



Grand Junction Field Office Equipment Operator Grant



2024

November 28, 2022





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

Name of Project: GJFO Equipment Operator		Date of Application: 12/2/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$70,000	Grant Request: \$45,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: BLM, Grand Junction Field Office		
Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction CO 81506		
		Fax: 970-244-3083
Telephone: 970-244-3000		Email: dgourley@blm.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.		
Name: Dan Gourley		Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction CO 81506		
Telephone: 970-244-3000	Fax: 970-244-3083	Email: dgourley@blm.gov
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO

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.		
Name: Dan Gourley		Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction CO 81506		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Chalanne Harlow		Title: Budget Analyst
Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road Grand Junction, CO 81506		
Telephone: 970-244-3084	Fax:	Email: charlow@blm.gov

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Grand Junction	
County(ies): Mesa, Garfield, Delta	
Township/Range/Section: Multiple	
State Senate District #: 6, 7, 8	
State Representative District #: 54, 56	
LAND OWNERSHIP	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u> 131+ </u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u> 144+ </u> Miles of Full-sized: <u> 1725 </u>
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. 8+ _____ (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 <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input checked="" 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.)
30%	
15%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
20%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
35%	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: GJFO Equipment Operator	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Dan Gourley	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$70,000	Grant Request: \$45,000

Project Description: With this grant application the BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO), located on the Western Slope of Colorado (Map 1) and managing 1.2 million acres of public lands, is requesting funding for equipment operation. GJFO will utilize funding from this grant to pay for a “swamper” to support the USFS Equipment Operator or other OHV Rangers while working with heavy equipment. We are also requesting funds for maintenance costs for the heavy equipment that is housed on the western slope. The Grand Junction BLM has multiple pieces of heavy equipment purchased by CPW OHV grants and has a strong working relationship with not only the USFS, but also multiple clubs that have grant funded equipment which have been made available to GJFO. These groups include Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA), Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA), and Timberline Trail Riders. Our office has been able to accomplish some early and late season projects that would have been impossible without this additional equipment and hopes to continue this efficient approach. The GJFO currently has a 50-foot Sweco trail dozer and a skid steer. The GJFO was awarded grants to purchase a 30-inch Sutter Single Track Trail Dozer and a Mini-Excavator in 2022. The equipment will be used to maintain existing routes and build new ones. We are actively working on expanding recreation opportunities in Bangs SRMA, North Desert ERMA, and Cactus Park RMA. Current demand of existing routes is increasing, so maintaining those routes and providing more opportunities are recognized as priorities of our office. This equipment will also be made available to neighboring Field Offices and Ranger districts.

WHO?

The Grand Junction Field Office (including McInnis Canyon and Dominguez-Escalante NCAs) manages over 1 million acres of BLM public lands. Most of the field office is within a short drive from communities in the Grand Valley (Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade). With a population over 150,000, the Grand Valley is a popular place to work and retire because of its proximity to public lands recreation opportunities. The area has also seen an increase in visitors from around the state and the nation due to rising demand for quality outdoor recreation. The BLM estimates over 1.1 million recreational visits annually. The vast majority of the recreational visits to the field office are trail-based, including ATV riding, UTV use, jeeping, and motorcycle riding along with other non-motorized trail activities.

WHERE?

Most work will be focused in Recreation Management Areas where management objectives are focused on OHV trail recreation (Grand Valley Open Area, North Desert, parts of Bangs Canyon, Gateway, Barrel Springs, Horse Mountain, Rabbit Valley, Cactus Park, Hunting Grounds, and Sawmill Mesa-Wagon Park). The crew will also work throughout the Grand Junction Field Office in Mesa, Montrose, Delta and Garfield Counties. All the work will be conducted on BLM-administered public lands managed by the Grand Junction Field Office.

WHAT?

The BLM GJFO will use grant funding to pay a seasonal employee to assist the USFS Equipment Operator. Through previous CPW grants, the GJFO was awarded a 30-inch trail dozer and mini-excavator for 2022.

WHEN?

Work will be performed on BLM lands during the spring and fall seasons when the USFS Equipment Operator is not at higher elevations. The swamper will be available to the USFS Equipment Operator during the summer season as needed to support the USFS.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – The equipment used by the crew includes a decal that notifies the public that the equipment is funded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV program. Notification sign will be on site to notify public that this project is funded by CPW OHV program.

DEFINITIONS?

SRMA = Special Recreation Management Area: these are areas designated in our Resource Management Plan to protect and manage for specific recreation experiences. These are the priority areas for the recreation and visitor services program resources.

ERMA = Extensive Recreation Management Area: these are areas designated in our Resource Management Plan to protect specific recreation activities

Budget Form

Project Name: 2023-2024 Equipment Operator

Date Project will be Completed: 5/1/2025

Project Sponsor: Grand Junction Field Office

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 <small>(Non-Cash)</small> Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)			\$ 45,000.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
volunteer hours (200)	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
BLM oversight, supervision, admin	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 70,000.00

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: 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
GS-5 swamper	\$ 25.00	6 months	\$ 24,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	960.00	Category Total	\$ 24,000.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies

Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

Misc. Materials and Supplies	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ 1,000.00	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 1,000.00

III. Equipment

Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

Trail dozer, skid steer, mini-ex, Sutter 300, moto maintenance	\$20,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 20,000.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

IV. Contracted Services

Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs

	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

V. Volunteer Support

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.

