



2023-2024

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

Name of Project: BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew		Date of Application: 11/26/22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$233,000	Grant Request: \$100,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: USDI Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office		
Mailing Address: 1313 U.S. Hwy 160 E., Monte Vista, CO 81144		
		Fax: 719-852-0165
Telephone: 719-849-3149	Email: snoonan@blm.gov	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Sean Noonan	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner	
Mailing Address: 1313 U.S. Hwy 160 E., Monte Vista, CO 81144		
Telephone: 719-849-3149	Fax: 719-852-0165	Email: snoonan@blm.gov
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>

<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: <i>Same As Above</i>	Title:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: Jon Brewer	Title: Rocky Mountain District Budget Analyst	
Mailing Address: 3028 E. Main St, Canon City, CO 81212		
Telephone: 719-269-8552	Fax:	Email: jbrewer@blm.gov

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Nearest Town or City: Monte Vista, Del Norte, Saguache, Blanca, Moffatt, Alamosa, La Jara, Antonito		
County(ies): Rio Grande, Saguache, Alamosa, Conejos		
Township/Range/Section: Multiple		
State Senate District #: 35		
State Representative District #: 62		
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>		
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): <u>BLM</u>		
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: 44	Miles of 50" or less: 4	Miles of Full-sized: 620
<b>TRAIL USER INFORMATION</b> (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. <u>1-3</u> (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other	
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration		
<b>TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY</b> (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)		
<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>Program maintenance</b> (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)	
50		
10	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
30	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
10	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)	
100	<b>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>	

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM, San Luis Valley Field Office	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Sean Noonan	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$233,000	Grant Request: \$100,000

**Project Description:** The BLM-SLV GO! OHV Trail Crew project seeks to maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, and other supporting infrastructure related to BLM's OHV opportunities in the San Luis Valley. In addition to maintaining and upgrading existing OHV facilities, the OHV Trail Crew will also inventory, monitor and patrol throughout the SLVFO, providing important data collection and presence throughout the field office's motorized system, plus making important visitor contacts providing information and education to visitors and OHV participants to the area.

### **WHO**

The 2023-2024 BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project is led by The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) in cooperative partnership with the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors coalition (SLV GO!). BLM-SLVFO is the reporting government agency, and primary contact, responsible for the OHV Trail Crew Project. SLV GO!, as a partnering non-profit, will employ their professional trail crew (the Great Outdoors Action Team-GOATs), to plan, design, and complete the needed maintenance of recently storm-damaged sections of Limekiln and Greenie Mountain OHV trails in Rio Grande County. Additionally, the OHV Trail Crew will inventory, monitor and make visitor contacts throughout the Field Office. This project will also be assisted by Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC), and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC).

### **WHERE**

The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) manages over 500,000 acres in Rio Grande, Saguache, Alamosa, and Conejos counties in the San Luis Valley of south-central Colorado. For the 2023-2024 field season, emphasis will be on two of the primary motorized singletrack trail systems of the field office located in Rio Grande County, the Limekiln and Greenie Mountain trail areas, which include technical singletrack trails up to full size 4x4 primitive roads.

### **WHAT**

The 2023-2024 BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project will inventory, maintain, and monitor OHV assets and their conditions, including ridability and overall sustainability and appearance. Within the 500,000+ acre San Luis Valley Field Office, there is a vast amount of OHV miles or routes to be assessed and managed, including 44 miles of motorized singletrack trails, 4 miles of >50" trails, and 620 miles of full-sized 4x4 roads spanning Rio Grande, Saguache, Alamosa, and Conejos Counties. This project will also implement BLM's transportation plan; in order of importance;

- Public Safety (repairs and reconstruction of existing transportation facilities)
- Maintenance of existing assets (IAW Interagency Standards)
- Construction of new assets (IAW BMP standards)
- Protect and make conservation efforts for resources on the Landscape (decommission and/or rehabilitate unauthorized or unnecessary routes per planning decisions)
- Visitor Services (patrols, signage, and education)

**WHEN**

This OHV project will begin as soon as the Fall of 2023 and be completed by November of 2024. It is hoped for, and intended, that BLM SLVFO and SLV GO! will continue to apply for similar State Trails OHV grant funding annually and get into a predictable cycle of managing OHV assets on BLM lands in the San Luis Valley.

**Program Funding Acknowledgement**

None of this work can occur without the generous support of the Colorado State Trails OHV grant program. As such, on all roads and up-to-motorized trails, BLM SLVFO duly recognizes this support with placards on kiosks and decals on route markers. This serves as both an acknowledgement of the Colorado State Trails OHV Program's involvement and support for these projects (regardless of where they are located within the state), and also as a reassurance to users who pay their annual OHV registrations and can easily see the impact of their contributions, the results of which are a source of community pride and worthy of recognition. The signage also serves as a reminder of who and how these important recreational opportunities are being funded and developed for all users, including those who don't pay OHV registration fees.

**DEFINITIONS**

IAW=In accordance with

BMP=Best Mgmt Practices

GOATs=Great Outdoors Action Team

SCC=Southwest Conservation Corps

SLV GO!= San Luis Valley Great Outdoors

VOC=Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado

## Budget Form

**Project Name: BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew**

**Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2024**

**Project Sponsor: BLM, San Luis Valley Field Office (Sean Noonan-Outdoor Recreation Planner)**

**\*\*\*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	CASH	(Non-Cash)	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00
BLM In-Kind:		\$ -	\$ -
Park Ranger Salary (25/hr) - Planning/Oversight/Monitoring/Support (aprx. 10wks)	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2 UTV's, 2 Motorcycles, 1 ROKON Mototractor - Mtce./Repairs/PPE...	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Supplies purchased by BLM: Signs, Hardware, Lumber, Hand & Power Tools,	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Staff Salary Dedicated to Managing OHV Use on Public Lands	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
SLV GO! Operation Director (Project Management)	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 233,000.00</b>

List uses of grant funding (only) below

<b>I. Personnel Costs</b>				
<i>Identify as:</i> Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase				
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
SLV GOATS Crew Leader/Logistics	\$ 26.00			\$ 16,640.00
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SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$ 23.00			\$ 12,880.00
SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$ 22.00			\$ 12,320.00
SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$ 22.00			\$ 12,320.00
SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$ 21.50			\$ 12,040.00
SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$ 21.00			\$ 12,040.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>		3,609.23	<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 93,840.00</b>
<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b>				
<i>Identify as:</i> Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.				
	Price Per	Quantity (weeks)	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>III. Equipment</b>				
<i>Identify as:</i> Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.				
Mini-excavator fuel and maintenance	\$ 200.00	10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Skid steer fuel and maintenance	\$ 200.00	10	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Track haulers fuel and maintenance	\$ 100.00	10	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
			\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>III.A. FLEET Equipment</b>				
<i>Identify as:</i> Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>V. Volunteer Support</b>				
<i>Identify as: For Volunteers Only</i> 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.				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>VI. Insurance</b>				
	\$ -			\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)</b>				
<i>Identify as:</i> administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)				
SLV GOATs Operations Director Project Oversight	\$ 28.88	1		\$ 1,160.00
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,160.00</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>

\* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request

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.

