



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

Name of Project: Timberline Maintenance and Patrol II		Date of Application: 2 Dec 22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$ 56,934.00	Grant Request: \$ 50,934.00	
<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:
Telephone: 303-275-5626	Email: marc.grandia@usda.gov	

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>		
Name: Marc Grandia		Title: Motorized Rec Supervisor
Mailing Address: 30403 Kings Valley Drive, Suite 2-115 Conifer, CO 80433		
Telephone: 303-275-5626	Fax:	Email: marc.grandia@usda.gov
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

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)		
Name: Sara Wolf		Title: Grants Management Specialist
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PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Grant/West Creek, CO

County(ies): Park, Clear Creek, Douglas, Teller

Township/Range/Section: T5-10S / R75W

State Senate District #: 2,9

State Representative District #: CO-13, 39, 60

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: _____ Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: 79.5**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

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

 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.)
50	
30	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.)
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.)
100	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Timberline Maintenance and Patrol II	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: \$ 56,934.00	Grant Request: \$ 50,934.00

Project Description:

WHO? The USFS, South Platte Ranger District, Timberline OHV Crew will be the responsible party for this project. The crew and equipment will be stationed at the AG Work Center in Shawnee, CO. The two-person crew will focus on route maintenance, visitor contacts, education, and compliance.

WHERE? All activity will occur on the South Platte Ranger District of the Pike National Forest within the areas and routes defined as, "Roads open to all vehicles" on the South Platte Ranger District's MVUM map. These routes are concentrated in the district's higher altitude locations and the most southern end of the district near Cedar Mountain.

The maintenance and patrol areas will be on the following National Forest Service routes:

101, 105, 107, 108, 119, 120, 121, 123, 126, 360, 809, 810, 811

WHAT? There are three main components of this project. The first component is route, staging area, and campsite maintenance and improvement. The second component is identifying user created routes, closures, and rehabilitation. The third component is to provide education to the various user groups and enforce applicable forest and district rules to help keep routes sustainable and open.

This two-person crew will be of equal paygrade and rider experience. Both crewmembers will receive MSF Dirt Bike and ATV certification, sawyer, and CPR training.

These routes have varying levels of difficulty ranging from beginner to expert, are home to staging areas, designated dispersed campsites, an abundance of wildlife, and sensitive ecosystems. The routes listed receive very little coverage due to the remoteness and difficulty. A full time OHV crew in these areas would protect the natural resources, provide education to the public through visitor contacts, distribution of information and MVUMs, and enforce applicable forest and district rules. This crew will be required to display the "Colorado OHV Registration, Dollars at Work" logo either on their uniforms or on the machines. They will educate the various user groups on the importance of OHV registration and inform them of what the OHV dollars go to.

The crew will work with local clubs such as the Mile High Jeep Club for work projects such as route rehab, slashing in hill climbs, sign installation, and fence repair or installation. Other projects include the following:

1. Kiosk and information board installation
2. Building and maintaining loading/offloading ramps
3. Hazard tree removal
4. Tread hardening with blocks and rock work
5. Ripping and slashing illegal routes

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

WHEN? The Timberline crew will be onboarded as early as mid-May 2024 and begin trail work as soon as weather conditions permit. If weather and/or the mud-season closures are limiting factors, planning, training, and maintenance will be priority. The project will be complete 30 November 2024.

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.

Budget Form

Project Name: Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II

Date Project will be Completed: 30-Nov-24

Project Sponsor: Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II

*****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)			\$ 50,934.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GS-07 0462 OHV Grant Admin., Supervision & Vehicle	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 56,934.00

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-05 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member	\$ 20.81			\$ 21,622.00
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Riding Gear, PPE	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
MSF Rider Certification	\$ 400.00			\$ 400.00
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,145.31		Category Total	\$ 44,644.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Signs, hardware, bridge decking, trail marker posts	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Material for On/Off loading ramp	\$ 540.00		\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 2,040.00
III. Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
ATV, UTV, Bike maintenance and repairs	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Chainsaw and equipment maint.	\$ 500.00		\$ 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>				
Sawyer Certs. Vol. Club Members - 2 Students / Tuition, meals and lodging	\$ 675.00	2	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 1,350.00
			Total	\$ 50,934.00