	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

* 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

Total	\$ 45,000.00
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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project
Name

GJFO Equipment Operator
Grant

Project
Sponsor

BLM- Grand Junction Field
Office

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:

Date: _____

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

Date and title of document:

2015 Record of Decision Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan and Travel Management Plan

Colorado Canyons Environmental Impact Statement July 2004

Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan and Travel Management Plan January 2017

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

For more information contact:

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (Implementation and project level plans will be developed as needed during the implementation of the RMP).

Greg Wolfgang, Grand Junction Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

GREGORY WOLFGANG

Digitally signed by GREGORY WOLFGANG

Date: 2022.11.28 12:14:48 -07'00'

Land Manager Signature and Title

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):

This project will accomplish trail maintenance, restoration, and construction on OHV trails. Well-maintained trails can reduce impacts to natural resources caused by trail riding activities and enhance riding experiences by achieving trail management objectives for a wide variety of riders. Most trail maintenance in the area has historically been completed by trail users using hand tools with the primary objective of keeping the trail passable. As a result, the amount of structured/planned maintenance has been limited. With a dedicated (USFS) Equipment Operator and GJFO "Swamper" working together, more trail miles will be constructed and maintained to BLM standards. Trail maintenance will be guided by Trail Management Objectives. Trails in GJFO are managed for a wide variety of riding opportunities and skill levels. Regular maintenance will support and protect the variety of opportunities. A wide variety of OHV trail users enjoy BLM-managed trails in the Grand Valley. This includes motorcyclists, ATV riders, UTV riders, and full-size 4x4 trail enthusiasts with a wide spectrum of skills and abilities. The BLM visitor use estimates for popular riding areas are in excess of 500,000 annual visits. New construction will expand opportunities for new and seasoned trail users while protecting the natural resources in the area.

There is CPW grant funded equipment that has been awarded to the Grand Junction OHV Program. The USFS uses the equipment in the summer and early fall. When the season changes, the USFS Equipment Operator is available to work on BLM lands in the Spring and Fall. Due to spending limitations and inconsistent funding, BLM use of equipment is inconsistent. Having reliable funding will allow the BLM to more consistently utilize the available equipment.

A big portion of this grant will be used to maintain the CPW OHV funded heavy equipment located in Grand Junction. Currently the GJFO is housing heavy equipment on the western slope with help from local Clubs.

- Skid Steer
- 50" Sutter Trail Dozer (currently getting major repairs)
- 30" Sutter Single Track Trail Dozer (ready for pickup early 2023)
- Volvo Mini-excavator (delivered early 2023)

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

The partnership between the BLM and the US Forest Service GMUG (Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison) is a crucial component to this grant request. In 2022 the USFS hired two career seasonal Equipment Operators. This is something that the GJFO and the GMUG Ranger District have been working towards for many years. Previously the BLM would have to hire an Equipment Operator for a few months, and the hiring process could be cumbersome to get a qualified trail Equipment Operator in time to do the work.

The BLM GJFO also works cooperatively with several other BLM units including two National Conservation Areas, the Uncompahgre Field Office, the Moab Field Office, and the Colorado River Valley Field Office. The GJFO also works closely with Mesa, Delta, and Garfield Counties; Colorado Parks and Wildlife; The Uncompahgre; and Grand Mesa National Forests. It is also important to the GJFO to work with private landowners to maintain connectivity and develop user friendly route systems.

The GJFO also works with Western Slope ATV Association, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, the Bookcliff Rattlers Motorcycle Club, the Motorcycle Trail Riders Association, Stay the Trail Colorado, Grand Valley Trails Alliance, and other groups to design and maintain routes that provides for the unique needs, riding experiences, and challenges for each group. This project has not caused any known controversy within our community and several letters of support illustrate the importance of this project to the local community. Many partners support these projects through donations, materials, and volunteer services that contribute to proactive management of trail resources in the Grand Valley.

We have been working with partners to design new trails that meet the demand of our growing population and increase in visitors looking for OHV opportunities. We have built several single track, ATV, and rock crawler trails over the past couple years. This work provides new opportunities and creates an increased interest from the public to volunteer on public lands to maintain existing routes and build new ones. For example, in 2021 volunteers worked on OHV trails for over 1,000 hours, and we expect the volunteer hours to keep growing as we continue to improve opportunities.

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

(25 points):

The equipment operations will be focused on maintenance, construction, and restoration. All the proposed maintenance will be completed within the limitations of current environmental reviews. Maintenance will be coordinated primarily through defined trail management objectives. Trail maintenance provides a benefit to most other programs by creating sustainable system of routes to mitigate issues associated with the protection of sensitive resources.

This project will improve drainage structures, prevent erosion, and repair areas that have been damaged by runoff. These direct and indirect benefits will have positive contributions to critical resources in our project area. Examples of resources that will be protected include wildlife habitat, saline soils, cultural resources, threatened plant species, and riparian habitat.

The new trails that we are constructing with this equipment are primarily located in the Bangs RMA and the Cactus Park RMA. The BLM laid out trails in cooperation with local enthusiasts, and much of the survey work (cultural, biological, and wildlife) has been completed. Additional project level review is scheduled for 2023.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance, and Disposition:

A major part of this grant request is to obtain funding to maintain the pieces of CPW OHV funded equipment located on the GJFO.

