



**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources

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

<b>Name of Project:</b> Camp Hale-Vail Pass Stakeholder Grant	<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/21/2022
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*(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)*

<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$105,782 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$82,782 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>
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<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)	
Organization Name: Eagle River Watershed Council	
Mailing Address: POB 1477, Gypsum, CO, 81637	
	Fax:
Telephone: (970) 827-5406	Email: dilzell@erwc.org

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: Anna Nakae	Title: Projects Coordinator	
Mailing Address: POB 1477, Gypsum, CO, 81637		
Telephone: (970) 827-5406	Fax:	Email: nakae@erwc.org
	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: Anna Nakae	Title: Projects Coordinator	
Mailing Address: POB 1477, Gypsum, CO, 81637		
Telephone: (970) 827-5406	Fax:	Email: nakae@erwc.org

<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name:	Title:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	
Nearest Town or City: Minturn, Colorado	
County(ies): Eagle	
Township/Range/Section: Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District	
State Senate District #: 8	
State Representative District #: 13, 57, & 27	
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: National Forest System Lands	
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): _____	
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u>6.6</u>	Miles of 50" or less: _____
Miles of Full-sized: <u>450</u>	
<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"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input 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.)	
% 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.)
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
100%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
	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 %)

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: Camp Hale-Vail Pass Stakeholder Grant	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Eagle River Watershed Council	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Anna Nakae	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$105,782	Grant Request: \$82,782

**Project Description:**

In partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and Trail Defenders, Eagle River Watershed Council (ERWC) is seeking funding to hire a facilitator to lead a robust stakeholder engagement process in order to identify a long-term, sustainable OHV connection between Camp Hale and Vail Pass. The facilitator will help the stakeholder group develop recommendations for potential OHV connections. The recommendations generated from the stakeholder engagement process will be analyzed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process with the ultimate goal of implementing one of the recommendations.

ERWC is a 503(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to advocate for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle Rivers through research, projects and education. Founded in 2019, Trail Defenders mission is to keep all Colorado trails open to motorized use. The organization has previously applied for and been awarded motorized grants to fund motorized trail work. If this grant is awarded, ERWC, Trail Defenders and the Forest Service will draft a stakeholder list. Once funds are available, ERWC and Trail Defenders will hire the facilitator. The desired facilitator will have experience with travel management, motorized trail planning, motorized stakeholders, watershed health, and Forest Service policy.

Initially, the role of the facilitator will be to contact identified stakeholders, partners, and interested parties, including those who will be impacted by work within the identified project area, to represent their interests in this in the preferred alternative identification process.

Deliverables expected from the facilitator include but are not limited to:

- Stakeholder, partner, and interested party interviews
- Plan and manage monthly meetings and/or work sessions to engage group
- Identify and engage Interagency team (Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife)
- Host 2 Open Houses for public engagement
- Deliver a final report with preferred recommendations to the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

The stakeholder process will begin upon funds being available from CPW and the hiring of a facilitator. The process will take place over six months. The facilitator will continue work to provide documentation and a final report to ERWC, Trail Defenders, and the Forest Service.

The facilitator will acknowledge the CPW Grant Funding in communications with the stakeholders, acknowledge funding source in presentations, and in their documents including their final report. CPW Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo will be displayed during public open houses and on all produced documents that display partner acknowledgement.

**DEFINITIONS?** Do you need to define any terms or acronyms that are used in your project description?

OHV- Off-Highway Vehicle

NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act

ERWC- Eagle River Watershed Council

FS- Forest Service

FSR- Forest Service Route

## Budget Form

**Project Name: Camp Hale-Vail Pass Stakeholder Grant**

**Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2024**

**Project Sponsor: Eagle River Watershed Council**

\*\*\*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)	\$ 82,782		\$ 82,782.00
Other Funding Sources			
USFS Staff Support (Recreation Managers, Fisheries Biologists, Rangers)	\$ -	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 105,782.00</b>

List uses of grant funding (only) below

<b>I. Personnel Costs</b>			
<small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>			
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr	Quantity	Total Cost
Eagle River Watershed Council Projects Coordinator	\$ 32.00	120 hours	\$ 3,840.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	120.00	<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>
<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>III. Equipment</b>			
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>III.A. FLEET Equipment</b>			
<small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>IV. Contracted Services</b>			
<small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
Stakeholder Engagement Facilitator	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 75,000.00</b>
<b>V. Volunteer Support</b>			
<small>Identify as: <u>For Volunteers Only</u> 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>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>VI. Insurance</b>			
<small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>VII. Grant Administrative Costs</b> (Non-profit organizations only)			
<small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer &amp; printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Administrative Costs	\$ 3,942.00		\$ 3,942.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,942.00</b>
			<b>Total</b>
			<b>\$ 82,782.00</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	Camp Hale-Vail Pass Planning Grant	Project Sponsor	Eagle River Watershed Council
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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:

White River Land and Resource Management Plan Date: 2002

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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:

Trish Barrere, [patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov](mailto:patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov), 970-274-6267

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

Leanne Veldhuis, District Ranger

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Land Manager Signature and Title Date

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## PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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*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.

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

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

The objective of this project is to engage stakeholders to develop and provide recommendations to the Forest Service for a long-term OHV connection between Camp Hale and Vail Pass.