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	Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II	Project Sponsor	USDA/USFS South Platte 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 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:

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
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 improve the overall rider experience while protecting the natural resources. These routes have a history of OHV use to reach destinations that are otherwise not easily accessible. The routes vary in levels of difficulty from the most basic flat beginner route to extremely challenging routes above 12,000 feet. Extensive use and minimal Forest Service coverage has resulted in erosion problems, unauthorized route development, and illegal campsites. At the same time the popularity of OHV travel has never been greater or easier to obtain. It provides people from all walks of life the opportunity to experience our natural landscapes in fun and often challenging way. For some it is the only means of travel into these great spaces. To keep these routes open and traversable they need to be maintained on a regular cadence. The increase in the population across the State and particularly the Front Range has resulted in the increase in visitors to these routes. The short drive, ease of access, and amazing recreational opportunities have brought many more OHV travelers from the Denver metro area. The 2022 Timberline crew was able to see a definite need to patrol and maintain these areas yearly. Eroding trails that remain uncorrected, create difficult problems such as reroutes and safety concerns.

Having a dedicated OHV crew on these routes will bring many benefits. The 2022 Timberline crew was able to conduct a thorough review of all routes identified in this application. Many South Platte recreation crewmembers have had some involvement on these routes, but not enough to completely follow through with substantial improvement efforts on a large scale. Having a crew dedicated to these routes will allow improvement to take place. The crew will have full-time presence and assist the OHV community as ambassadors of the forest. They will work directly with the area's local interest groups on a regular basis.

This crew will build upon experience gained and lessons learned from the Rampart Range crews. The Rampart crews have been instrumental in the overall maintenance of the trail system. They have been able to identify and respond to resource issues or safety concerns in a timely manner. They have also been able to recognize areas where minor re-routing may be needed and the closure and rehabilitation of non-system routes when necessary. To do this, we are planning to conduct training with crews from both the Rampart Range and Timberline to share knowledge, experience, and discuss lessons learned to develop "across the board" standards. These routes were purposely designed and constructed to access some of the Front Range's most scenic and unique areas. This requires operators who can skillfully handle their OHVs across varying difficulties of terrain to perform their work duties. Having knowledgeable trail crew members and experienced OHV operators is key to the success. By building on this foundation, we are expecting this 2024 crew to excel with these requirements and expectations.

Maintaining these routes will help to ensure that they remain open and kept in a safe and enjoyable condition. This grant protects riding opportunities by keeping the routes and adjoining facilities maintained to standard. This also means keeping routes such as Red Cone and Webster Pass challenging and rewarding to traverse. We are not looking to tame these routes, but rather to keep them maintained and open to varying degrees of difficulty. Some routes are easily accessed by two-wheel drive vehicles and others only to high clearance four-wheel drives. Some are better accessed on a motorcycle. Our intent is to keep this varying degree of difficulty throughout these routes while protecting our natural resources.

This crew is critical to ensure that all users have a safe and enjoyable experience.

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

Partnership:

For decades the Forest Service and local interest groups such as the Mile High Jeep Club have worked to maintain, improve, and develop areas on these routes located in one of the premier riding areas in Colorado. Our intention is to work with these groups to improve our relationships on the ground by conducting work parties like those planned for on the Rampart Range. We have received support from the Mile High Jeep Club, the Colorado Mountain Club, and Wild Connections to conduct necessary projects within the area of responsibility. We would like to work with any interested organization, but do not have any commitments at the time of this application, aside from the Mile High Jeep Club. Several volunteer projects will be dedicated to prioritized maintenance and enhancement projects. This will include fence repair and installation, kiosk installation, corridor clearing, tread improvements, slashing in closed trails, seeding, and sign installation. The Timberline crew will identify potential projects, plan and resource, and coordinate with partners when needed.