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Project Name	BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew	Project Sponsor	USDI-BLM San Luis Valley Field Office
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**As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:**

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

San Luis Resource Area-Resource Management Plan (as amended) Date: 18Dec91

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

Date and title of document:

San Luis Resource Area-Resource Management Plan (as amended for Travel Management), 14May09

San Luis Resource Area Travel Management Plan (as amended, CO-500-2005-016-EA), 4Jun09

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If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

N/A

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For more information contact:

Sean Noonan-SLVFO Outdoor Recreation Planner

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

Dario J. Archuleta, Assistant Field Manager

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Dario Archuleta, Assistant Field Manager  
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/17/22  
Date

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## BLM-SLV GO! OHV Trail Crew

### **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project, led by the Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) in cooperative partnership with San Luis Valley Great Outdoors coalition (SLV GO!), is a project that seeks to address backlogged and ongoing maintenance of motorized trails, in addition to improving the sustainability and resiliency of the BLM transportation system in the San Luis Valley.

Because the BLM-SLVFO has small staffing numbers, it is a necessity to connect and collaborate with other local entities who will help to the plan, design, and complete the scope of work over a period of time. The interest in developing and maintaining these important community trail systems has grown over time and there are significant benefits for SLV residents, visitors, and tourism interests to help boost the local economy through OHV recreational activities. Especially in the rural gateway communities of Monte Vista, Del Norte, and South Fork (all within Rio Grande County), where OHV trails are most often enjoyed by locals and frequently recommended to visitors. Approximately 5,000 OHV users using dirtbikes, side-by-sides, quads, 4x4's, etc., will benefit from this work annually, if not more, due to increased numbers in tourism within the San Luis Valley, which has been identified as one of the last undiscovered corners in Colorado. Many residents of the SLV utilize OHV trails, but many users travel from other states and regions to enjoy the iconic and challenging terrain of the Rocky Mountains. The purpose of trail maintenance is to create strong trail systems that can withstand a multitude of riders and users. Noted in our education segment, BLM-SLVFO and SLV GO! are working to demystify the rumor that routine trail maintenance makes trails easier to ride. We are called the Rocky Mountain region for a reason, these trails are challenging, and we want to help foster the needs of OHV riders while simultaneously maximizing conservation efforts so our public lands can withstand the already abundant, and increasing, use over time.

Additionally, action to push this project forward as a priority is due to unexpected weather patterns this area has suffered. Summer of 2022 brought in a detrimental monsoon season that swept through our trail systems leaving an abundant need for extraction of downed trees, drainage improvements and trail armoring. Trail safety for the user and maintaining the integrity of the natural landscape are main focus points for the BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project. These improvements will increase the longevity of the landscape, adhere to BLM regulations without distracting from the natural challenge of the terrain, keep the trails sustainable for future users and make stewardship more attainable by repairing minor projects, as opposed to major reroute projects.

Adequate signage will also be installed which is included in the budget for the 2023-2024 application for all types of OHV trail users to adhere to and to take notice of what their OHV registration fees help fund. With NEPA and all cultural surveys complete, if awarded funding, SLV GO!'s Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs) is prepared to begin shovel ready projects within the project scope. BLM and SLV GO! understand this is a broad scope of work, in which large pieces will be completed within the given timeframe. BLM-SLVFO will continue to apply for this funding opportunity with the ongoing support of SLV GO! and the GOATs crew to continue the mission of healthy trails and maintaining the challenging terrain.

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

BLM-SLVFO has been working with SLV GO! in close cooperative partnership for many years. With the backlog of maintenance on BLM trails (due largely to an increase in population, OHV users in the SLV, and damage from monsoon season), projects are compounding and continuous and reliable funding is needed as we move forward with attempts to keep up with the workload. Shared networks and

agencies broaden the scope of needed assistance from the regional population which includes Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) and Volunteers of Outdoor Colorado (VOC) who provide opportunities for youth engagement in building, restoration, conservation, and stewardship of our trail systems. With expert guidance from vetted VOC volunteers and the outstanding professionalism of the SLV GO! Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), not only in the project outcomes, but also their leadership and collaborative approach within team dynamics, The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project has wide and generous support for the work that is to be completed.

The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project will require appropriate equipment, vehicles, planning and design in the maintenance and reinforcements for OHV trails. This list of needs will be provided by the BLM-SLVFO, in accordance with the associated NEPA requirements which has been completed for the identified project areas of work. There has been no local or regional resistance thus far in the planning of this project, nor do we anticipate any resistance in the future regarding this project. Oversight of the project will be coordinated by BLM-SLVFO and the work completed by the GOATs, who would most likely be available to accomplish the work anytime the weather permits - usually May to November. Repairing the most damaged areas of the Limekiln and Greenie Mountain trail systems from last summer's rains is a priority for both public safety and resource protection. Following these critical repairs, general maintenance (including signing trails) can occur throughout the system with a focus on main access points and high use areas. Once maintenance of existing infrastructure is completed, conversion of 2-tracks to singletrack trails (per Travel Planning Decisions) would be the next priority.

In 2021 SLV GO! was recognized for their ongoing collaborative work and partnering initiative in the outdoors, they have been accepted as a new partner within the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI). This statewide initiative is an effort to, "bring together diverse groups of stakeholders in outdoor recreation and conservation to explore with intent how our partners can collaborate together to address the increased use of our recreational assets, identify priorities region-wide to envision a more balanced environment, while also providing equitable access and quality outdoor recreation experiences." As such, there is a vast library of knowledge and experience within our shared networks that will allow us to follow best practices and achieve exceptional outcomes.