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

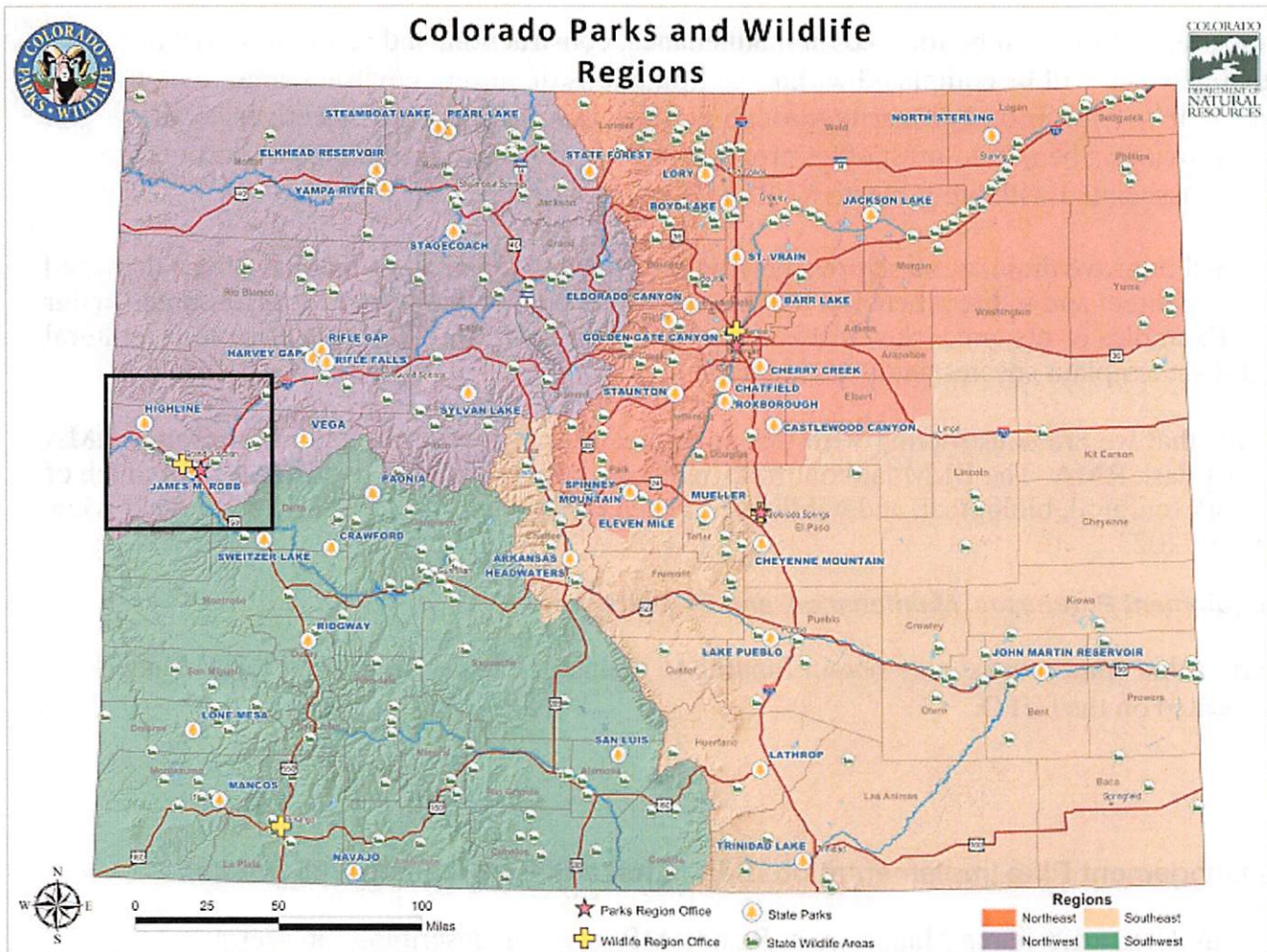
The GJFO completed a Resource Management Plan (RMP) revision describing long-term management objectives for all resources including recreation. Along with the RMP, a Travel Management Plan (TMP) was also completed. The TMP is designed to help achieve the objectives outlined in the RMP which include objectives for OHV recreation areas. Maintaining the roads and trails designated to support OHV recreation would be the primary work completed with funds from this grant.

Well-maintained roads and trails are critical to the success of travel management implementation. Poorly maintained trails often lead to cross-country travel, and other activities, which increases erosion and threatens natural resources. These types of activities can result in pressure to close trails to protect resources. Regular trail maintenance can reduce these impacts and protect long-term riding opportunities.

Many of the trails to be maintained are multiple-use trails which are utilized by mountain bikes, hikers, and equestrian users. The crew will make public contact with these users which will promote multiple-use trails and provide visibility for the CPW OHV grant program. These connections allow the GJFO to educate a wide variety of recreators about the benefits for the OHV registration fee to their form of recreation.

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.