This crew will work with county Sheriff's offices, search and rescue, and other first responder agencies to assist when needed. Additionally, they will support CPW and internal Biologists to address any wildlife concerns that may need attention in the patrol area of responsibility.

All the personnel associated with this project are either displaying or informing the public that they are a funded from Colorado OHV registration dollars at work. In-kind services include overall supervision of the program which involves a portion of the District's OHV Program Manager's total time, the Motorized Program Managers involvement, and engineering support.

While it is impossible to meet the expectations of all interested parties, this project will provide safer a more sustainable opportunities for the users, minimize negative impacts to the environment, and provide a basis comprehensive management of the area.

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

The main benefits of this project emphasizes resource protection, enhancement, and restoration. By responding timely to weather events and conducting regular maintenance efforts, 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 as much as possible. This dedicated route crew will be able to keep the system routes clear and maintained for all user groups to enjoy.

Resource protection - The project area includes steep slopes, erosive soils, and high altitude flora and fauna. There are many user created routes that are unsustainable and have negative impacts on the resources. These routes are difficult to maintain and are not in accordance with the South Platte motorized travel plan. This damage is primarily the result of an irresponsible user base that give little regard for the natural resources. Problems often identified are illegal hill climbs, non-designated camp sites, and re-routes due to non-maintained main routes. It is essential that these problems are identified and corrected before they become worse.

The patrol crew will ensure that users are staying on designated routes and educate them on the responsible and sustainable use.

The system of routes will constantly be monitored with resource concerns in mind. Sections of routes that are determined to be unsustainable will be evaluated. Any closed sections will be rehabilitated to minimize further impacts. This is also the case with routes that may conflict with critical habitat, in sensitive nesting areas, or on slopes that are too steep and are contributing sediment to streams. Eliminating the source of erosion and sediment transport can improve fish habitat miles downstream.

Enhancement - This project will not only enhance the experience for OHV travelers but other users as well, giving them access to numerous routes throughout the district. The crew will clear routes on a regular basis and respond to needed repairs in a timely fashion. This benefits all user groups too include the non-motorized recreation community. Campsites will be cleaner and easier to find.

hazardous trees will be removed, and routes will be properly signed. Non-designated campsites will be obliterated upon discovery to prevent further resource damage.

Restoration – All routes will be constantly monitored and evaluated. Maintenance projects are prioritized based on their resource impacts and safety concerns. This project will help ensure that resource impacts will be addressed and restoration actions follow.

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

Travel Management:

All of the existing motorized routes will be evaluated for sustainability, resource concerns, and forest plan compliance. Other considerations include user satisfaction, preventing conflicts, and how well the network of routes provide access to popular destinations. The crew will identify and report all routes that are not on the MVUM to the OHV Program Manager. All routes not currently identified in the travel management plan will be closed for access.

Education:

A principle objective of the two person maintenance and patrol crew being requested is to make as many contacts as possible and educate users on a variety of topics. References to our State's Stay the Trail program and Leave No Trace principles will be mentioned during every contact. With thousands of visitors each year engaged in a variety of activities it is essential that education play an important role. All routes will be signed and are displayed on the South Platte Ranger District MVUM as well as being displayed on trailhead kiosks. MVUMs will be offered as part of every contact and at boxes located specifically for these maps around the area.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