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

There are a multitude of OHV users across the nation that seek to recreate in the SLV and enjoy the spectacular trail systems we have to offer on our public lands. There are also many visitors who are Colorado residents that travel from congested areas, such as the front range, for the openness that our landscape offers and the challenging terrain of the Rocky Mountains. We want to enhance all experiences for visitors and SLV residents by providing sustainable trail systems, accessible amenities at trailheads, and lead by example to educate all users on practices to keep our natural and cultural resources at their best through the *Stay the Trail* and *Leave No Trace Principles* of outdoor stewardship ethics. It is one of our top priorities that the management of public lands complements local desires for quality stewardship and care for Colorado's outdoor spaces as a source of community pride. The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project will promote educational aspects of conservation, protection, and mindfulness towards wildlife and plant life in the area for both local users, and more importantly, visitors to the area who may not be as familiar with the climate and our delicate resources. With the help of our current volunteers and the growing number of volunteer opportunities, a larger portion of the community can take part in managing public lands resources and infrastructure. BLM-SLVFO and SLV GO! both believe that if we can build consistency in local stewardship there will be a greater impression left on SLV population to help maintain our outdoor spaces over time, with the hope that funding opportunities continue to be available to support these initiatives.

Though the SLV has an economy that is mainly driven by agriculture, outdoor recreation provides a large impact to local communities, especially since the increase of visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our main focus is to armor trails for this increased use and population to the area. The SLV has unique terrain that sits within an alpine desert climate which faces hotter temperatures and drier air quality than other OHV systems in the state. The Summer of 2022, the SLV was faced with a treacherous monsoon season that broke through water bars and turned sections of trails into rivers. It is uncommon for the SLV to



see this amount of rainfall at one time; however, it is a major concern for the sustainability of existing trails if another rain event of this magnitude occurs. Where necessary, the BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew project will repair damaged sections of trails and water drainage features, with a goal of mitigating impacts to vegetation and habitats.

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

Specifically, Travel Management Plan implementation outcomes of this project are to provide maintenance and repairs to numerous system trails (or trail segments) and trailheads damaged by intense monsoonal storms in summer of 2022. Trail signage is also necessary in much of the system. Additionally, this project will continue converting 2-track primitive roads into singletrack public lands trails per BLM-SLVFO's travel management plan decisions.

While the Limekiln trail system is 'roughed-in', so-to-speak, there is a significant amount of work that needs to be done in order to complete and connect these trails into a cohesive system. Converting non-system 2-track roads into singletrack leading to motorized trails represents the largest portion of work remaining in the system. Additionally, as a result of last summer's monsoon season (notably intense rain events) numerous roads and trails were washed out throughout the SLV trail systems, including the Limekiln area. Trails that were intentionally designed, or purpose-built, were far more resilient to these extreme weather events in comparison to user-created routes that were adopted and developed (not designed). These user-created trails will be repurposed into the Limekiln system trails.

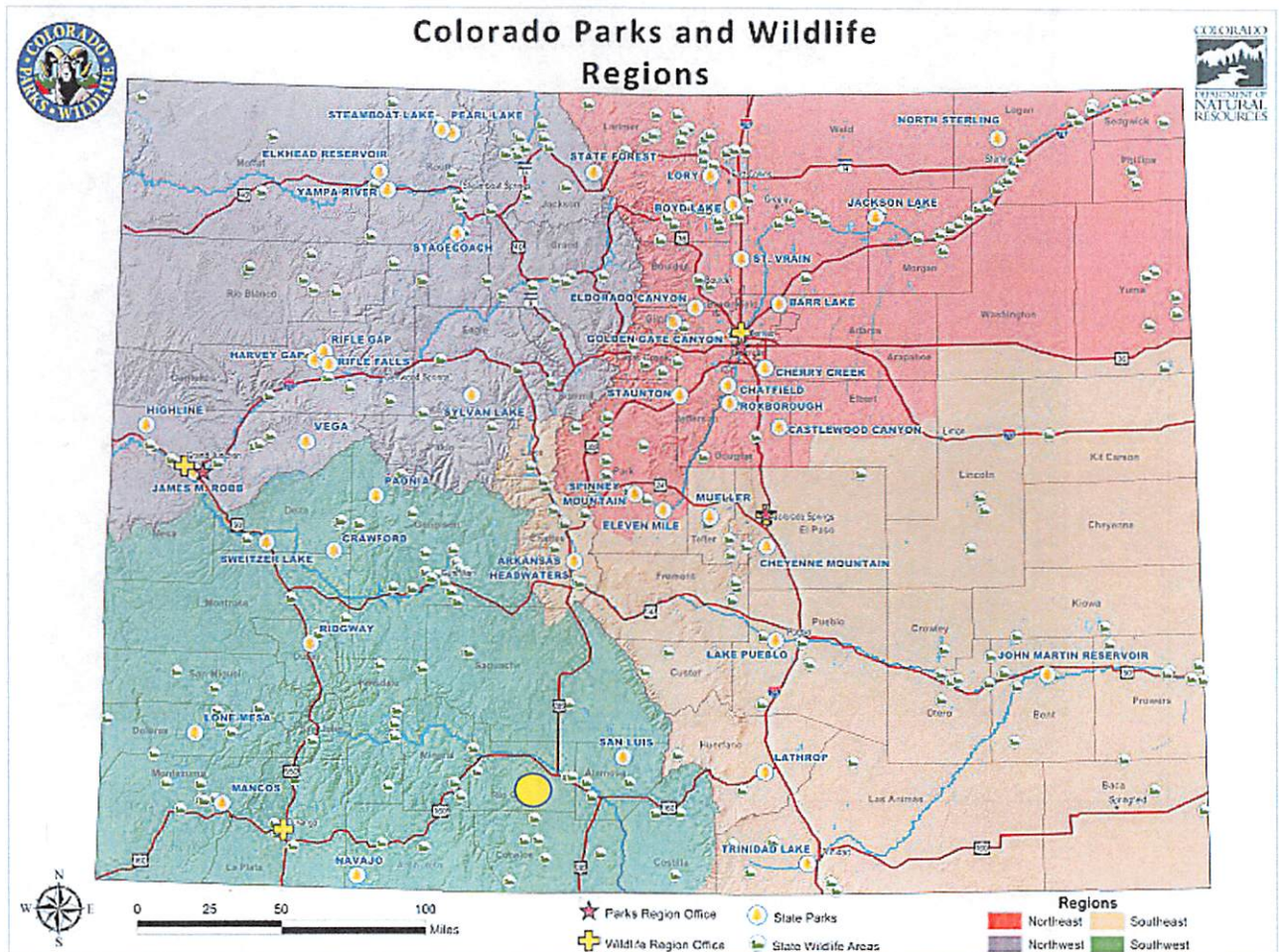
The travel management plan will be implemented as SLV GO! GOATs are called out for shovel ready projects on the lengthy list of trail maintenance opportunities on our public lands. This implementation will take the form of adequate signage at designated trailheads, confidence marker intervals, and be available on SLV GO!'s web page and BLM offices. The language used will stem from the collected narrative of stewardship partners and be addressed to all users of public land trails; OHV, hikers, bicycles, and equestrian users. Education is the key element to creating a healthy ecosystem for our trails. Volunteer opportunities are a great way to share knowledge, skill, and the ability to pay it forward, a selfless act leaving the land better than you found it and continuing to pass along information about sustainability to others. When everyone does a little to give back each user will have a greater experience in the outdoors no matter where they are coming from. Education around what trail maintenance entails is pertinent in this section as to demystify rumors of OHV maintenance making trails "easier to ride". The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project is the perfect opportunity to host volunteer days in order to explain and demonstrate the vast amount of planning and design that goes into trail maintenance projects.

