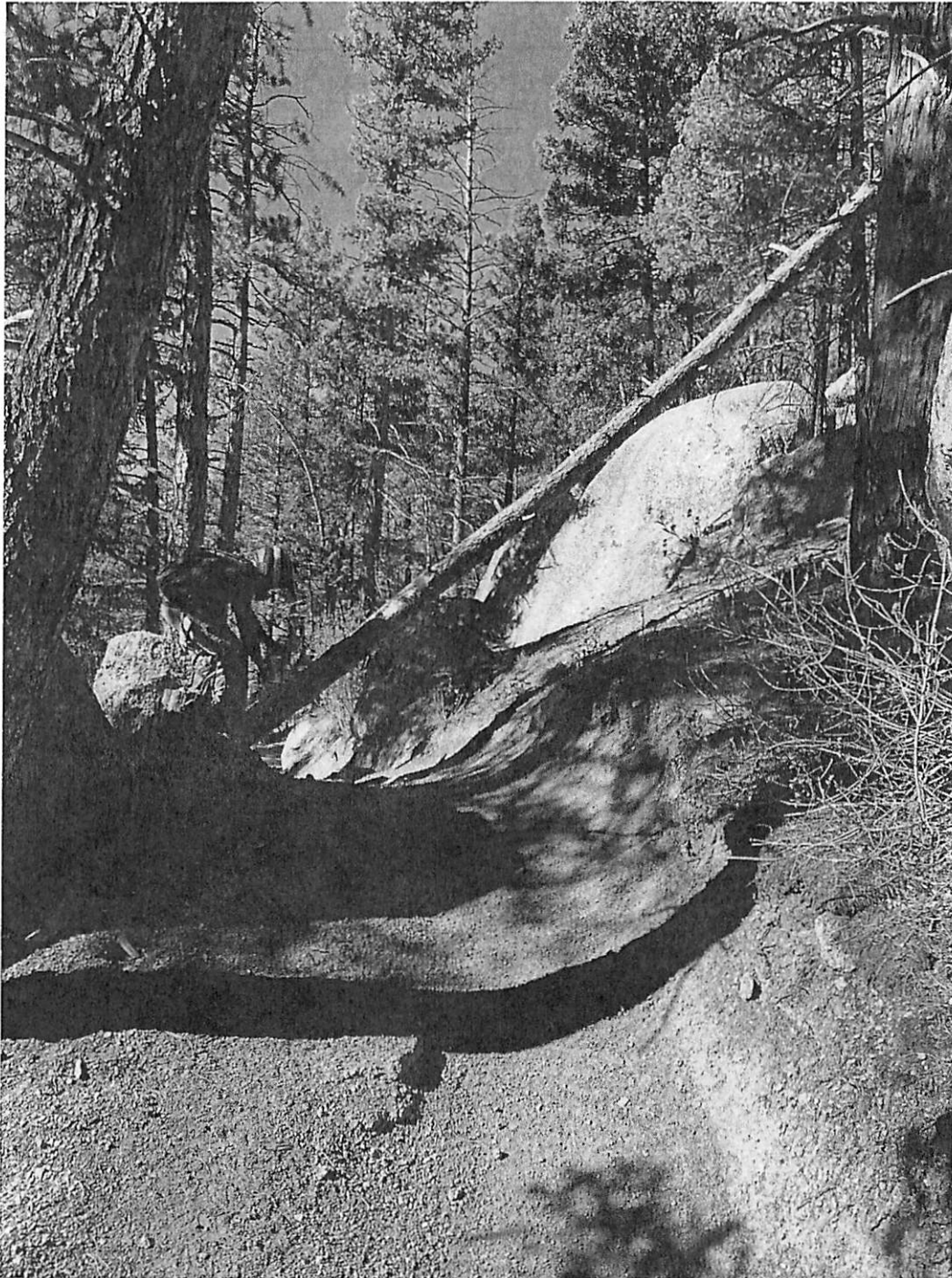
SHORT ROUTE TABLE

Route Number	Route Designation	Length in Feet	Length in Miles
	Roads Open to Highway Legal		