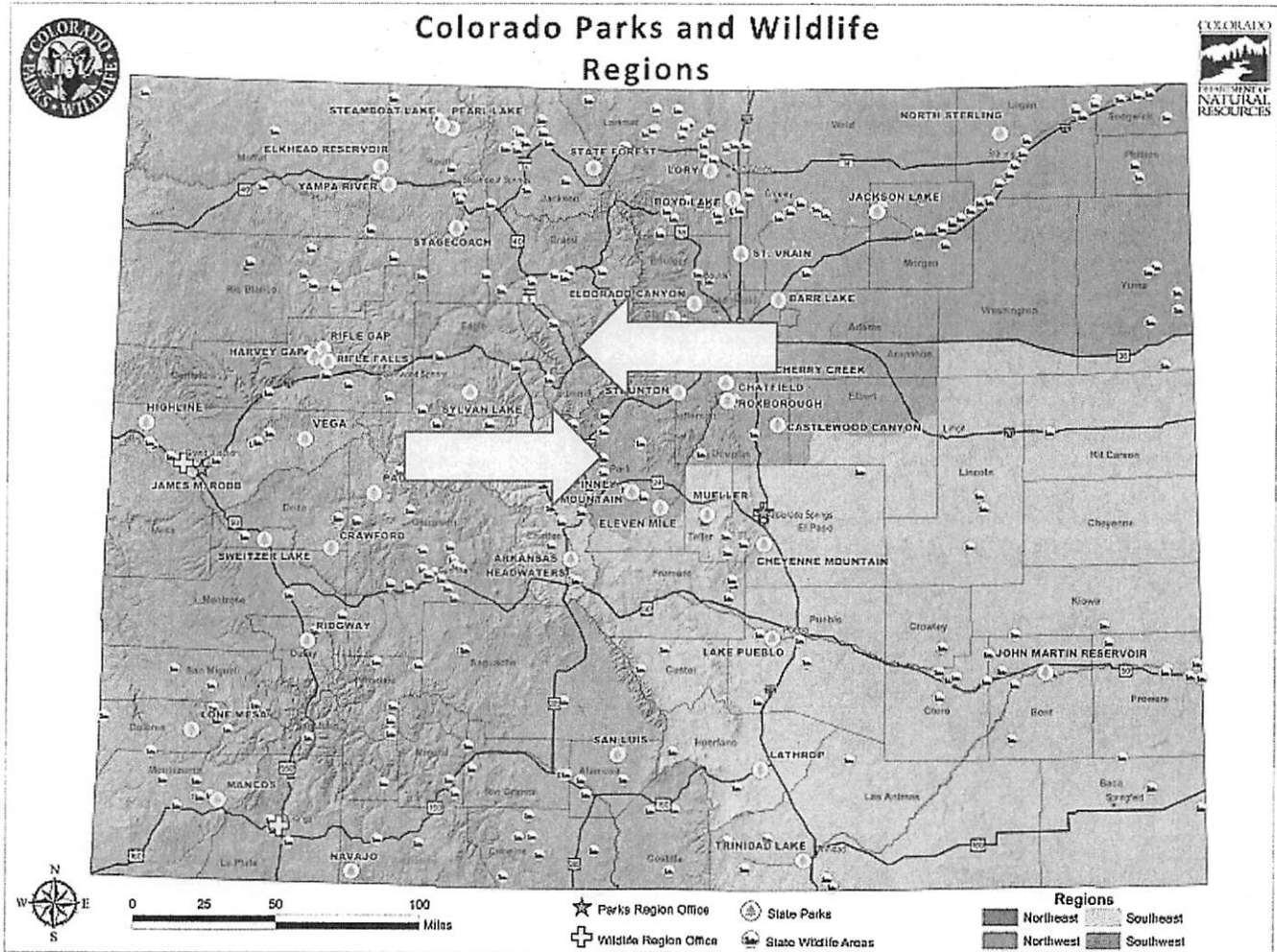
This area is growing significantly in popularity. The booming economy in the Denver metro area is having an impact on adjacent public lands. In addition to legitimate activities, there is a growing segment that is visiting the area for illegal activity. This illegal activity includes vandalism, resource damage, graffiti, trash, occupancy infringements, irresponsible shooting, drug use, assaults, fire violations, as well as the standard violations covered under to Forest Service Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's). This activity is having a negative effect for those that wish to visit the area for the day or longer visits from those that come out of state.

This crew will be trained to respond to these incidents either directly or with the assistance of trained law enforcement officers. This crew will work closely with Forest Service law enforcement as well as State and County officers to ensure that their own safety as well as the public's is looked after. The patrol crew will inform users of the rules & regulations and the OHV registration and permit requirement and other pertinent information.

Violation notices or warnings will be issued by the crew if the activity warrants. These statistics are tracked for grant administration purposes as well as internally in our law enforcement and investigation management activity reporting system (LEIMARS). A portion of this crew's time will be spent doing visitor contacts, compliance, and law enforcement activities.