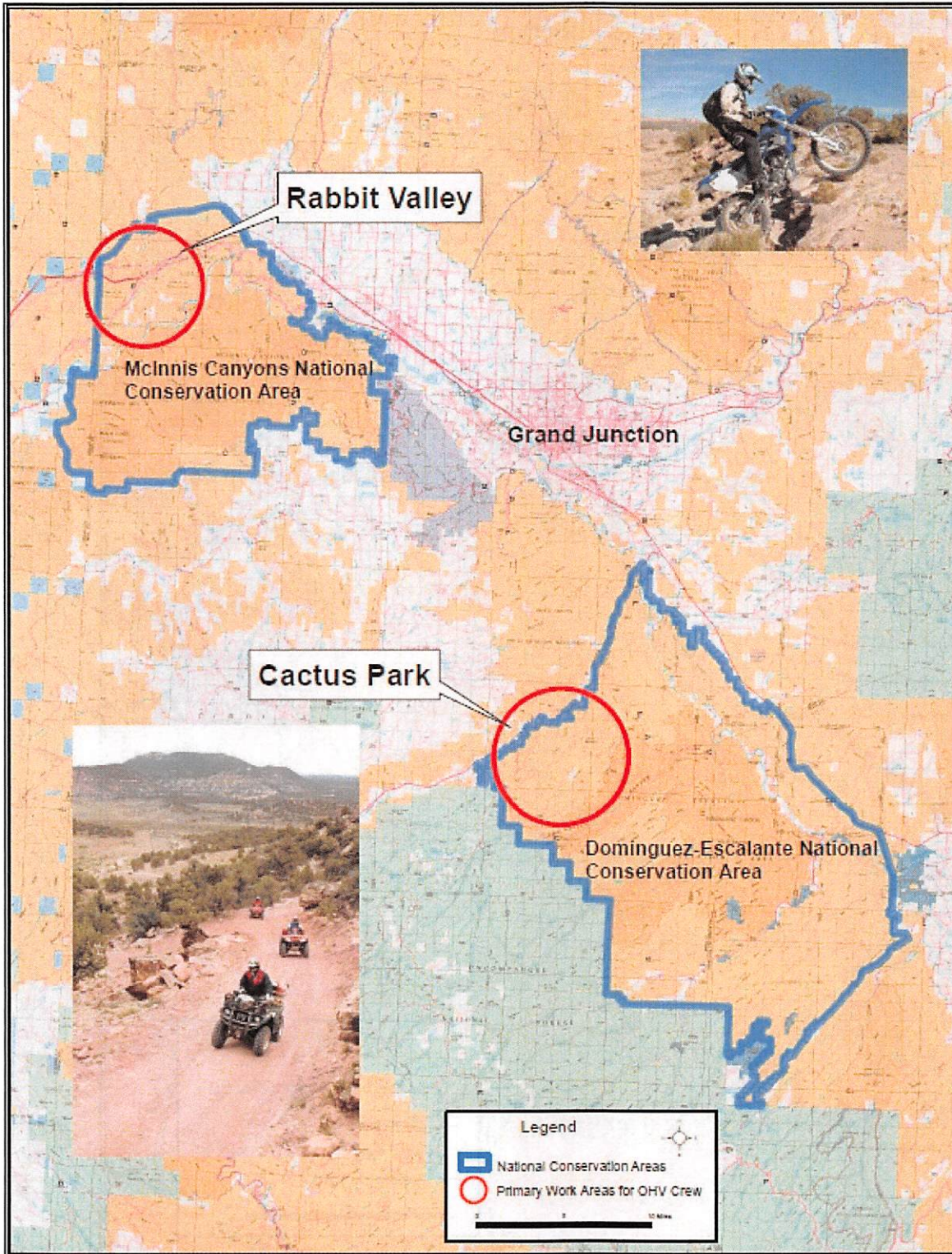


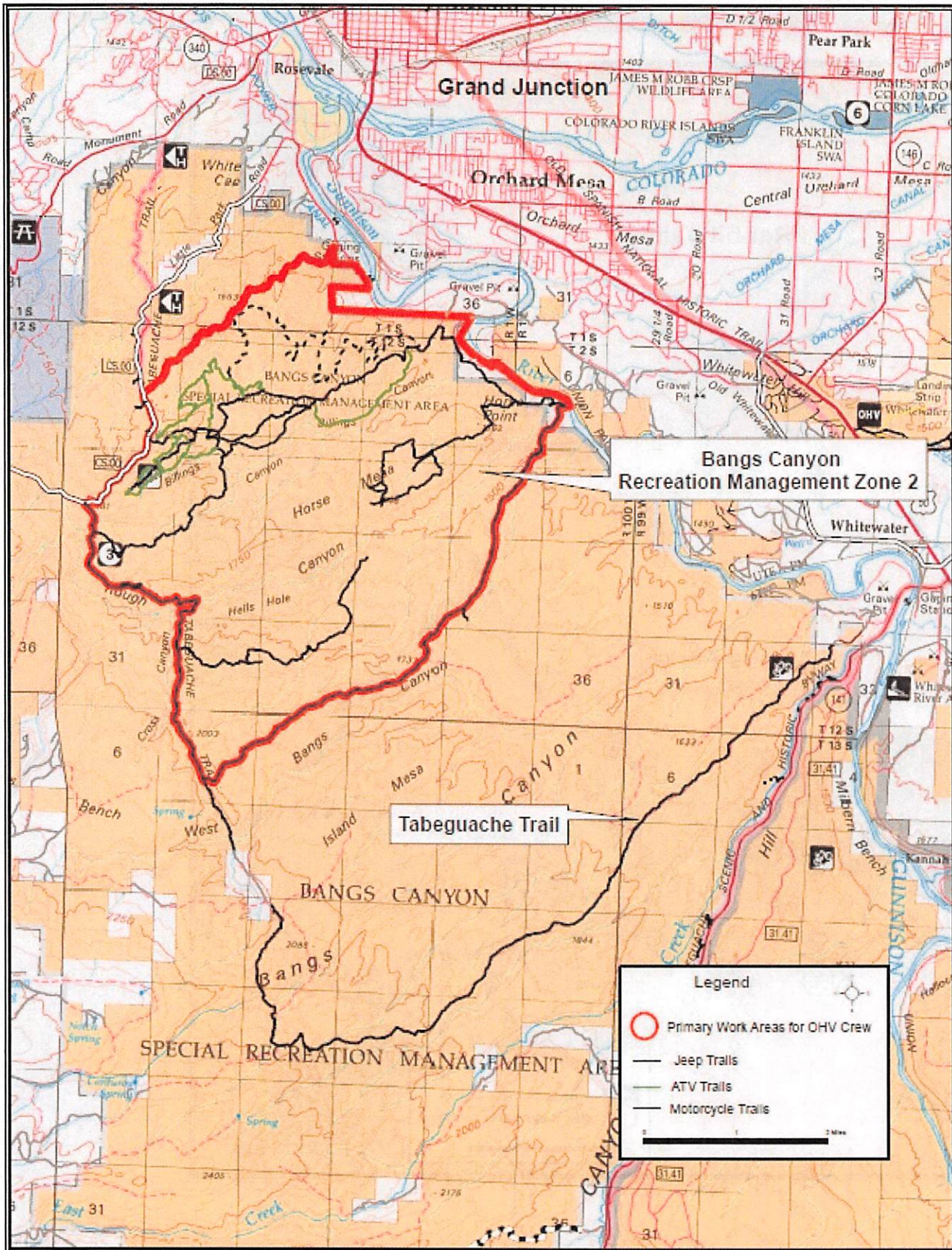
E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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