(F) Project Illustration

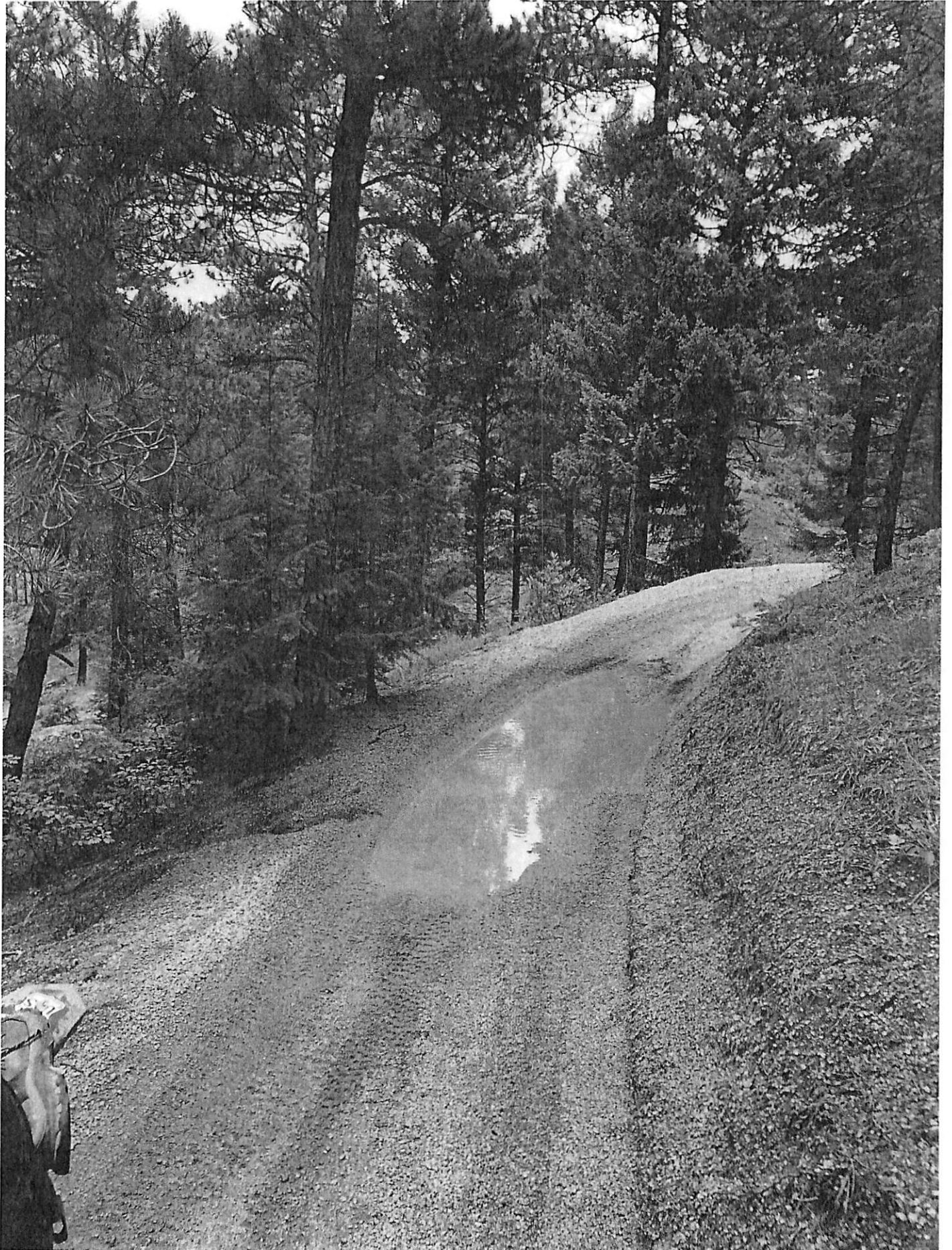
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.