A highly utilized resource is Stay the Trail, a Colorado based resource for OHV users, which has an abundant amount of information available. STT's mission is "to reinforce and highlight responsible OHV use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use in an effort to minimize resource damage on public land. We offer educational services and materials to land management agencies, OHV and OHV accessory dealers, educational and community institutions, and the general public." This kind of ongoing education along with the Leave No Trace Principles are elements that will be reinforced with trail signage. By patrolling BLM-managed lands and making visitor contacts and distributing responsible recreation materials, the BLM SLVFO-SLV GO! OHV Trails Crew will reinforce positive behaviors on public lands, and through presence and monitoring, help to discourage undesirable behaviors, which supports overall BLM law enforcement goals mainly through prevention and education.

Because many trails have seen heavy use, there are damaged areas that may need potential reroutes, sections of user-made trails that the GOATs will design and professionally construct single track motorized trails. Rather than to only discourage user-created trails, we want to be the encouraging entity that promotes stewardship, sustainability, and education on our public lands.

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

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



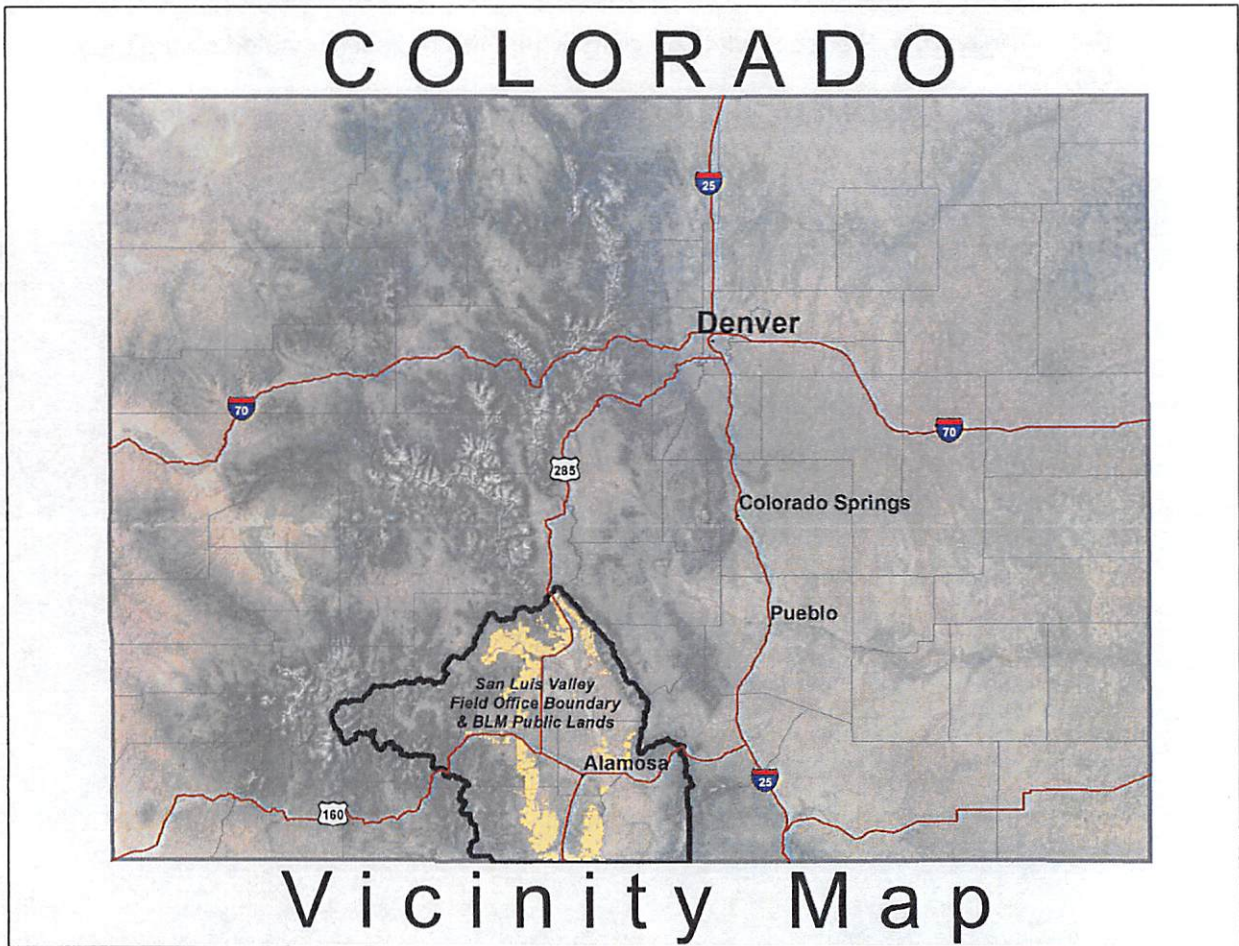
● Limekiln and Greenie Mountain Motorized Singletrack Trail Areas

E-2 Project Maps: Maps identifying the specific trail-work areas or project sites.