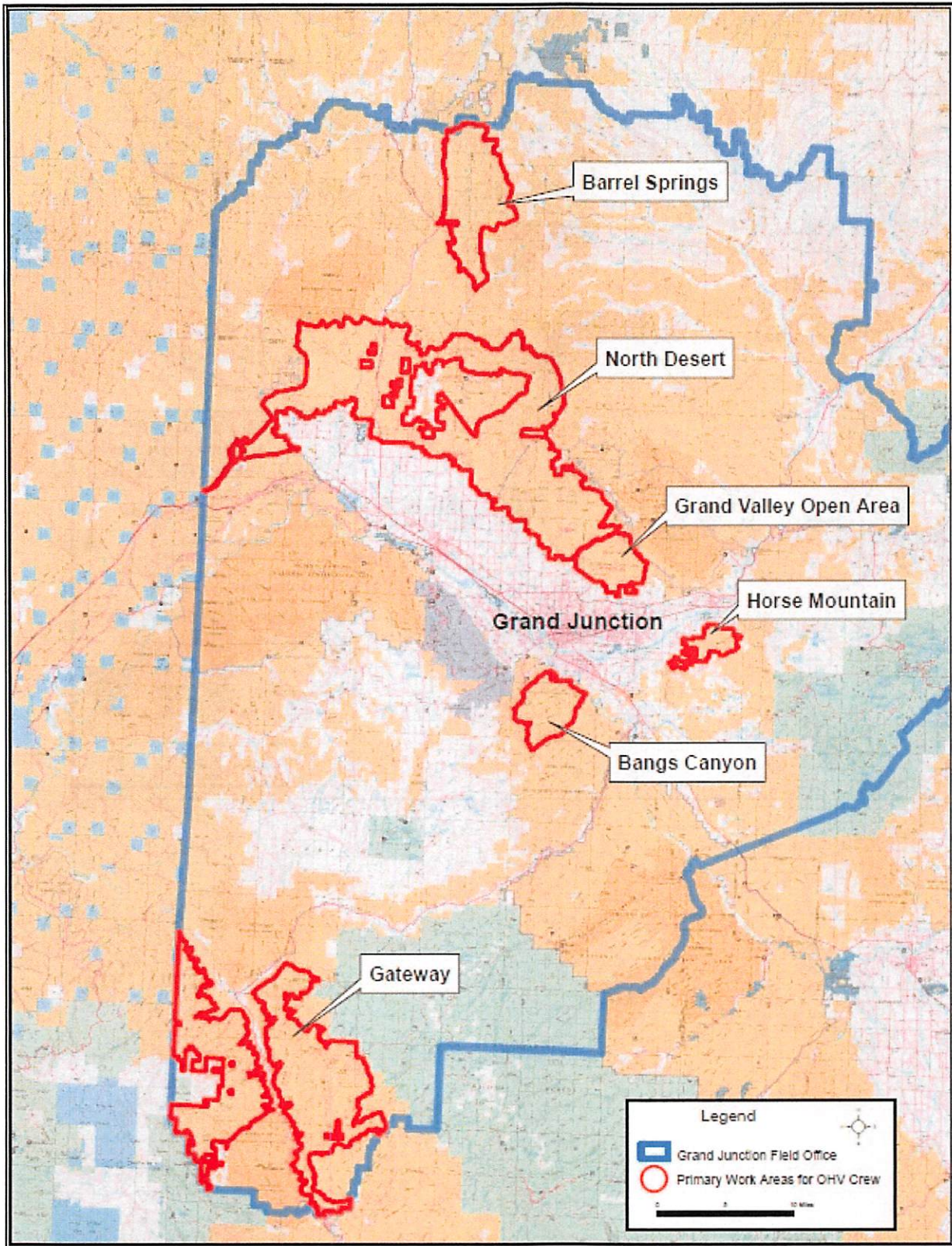
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Recreation Management Zone 2**