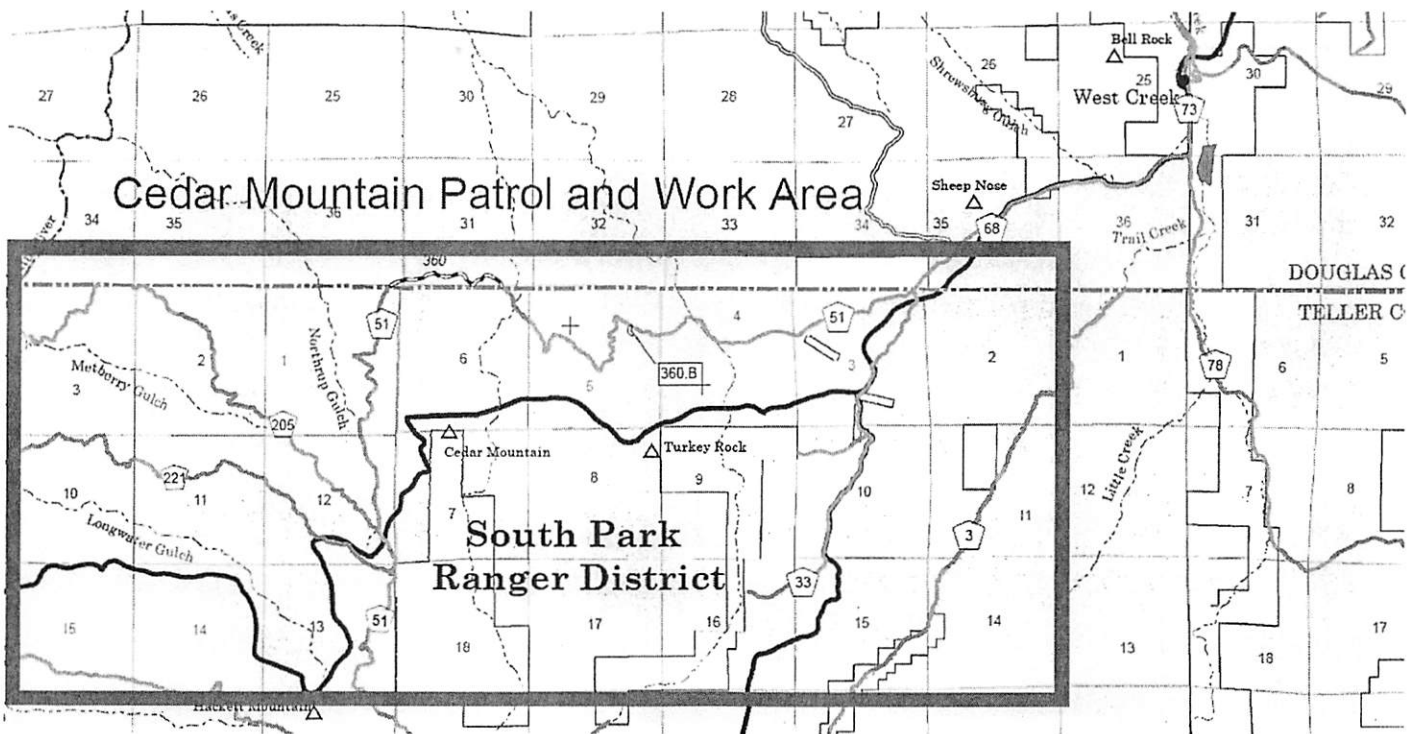
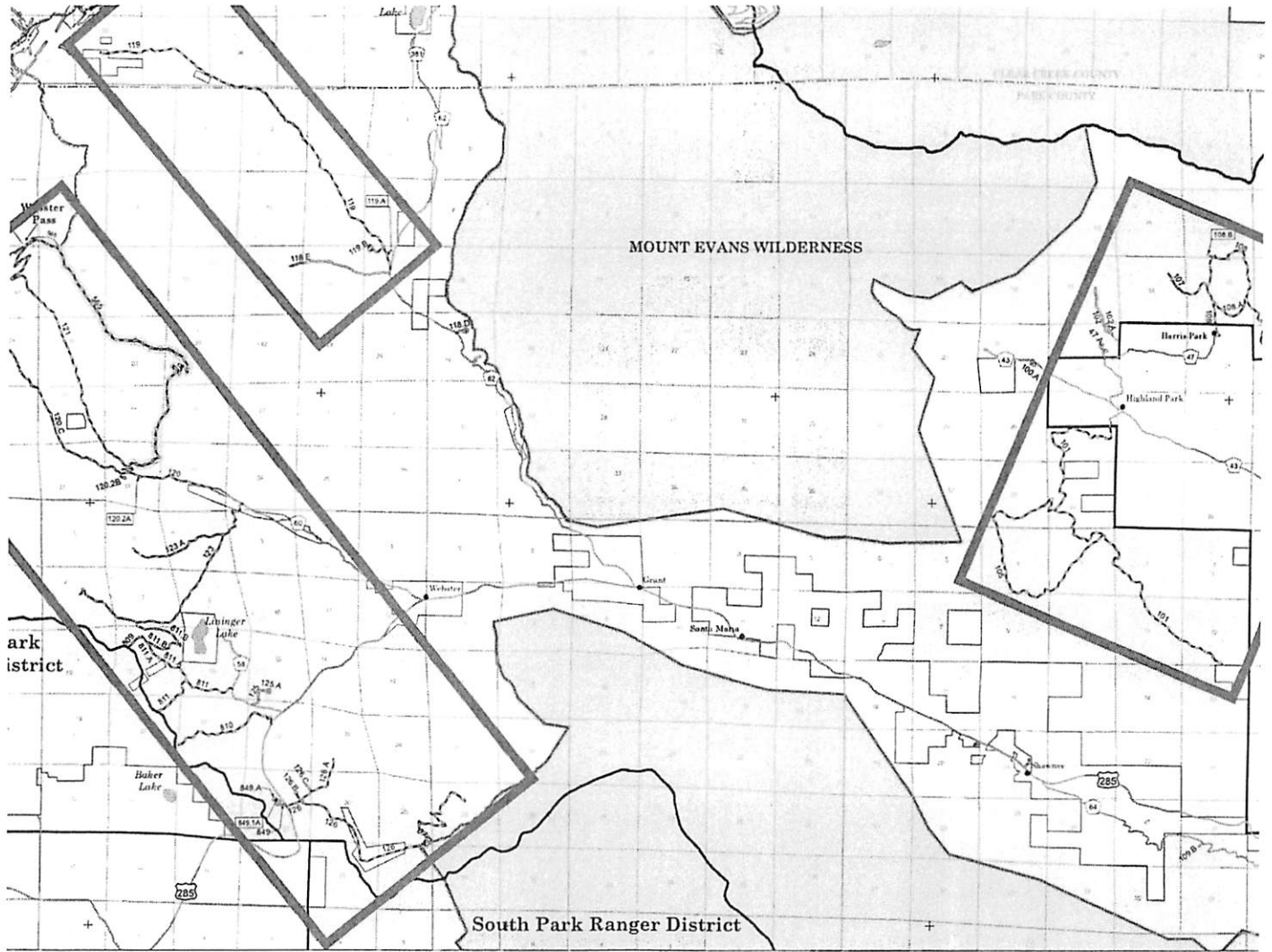
E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