(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.

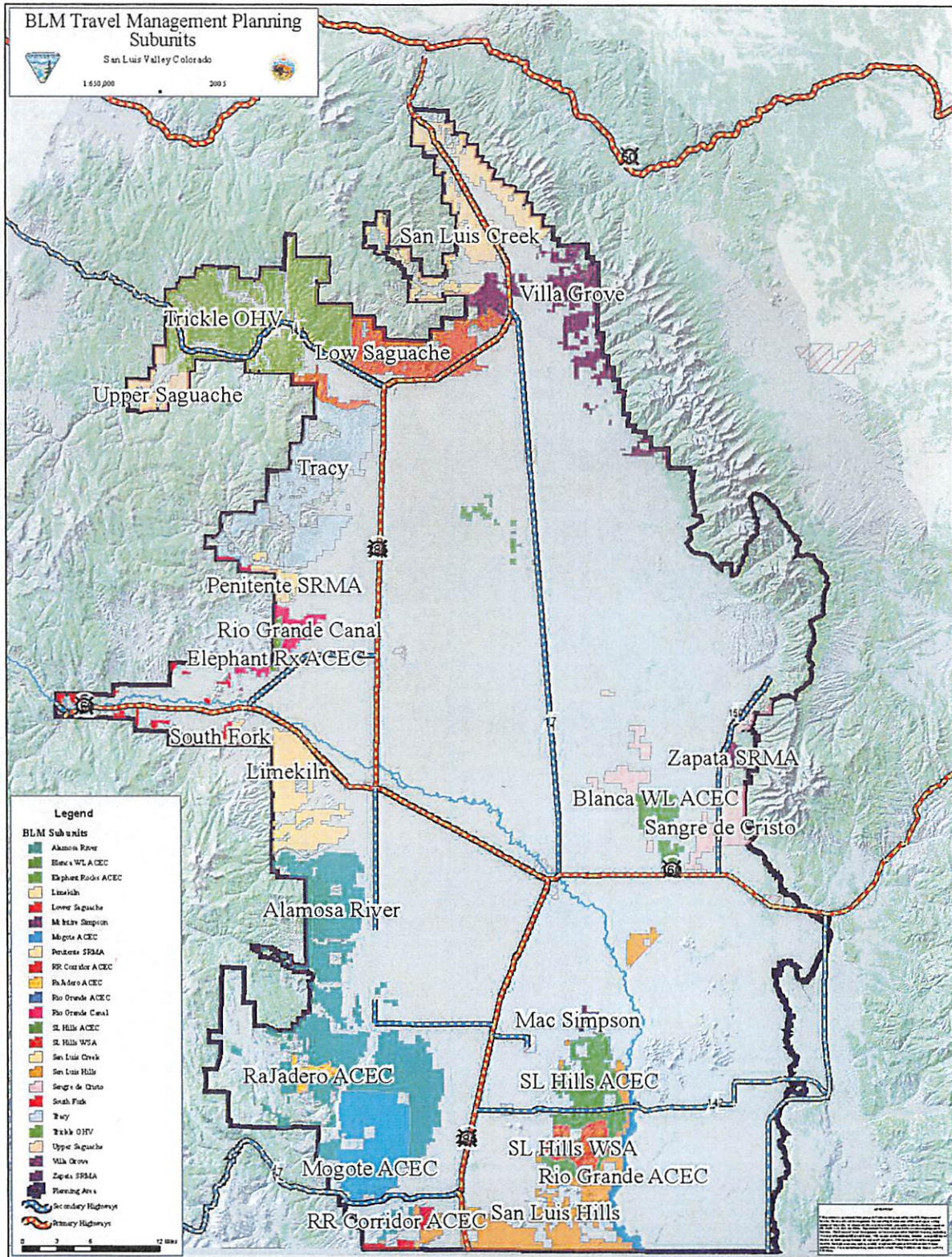




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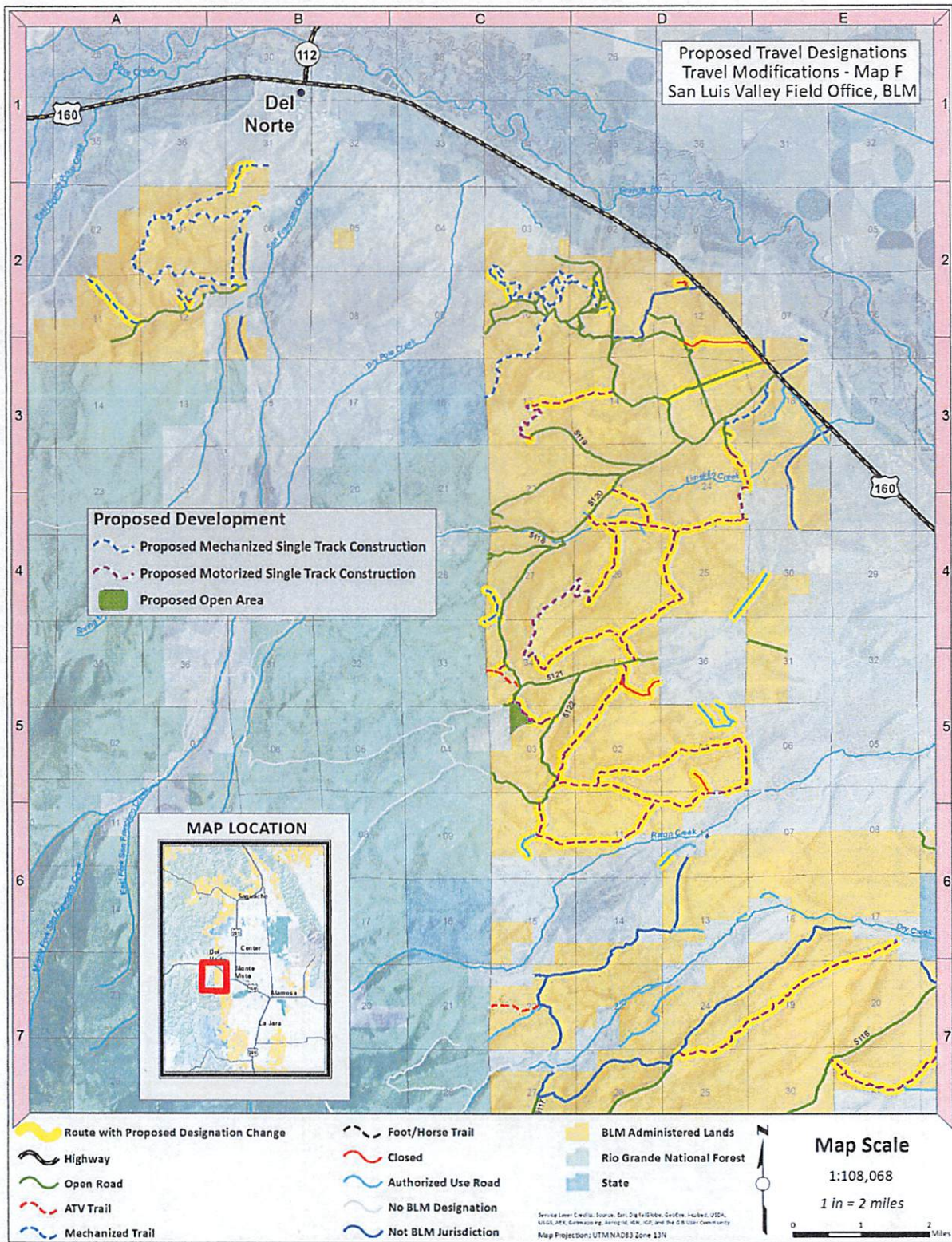