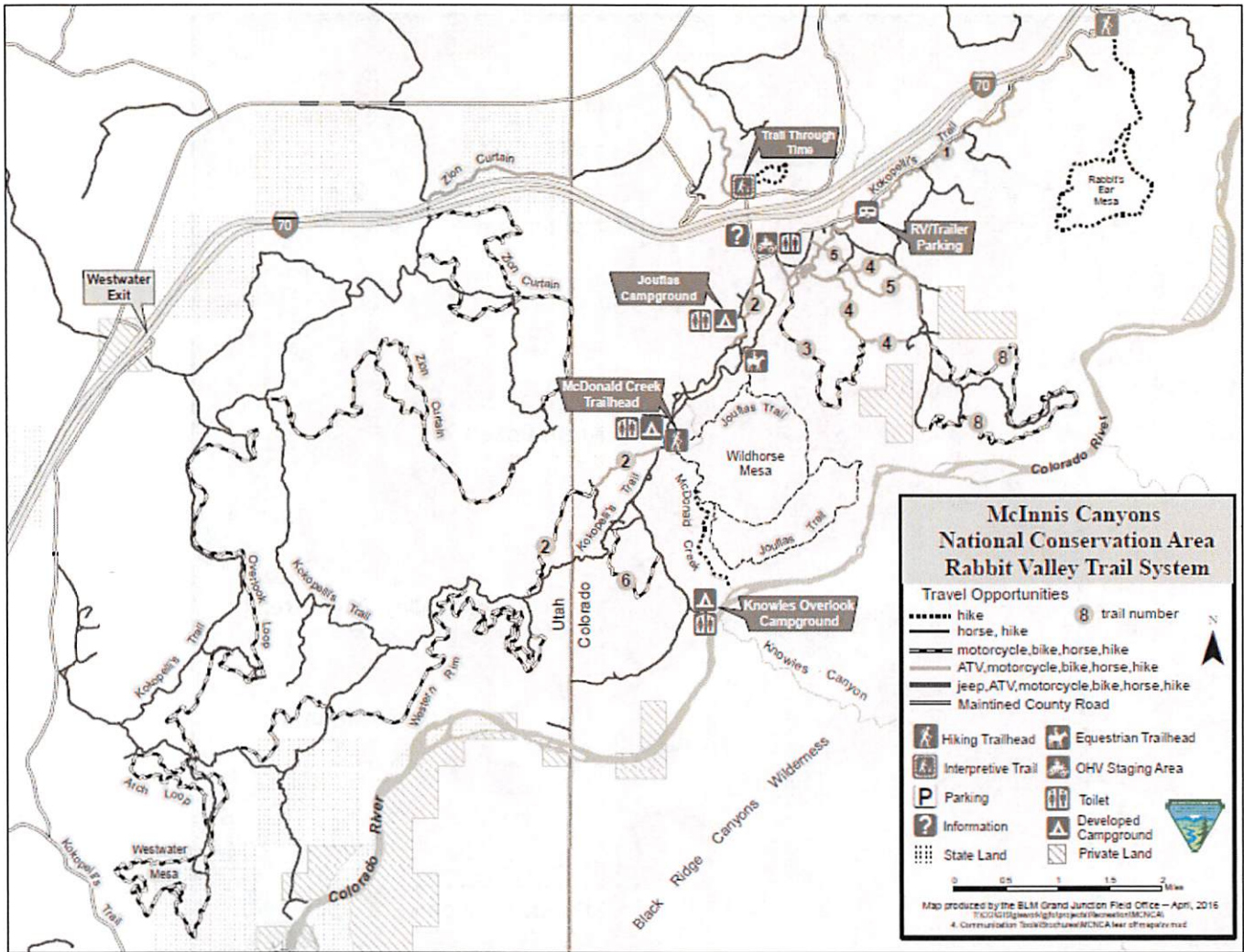
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Legend

- Primary Work Areas for OHV Crew
- Jeep Trails
- ATV Trails
- Motorcycle Trails

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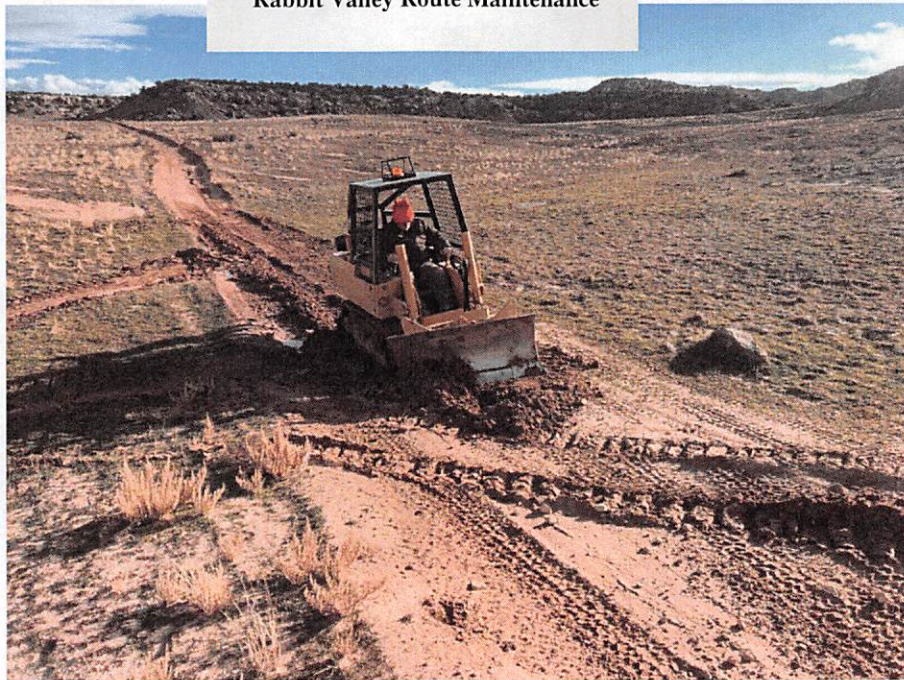