Corridor Clearing

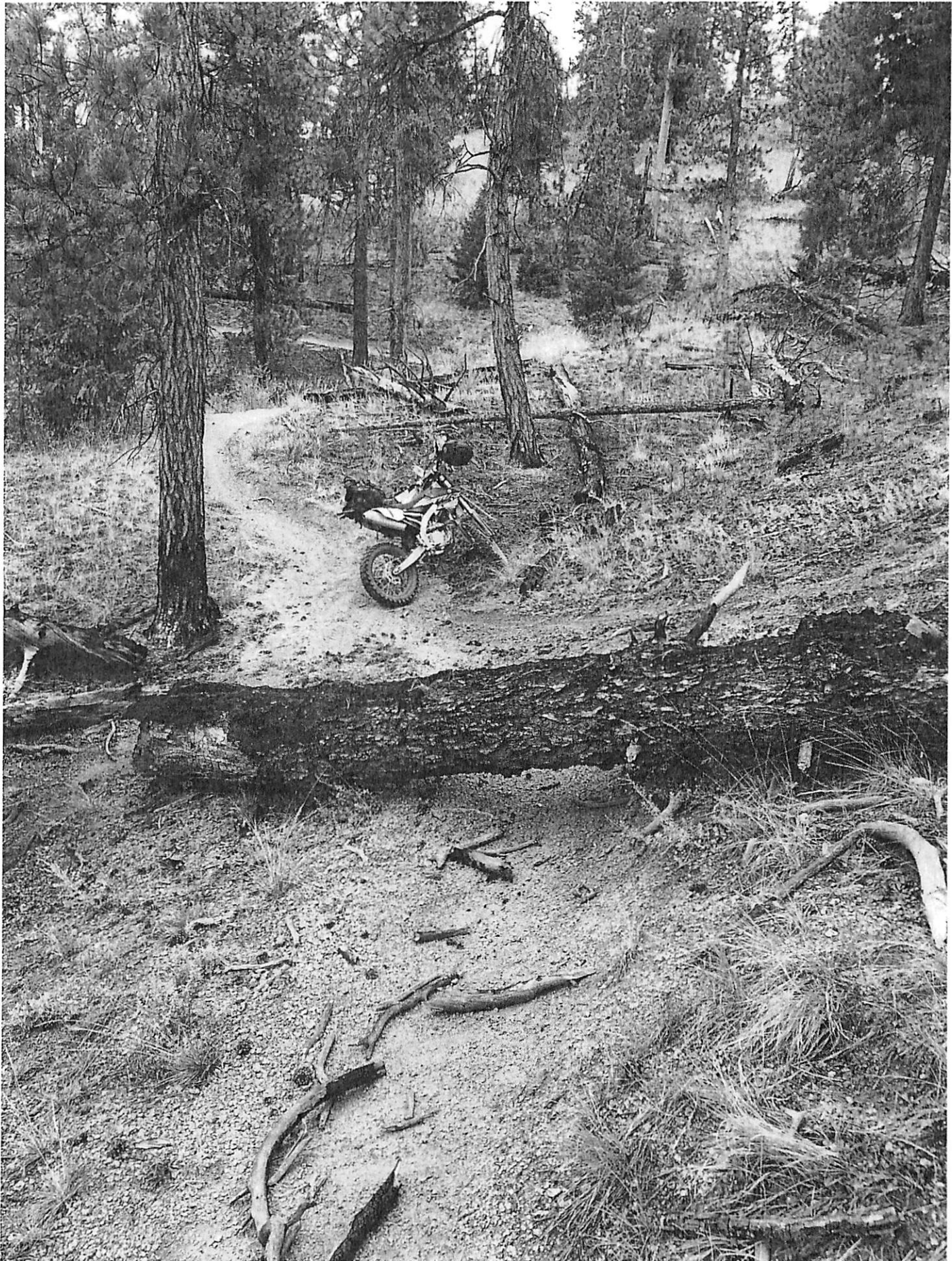
Typical Drainage Issue



Early Season Work Party with the RRMCC



Trail Clearing





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Mr. Tom Mesta
OHV Program Manager
State Trails Committee
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

RE: South Platte Ranger District 2023 Rampart OHV Trail Grant Application

Dear Mr. Mesta,

On behalf of the Board of Wild Connections, I am writing to express our strong support for funding of the South Platte Ranger District's OHV Trail Grant Program Application: "Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol VI." This grant will allow the Ranger District to properly maintain the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area's single-track trails while continuing their reputation as professional trail ambassadors. This grant will enhance the experience for dirt bikers while protecting the integrity of the trails and natural resources.

The work of the Trail Crew is critical to the successful implementation of the District-wide travel plan as they help maintain and repair trails across the District and provide a much-needed public USFS presence as they patrol and enforce the travel regulations.

A critical component of this grant is the education and enforcement aspect. It is in everyone's interest that riders know the best trail practices as this leads to a higher level of safety for the trail users. Being located on site to the trail system this crew is in perfect position to efficiently respond to any issues involving trails as well as be available to help all visitors.

Wild Connections has worked for more than 25 years to identify, protect, and restore wildlands, native species and biological diversity in the Arkansas and South Platte watershed. We have partnered with the Forest Service for years working to protect the natural resources of our National Forest lands. We appreciate the OHV program's past support of this crew and urge the OHV Committee to fully fund the South Platte Ranger District's 2023 Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol Grant to help ensure a safe and enjoyable motorized recreation program.

Thank you for your consideration.

James E. Lockhart
President, Wild Connections



Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee

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10/28/2022

Mr. Tom Metsa
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Dear Mr. Metsa,

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Sincerely,

Jim Peasley
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In our search and rescue work in DCSAR, the maintenance of the trails is critical both in enabling safe travel by those using the trails recreationally – and by our mission teams when an incident does occur and we need to get a person or people out in an expedient manner to enable further medical care.

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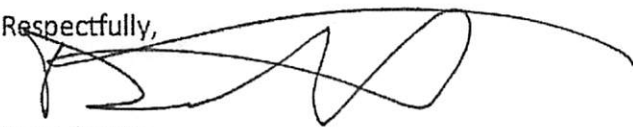
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


Dave Arnett
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SOUTHERN FRONT RANGE

November 10, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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RE: South Platte 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 South Platte Ranger District (PPRD) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails Grant application. Funding will allow SPRD to continue providing safe and accessible OHV opportunities on public lands. Plans include partnering with a MHYC trail crew to maintain motorized trails for eight weeks in 2024. The trail crew will work along popular OHV trails and address corridor, tread, structure, and rehabilitation needs. This support is critical to advancing the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources.

MHHC 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. MHHC'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, MHHC 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 SPRD'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'.

Jesse Roehm
Director: Land Conservation and Operations

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Mike Stokes, GM
Apex Sports, Inc.