# SLVFO Travel Management Subunits



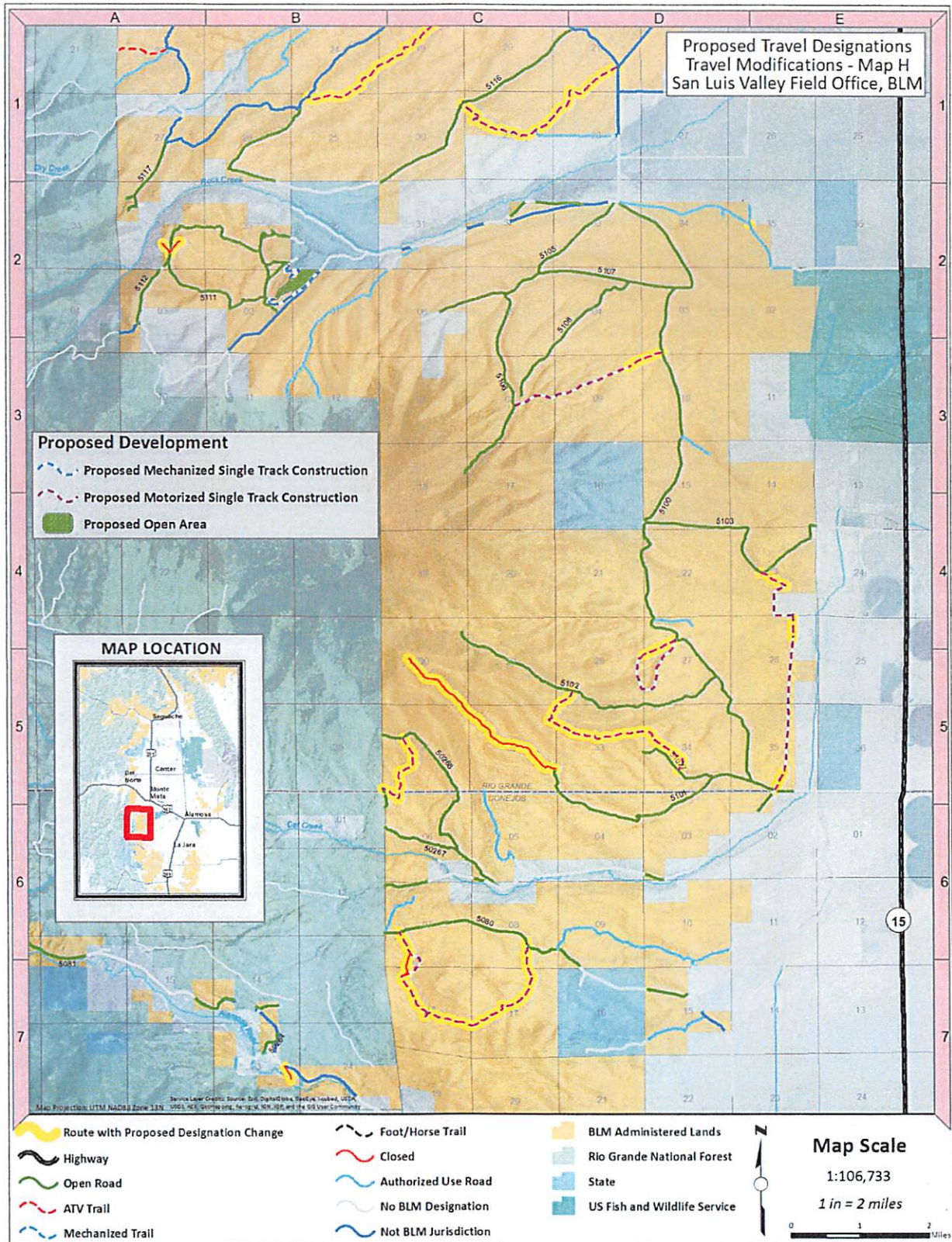


# Limekiln Motorized Singletrack Trail Area





# Greenie Mountain Motorized Singletrack Trail Area





## **(F) Project Illustration**

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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

**Limekiln & Greenie Mountain Trail Systems – Primary Motorized Singletrack Trails Areas on BLM in the San Luis Valley**





**Greenie Mountain Volunteer Trail Building Event - SLV GO! and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado  
(SLV GO! Designed Trails, Led Crews of Volunteers, and Provided Technical Oversight)**



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**Motorized Route Marker Signing with OHV Program Recognition**