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



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

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project



Jeep stuck in the South Platte River

Slaughterhouse Drainage Work Needed





Timberline (FSR811) Illegal Route Closure

High Country Work Party with the MHJC





Mr. Tom Metsa
Colorado State Parks
13787 So. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

I am writing this letter in support of the South Platte Ranger District's OHV Trail Grant Program Application: "Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II." This grant will allow the South Platte Ranger District to properly maintain all routes outside of the Rampart Range that are designated as, "Roads Open to All Vehicles" on the Motor Vehicle Use Map, while continuing their reputation as professional OHV ambassadors. Support for trail maintenance, user education and enforcement is critical to ensure that motorized use on the forest minimizes impacts to surrounding natural resources and other users.

The South Platte Ranger District in cooperation with organizations such as Mile-Hi Jeep Club, have worked hard over the years to maintain these routes for OHV operator's enjoyment, sustainability, and to protect the natural resource. This crew will enhance the outdoor experience while protecting the integrity of the routes and the natural resources.

As trails in the Rampart Range continue to receive high levels of use, they are in need of consistent maintenance to prevent erosion issues and minimize braiding or trail widening. Increasing the length of time crews are available for trail maintenance will result in a safer and more ecologically sustainable trail system in the Rampart Range area. The Rampart Range OHV area is directly adjacent to the Rampart Range Roadless Area, but social trails and motorized incursions are documented each season. Additional signage and agency presence will help deter unauthorized use and ensure compliance with travel management regulations

Another critical component of this grant is the education and enforcement aspect. The crew's ability to educate and enforce travel regulations will ensure that surrounding public lands are not impacted by unauthorized use. It's 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.

We are pleased with the South Platte Ranger District's on-going commitment to responsible management of OHV use and support their proposal to further this work. I appreciate the OHV programs' past support of this crew and encourage the Colorado State Parks OHV Trail Grant Program to award and fund this crew for the 2024 season. Feel free to contact me with any questions about this letter and thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kendall M. Chastain

Kendall Chastain
Conservation Manager
Colorado Mountain Club
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970-209-0367

November 28, 2022

OHV Grant Committee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

To whom it may concern,

Mile-Hi Jeep Club supports state funding of the Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II grant request by the South Platte District. This grant would allow the South Platte Ranger District to properly maintain all routes outside of the Rampart Range that are designated as , "Roads open to all vehicles".

Mile-Hi Jeep Club has worked closely with the South Platte Ranger District for many years. We have several adopted 4x4 roads in the district, and know the massive amounts of effort it takes to maintain these areas. We share mutual goals of promoting responsible use and recreation and thus know and understand how important this grant opportunity is for the continued success of OHV recreation experiences within the South Platte Ranger District.

One critical component of this grant is the education and enforcement aspect. It's 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.

We appreciate the OHV programs past support of this crew and encourage the Colorado State Parks OHV Trail Grant Program to award and fund this crew for the 2024 season.

Sincerely,

Ryan Boudreau
Mile-Hi Jeep Club
Land Advocacy Trail Maintenance Crew Leader





Wild Connections

FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE PRAIRIES

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

RE: South Platte Ranger District 2023 Timberline 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: "Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II." This grant will provide for trail crew to allow the South Platte Ranger District to properly maintain all routes outside of the Rampart Range that are designated as, "Roads Open to All Vehicles" on the Motor Vehicle Use Map, while continuing their reputation as professional OHV ambassadors.

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 Timberline Maintenance and Patrol Grant to help ensure a safe and enjoyable motorized recreation program.

Thank you for your consideration.

James E. Lockhart
President, Wild Connections

November 5, 2022

Mr. Tom Metsa
Colorado State Parks
13787 So. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr Metsa,

I am writing to offer my support for the South Platte Ranger District's OHV Trail Grant Program Application: "Timberline Maintenance & Patrol II". This grant would allow for proper maintenance of areas outside of the Rampart Range designated as "Roads Open to All Vehicles" on the MVUM, and continue to support their work with the OHV community.

The South Platte Ranger district along with organizations like Mile-Hi Jeep Club have worked together over the years to maintain routes for OHV enjoyment while protecting natural resources. This grant, and the crew funded by it would support these continued efforts.

An additional component of the crew funded by this grant is education. By having a crew out and about on OHV routes a perfect opportunity for education is presented. This allows for efficiently responding to issues as well as being available to help all users.

I appreciate everything that the Colorado State Parks, and the OHV Grant Program do to support the OHV communities continued responsible enjoyment of the amazing recreation Colorado offers, and your consideration of the grant for the South Platte Ranger District.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Caudill