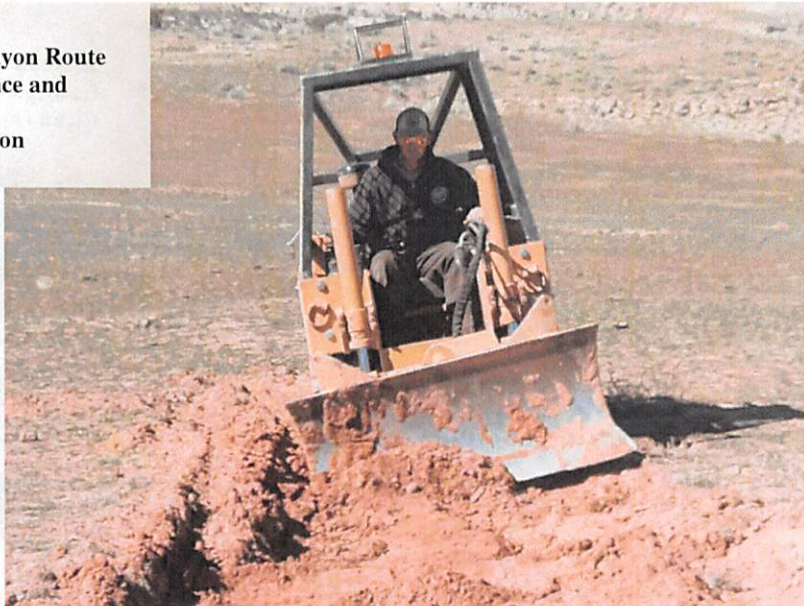
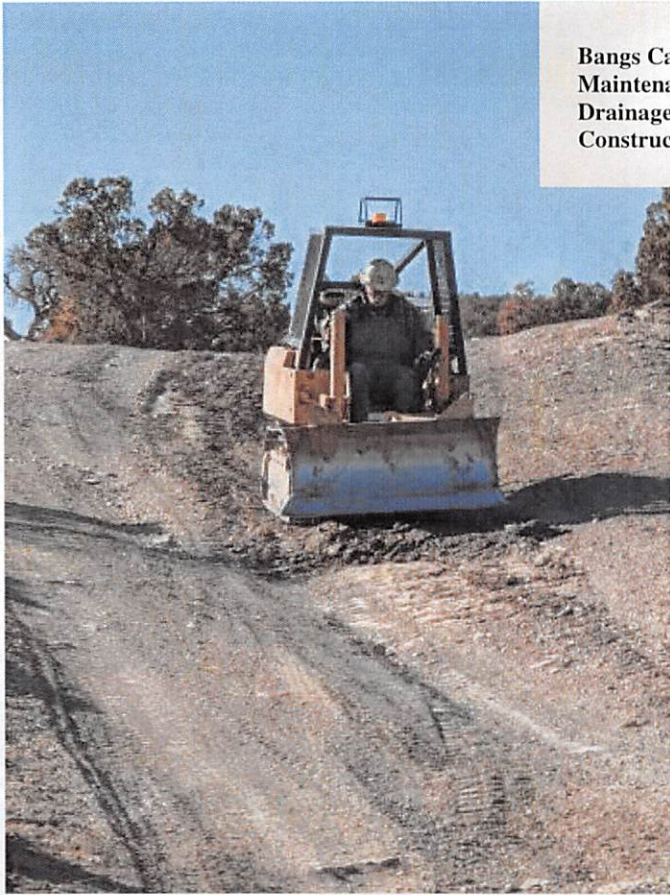
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Cattleguard
Clean Out



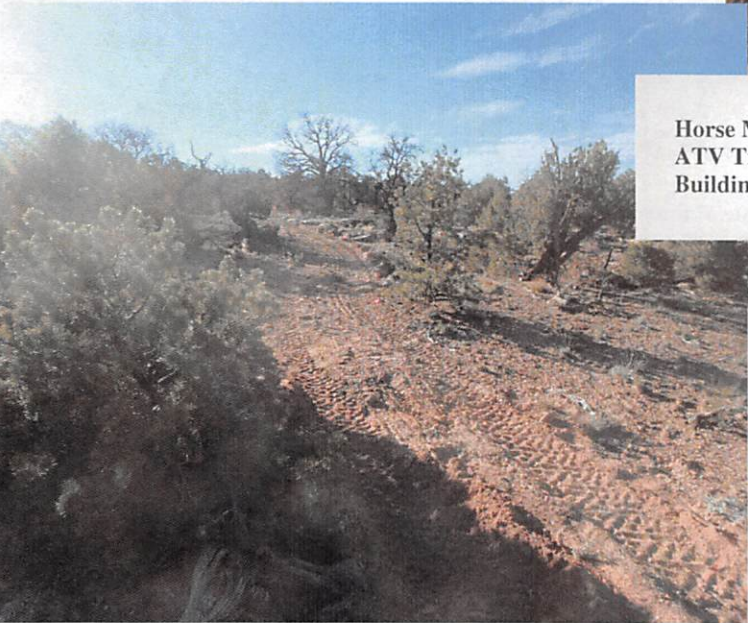
Rabbit Valley Route Maintenance



**Bangs Canyon Route
Maintenance and
Drainage
Construction**



**Horse Mesa
ATV Trail
Building 2021**



GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB

November 17, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Grant Proposal - Grand Junction Field Office Equipment Operations