**BLM-SLVFO Kiosks with OHV Program Recognition**





**BLM-Provided Equipment for Inventory/Monitoring/Visitor Contacts/Project Work**

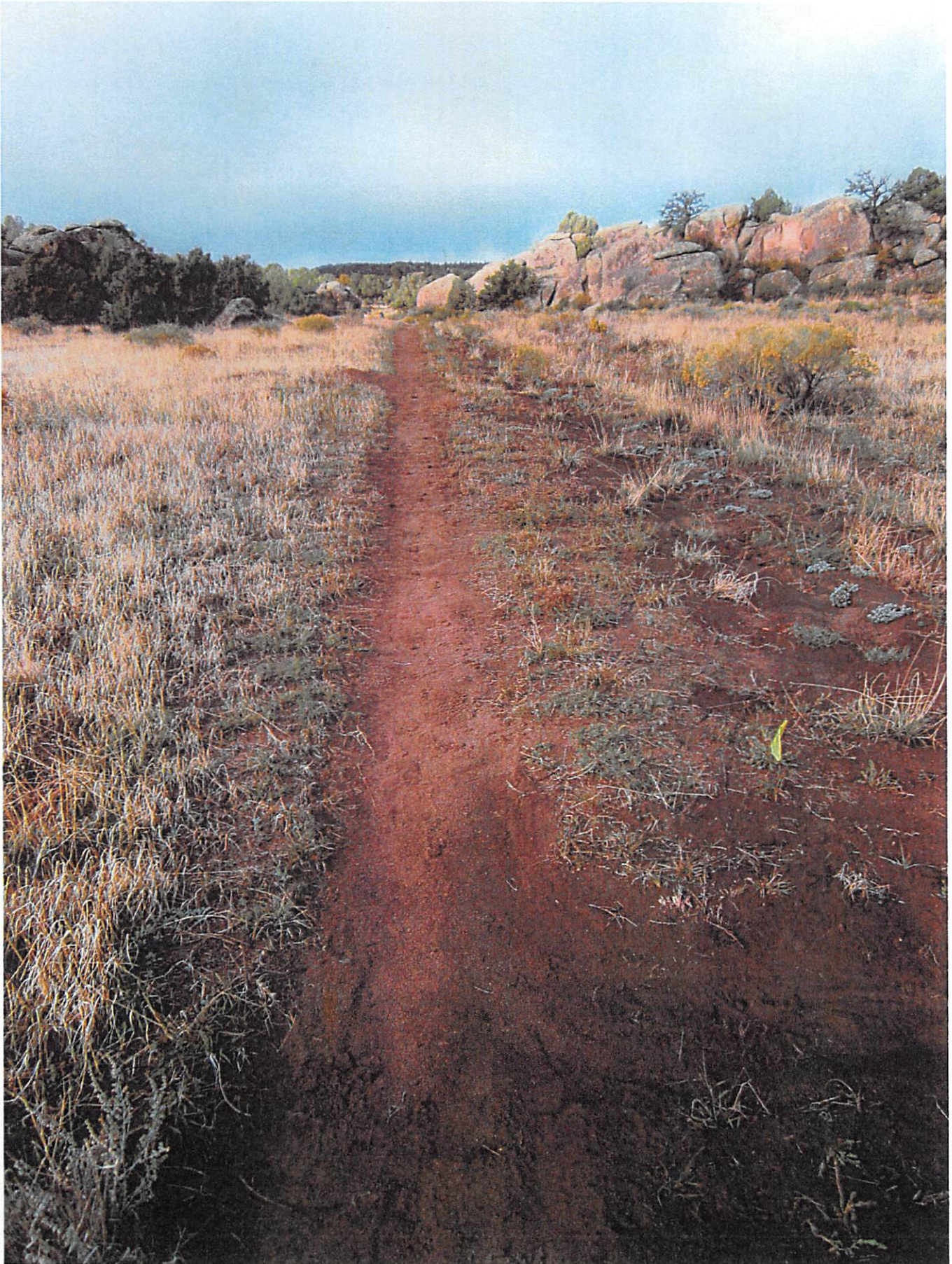


**2-Track to Singletrack Conversion - Before**





2-Track to Singletrack Conversion – After







22 November 2022

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the San Luis Valley Field Office/San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition OHV Grant Application**

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this Letter of Support from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) for the San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO)/San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Coalition (SLVGO) OHV Grant application. The TPA is an advocacy organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and takes the necessary action to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trail recreational opportunities.

The TPA supports funding of this grant application to leverage and continue the trail development of the Limekiln Motorized Trails Project (LMTP). This exciting and innovative project is working to expand trail opportunities (especially motorized single-track) in the San Luis Valley through the creative conversion of two-track roads into multiple-use single-track trails. This project will help to implement the SLVFO's Travel Management Decisions while improving OHV recreational opportunities while maintain and repairing existing motorized trail infrastructure. One of the most noteworthy goals of this project is the conversion of 8 miles of existing primitive two-track roads to single-track trails open to motorcycles. This project also utilizes innovative approaches to accomplish the work through the use of Southwest Conservation Corps' Youth Camping Crews and the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors Action Team. Although the LMTP is still in its early stages of development, this trail system has potential to become a wonderful destination for beginner and intermediate motorcyclists to experience and improve their single-track riding skills. Also noteworthy is the productive and positive collaboration between the BLM SLVFO and the local trail user groups.

The TPA supports the SLVFO/SLVGO OHV Grant application.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon  
Executive Director  
Trails Preservation Alliance





Jud Barlow  
JTB Racing Promotions LLC  
676 Trumbull Lane  
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Dear CPW State OHV Grant Committee,

This letter serves as JTB Racing Promotions, LLC letter of support for the BLM – San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. We recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance program that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with nearly 1 million acres of land to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATS), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO), and its local stewardship partners could and will provide these services, if funded to do the work.

For the last 3 years, the SLV GOATS have implemented over 15 projects with the BLM – SLV FO and Rio Grande National Forest, ranging from Campground improvements, trail/boardwalk construction, trash pickup, and trail maintenance. The SLVFO and the SLV GO! Coalition are in alignment to accomplish this next phase for outdoor recreation opportunities via OHV Trails in our region. Achieving responsible recreation in these ways provides benefits two-fold; by protecting natural and cultural resources and providing an avenue and place for the community and visitors to recreate outdoors.

JTB would benefit from this work through our efforts in promoting the largest off-road trail endurance event in Colorado each year, and using these trails responsibly by allowing visitors to recreate in the national forest. JTB spends over 1,000 manhours each year alone assisting local clubs such as SLV GO! With trail maintenance and maintaining proper drainage. Our relationship is long standing and our intent is to continue to bring responsible recreation through positive stewardship to the region for years to come.

The purpose of this project is to continue converting 2-track primitive roads into single track public lands style trail per the BLM-SLVFO's travel management plan decisions, and to provide maintenance and repairs to trails and segments damaged by intense monsoon storms the summer of 2022.



We urge State trails to consider granting funds to BLM-SLVFO in order to continue the necessary work to maintain the integrity of the landscape, provide opportunities for IHV recreation, and continue to support both local use and non-SLV resident visitation to our public lands.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jud Barlow'.

Jud Barlow  
Owner – JTB Racing Promotions, LLC.



Dear CPW State OHV grant committee,

This letter serves as the Boot Hill Motorcycle Club letter of support for the BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. We recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with near 1 million acres to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO), and its local trail stewardship partners could provide these services, if funded to do the work.

For the last 3 years, the SLV GOATs have implemented over 15 projects with the BLM - SLV FO and Rio Grande National Forest, ranging from campground improvements, trail/boardwalk construction, trash pick-up, and trail maintenance. The SLV FO and the SLV GO! Coalition are in alignment to accomplish this next phase for outdoor recreation opportunities via OHV trails in our region. Achieving responsible recreation in these ways provides benefits two-fold; by protecting natural and cultural resources and providing an avenue and place for the community and visitors to recreate outdoors.

With this work done our Organization will see safer and more sustainable trails and ease of navigation with the signage improvements. We share a common goal of improving access and means for all trail user groups and working with others to maintain and meet these goals.

Daniel Hatton  
President Boot Hill Motorcycle Club

Dear CPW State OHV grant committee,

This letter serves as Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado's (VOC) letter of support for the BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. We recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with near 1 million acres to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO), and its local trail stewardship partners could provide these services, if funded to do the work.



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For the last 3 years, the SLV GOATs have implemented over 15 projects with the BLM - SLV FO and Rio Grande National Forest, ranging from campground improvements, trail/boardwalk construction, trash pick-up, and trail maintenance. The SLVFO and the SLV GO! Coalition are in alignment to accomplish this next phase for outdoor recreation opportunities via OHV trails in our region. Achieving responsible recreation in these ways provides benefits two-fold; by protecting natural and cultural resources and providing an avenue and place for the community and visitors to recreate outdoors.

SLV GO and the VOC field office in the San Luis Valley have found a mutual benefit in collaborating on public land projects to increase capacity and stewardship accomplishments. The SLV GOATs have provided valuable leadership and technical expertise on our volunteer projects, which helps volunteers deliver high quality work to our federal partners, without increasing the agency's workload. Supporting this grant proposal will not only help SLV GO accomplish more work in the valley, but it will also allow them to continue to collaborate with partners, such as VOC, to use our local resources most effectively.

The purpose of this project is to continue converting 2-track primitive roads into singletrack public lands-style trail per the BLM-SLVFO's travel management plan decisions, and to provide maintenance and repairs to trails and segments damaged by intense monsoon storms in summer of 2022.

We urge State Trails to consider granting funds to BLM-SLVFO in order to continue the necessary work to maintain the integrity of the landscape, provide opportunities for OHV recreation, and continue to support both local use and non-SLV resident visitation to our public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Goodleaf".

Katie Goodleaf

SLV Volunteer & Partnership Coordinator





**SOUTHWEST  
CONSERVATION CORPS**  
A program of Conservation Legacy

November 28, 2022

Dear CPW State OHV grant committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the BLM – San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. This project has inspired considerable community support and will address critical maintenance needs on heavily used trail systems in the San Luis Valley.

Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) recognizes the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with nearly 1 million acres to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), and its local trail stewardship partners could provide these services, if funded to do the work.

For the last 3 years, the SLV GOATs have implemented over 15 projects with the BLM - SLVFO and Rio Grande National Forest, ranging from campground improvements, trail/boardwalk construction, trash pick-up, and trail maintenance. The SLVFO and the SLV GO! Coalition are in alignment to accomplish this next phase for outdoor recreation opportunities via OHV trails in our region. Achieving responsible recreation in these ways provides benefits two-fold; by protecting natural and cultural resources and providing an avenue and place for the community and visitors to recreate outdoors.

SCC has longstanding relationships with both the SLVFO and SLV GO! and is confident in their capacity to complete quality project work in an efficient manner. This funding is complimentary to grant requests for SCC crew time that will allow for a significant impact on these trail systems. I appreciate your consideration of their proposal and strongly recommend it for funding.

Sincerely,

Anna Hendricks  
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Southwest Conservation Corps  
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Dear CPW State OHV grant committee,

This letter serves as Mountain Skillz' letter of support for the BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. We recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with near 1 million acres to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors(SLV GO), and its local trail stewardship partners could provide these services, if funded to do the work.

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Though our operation does not conduct business on these trails, we understand the many benefits to the area for a good variety of multi-use trails. These specific trails are unique in that they are lower elevation than many of the other trails in this region. That allows for more opportunity for trail use while higher elevation trails are impacted by snow, mud, and fallen trees needing cleared. Both locals and visitors benefit from the access. These trails are also close to town allowing for many unique opportunities for use with locals in a narrow timeframe (before or after work). My family and I have personally ridden dirt bikes on the trails in this area and they provide a great opportunity for new and less experienced riders in a safe environment. More multi-use singletrack will provide additional opportunities for a variety of people. The conversion of the old 2-track roads is also environmentally friendly with very little to no impact with the use of existing tracks. With any trail comes some level of maintenance. Unlike many of the trails throughout the forest impacted regularly by fallen trees due to the wind and our beetle kill problem, this area does not require clearing of trees. However, impact due to rain does need to be addressed on occasion. That work proposed in this application will help keep the trails in good condition.

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We urge State Trails to consider granting funds to BLM-SLVFO in order to continue the necessary work to maintain the integrity of the landscape, provide opportunities for OHV recreation, and continue to support both local use and non-SLV resident visitation to our public lands.

Thank you,  
Matt Entz  
Mountain Skillz- owner/instructor/guide/volunteer