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

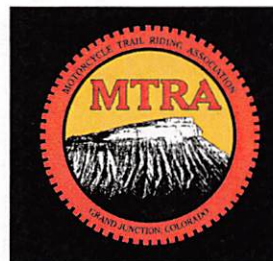
The Grand Mesa Jeep Club supports the BLM's request for continued funding of an OHV equipment operations crew to perform trail maintenance and construction on OHV trails within the Grand Junction Field Office, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area. Quality OHV recreation opportunities are important to residents and visitors alike in western Colorado. Well-managed OHV trails allow recreationists to enjoy spectacular landscapes on the area's public lands, while protecting important natural and cultural resources. OHV recreation also brings money into local economies, and makes local communities more desirable places to live. *The Grand Mesa Jeep Club* is especially interested in enhancing OHV recreation opportunities in Bangs Canyon, and the North Desert, as well as the Book Cliffs

The Grand Junction BLM has demonstrated the effectiveness of state-funded OHV trail crews with its Good Management Grant OHV Trail Crews which have been maintaining and signing OHV trails in the Grand Junction Field Office over the past decade. This equipment funding will support those efforts and allow for creation of new routes and the ability to address major maintenance needs. Continued funding of these crews would provide ongoing benefits to OHV recreation in the Grand Junction area.

OHV recreation is important to the people and economies of western Colorado. To that end, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, enthusiastically supports ongoing trail maintenance and clearly signed trail systems. An OHV equipment operations crew dedicated to these tasks would go a long way towards enhancing OHV recreation opportunities in western Colorado. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the BLM's grant application.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bates
Vice President / Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Jeff Bates



November 25, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Grant Proposal - USFS Equipment Operator

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Motorcycle Trail Riding Association (MTRA), a motorcycle club in Grand Junction, CO, supports the USFS's request for continued funding of an OHV equipment operator to perform trail maintenance and construction on OHV trails within the Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests.

Quality OHV recreation opportunities are important to residents and visitors alike in western Colorado. Well-managed OHV trails allow recreationists to enjoy spectacular landscapes on the area's public lands, while protecting important natural and cultural resources. OHV recreation also brings money into the local economy, and makes the Grand Valley an even more desirable place to live. MTRA is especially interested in enhancing OHV recreation opportunities on the Uncompaghre Plateau and Grand Mesa.

The Grand Junction USFS has demonstrated the effectiveness of state-funded OHV trail development and sustainment by maintaining and signing OHV trails in the Grand Junction area over the past decade. This funding for an operator position will continue these efforts, allow for creation of new routes to better manage public usage and provide the ability to address major maintenance needs. Continued funding will thus provide ongoing benefits to OHV recreation in the Grand Junction area.

OHV recreation is critically important to the people and economies of western Colorado. For all of the reasons stated above, MTRA enthusiastically supports ongoing trail maintenance and clearly signed trail systems. An OHV equipment operator dedicated to these tasks would go a long way towards enhancing OHV recreation opportunities in western Colorado. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the USFS's grant application.

Sincerely,

David Clapp
President, MTRA



28 November 2022

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

**SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO),
Equipment Operator, 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 Grand Junction Field Office's (GJFO), OHV Grant application to help fund a Swamper and trail equipment maintenance. 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 the cooperative attitude of the GJFO along with their diligence to maintain OHV routes through their coordination with adjacent land managers and user groups to maximize equipment utilization. Their use of equipment during the shoulder seasons and when maintenance opportunities are absent at higher elevations, has proven to be insightful and beneficial to the State's western slope OHV program. Over the years, the GJFO has demonstrated a consistent commitment to enhancing and providing quality OHV recreational experiences throughout the Grand Junction area. The cooperation, coordination and communication between users and land managers within the Grand Junction area to share equipment, work together and increase effectiveness of their individual crews and equipment could be an example for other regions of the State.

The TPA supports the GJFO's, OHV Grant application.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance

Western Slope ATV Association

P.O. Box 4283
Grand Junction, CO
81502-4283

November 16, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Attn. Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
Re. Western Slope ATV Association Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Western Slope ATV Association expresses our support for the Bureau of Land Management Grant Request for OHV Trail Crews.

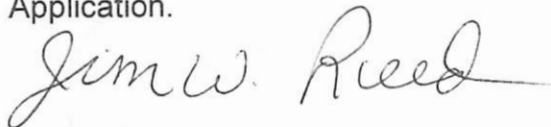
The BLM Trail Crews have been very effective in building and maintaining ATV trails for the use of the recreating public.

Indeed, Western Slope ATV Association has partnered with the Grand Junction BLM Field Office in the planning and development of 'new trails' in the Bangs Canyon SRMA and the Grand Valley OHV SRMA. Again, the recreating public benefits from having safe and well laid out trails to use.

For over a decade the BLM OHV Trail Crews have been maintaining and signing trails in the Grand Junction area. The approval of the BLM's Grant Request would ensure the continued funding of the OHV Trail Crews.

Finally, there is the financial aspect of having quality ATV trails available for everyone's use. (Hikers, equestrian users, sportsmen, fishermen, ATV riders, etc.) All the users of OHV trails bring recreation dollars to Colorado.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the BLM's OHV Trail Crew Grant Application.



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