Forest Service Route (FSR) 708.1, McAllister Gulch (locally known as Wearyman), has historically provided the desired OHV connection between Camp Hale and Vail Pass, via Shrine Pass. In 2019, a hillslope failure occurred on the lower portion of FSR 708.1. Through condition analysis, discussion, and due to safety considerations, the portion of FSR 708.1 that connects Shrine Pass Road and Camp Hale was temporarily closed and remained closed until August of 2022. A grant was awarded to the Eagle River Watershed Council through the National Forest Foundation to remove the hillslope failure debris, fortify the lower six stream crossings and perform heavy road maintenance, which resulted in the route reopening in August of 2022.

This route has been and is heavily used by the OHV community and provides the only OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale. The area is a destination that is adjacent to the world-class resort communities of Vail and Beaver Creek and has been used by ATVs, Side by Sides, Jeeps, and other off-road vehicles for decades. Additionally, the Camp Hale area was recently designated as a National Monument – Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. With the designation, visitation is likely to increase, and maintaining a sustainable OHV connection will benefit both new visitors to the National Monument and those who have long valued this access.

With the route being co-located in a tight valley bottom with Wearyman Creek, extensive erosion and downcutting to the road has occurred along with sedimentation into Wearyman Creek and Turkey Creek, which is a municipal water supply for the Town of Red Cliff. The negative interactions between the route and Wearyman Creek led the Eagle-Holy Cross District Fisheries Biologist to apply for a Legacy Roads and Trails grant called the Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project, which has a goal of improving watershed health in the Wearyman Creek drainage. The grant has been awarded with a five-year timeline for planning and implementation.

Funding for this stakeholder grant is a priority because it will provide guidance for implementing the Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project. Engaging with stakeholders, partners, and other interested parties will provide the Forest Service with a vetted recommendation for a preferred long-term OHV connection that both meets the needs of user groups and benefits watershed health.

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

The area that the route is located within serves as a year-round recreation destination, a municipal water supply, and is of ecological importance which are driving factors for the stakeholder engagement process.

Eagle River Watershed Council has supported the route through National Forest Foundation grant funding in 2020, 2021, and 2022 along the entirety of FSR 747, Wearyman, and the 0.7 miles of FSR 708.1, McAllister, that runs along Wearyman Creek. The funding addressed deferred maintenance, failed road culverts, and other various road-stream interactions to decrease sediment runoff to improve water quality and riparian habitat.

OHV users and jeep clubs from around the state are invested in maintaining the OHV connection between Camp Hale and Vail Pass. While the route was closed between 2019 and 2022, Mile-Hi Jeep Club and Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE) reached out to the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District and offered volunteer and equipment support to get the route reopened. The local 4X4 Club, Eagle County 4x4, has expressed gratitude for the route being reopened.

The Town of Red Cliff has remained engaged in the status of FSR 708.1 as the closure of the route had negative economic impacts for their community. The closure meant there was no connection for OHV users to get from Red Cliff or Shrine Pass Road to 35 miles of OHV trails in the greater Camp Hale area.

The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District staff have been working diligently since the 2019 hillslope failure to collect data along the route, engage with partners, and re-open the route. The \$2 million funding from the Legacy Roads and Trails grant is secured and the next step is to fund the stakeholder engagement process.

### Legacy Roads and Trails Funding for Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project

Fiscal Year	Amount Allocated	Objective
FY23	\$75,000	Alternatives Feasibility Research
FY24-25	\$200,000	NEPA, Analysis & Design
FY26-27	\$1,725,000	Implementation & Operations



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

This project will deliver vetted recommendations for an OHV connection between Camp Hale and Vail Pass to support the Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project NEPA process. The current OHV connection between the two areas is of concern due to erosion, sedimentation, and hillslope failures which impact the OHV rider's experience and the environment. The Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project goals are to:

- Improve watershed health,
- Promote ecosystem resiliency
- Provide for sustainable future OHV and motorized access, and
- Reduce the instream sedimentation negatively impacting both stream habitat and the municipal water supply

The stakeholder engagement process will result in a solution-oriented recommendation to provide a connection that considers ecological impacts, is resilient to OHV use and maintains the current route's OHV characteristics. We are confident that through intentional design and management an ecologically and recreationally sustainable solution is possible.

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

A robust stakeholder engagement process will be of benefit to the OHV community and other stakeholders beyond the deliverable.

The project will have a major emphasis on travel management and reducing interpersonal conflicts among various users. As described above, the current route has issues that impact both OHV users and watershed health. This project will promote active OHV management and benefit OHV users by engaging users in the planning process prior to NEPA. The idea is to work through documented on-ground issues and competing desires through the engagement process.

The process will also help educate stakeholders on Forest Service processes and should help build relationships between all parties. Forest Service staff will be available to the working group to help explain the 2011 White River Travel Management Plan, road standards and design, and the 2002 White River Land and Resource Management Plan. With early agreement from users, compliance should increase as the users will be invested in the decision.

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### **Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria**

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An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

**Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering.** Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

#### **Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement**

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

#### **Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement**

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

## Land Acquisition Grant –Criteria Questions

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An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

### I. Site Description

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

### II. Planning

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

### III. Public Notice

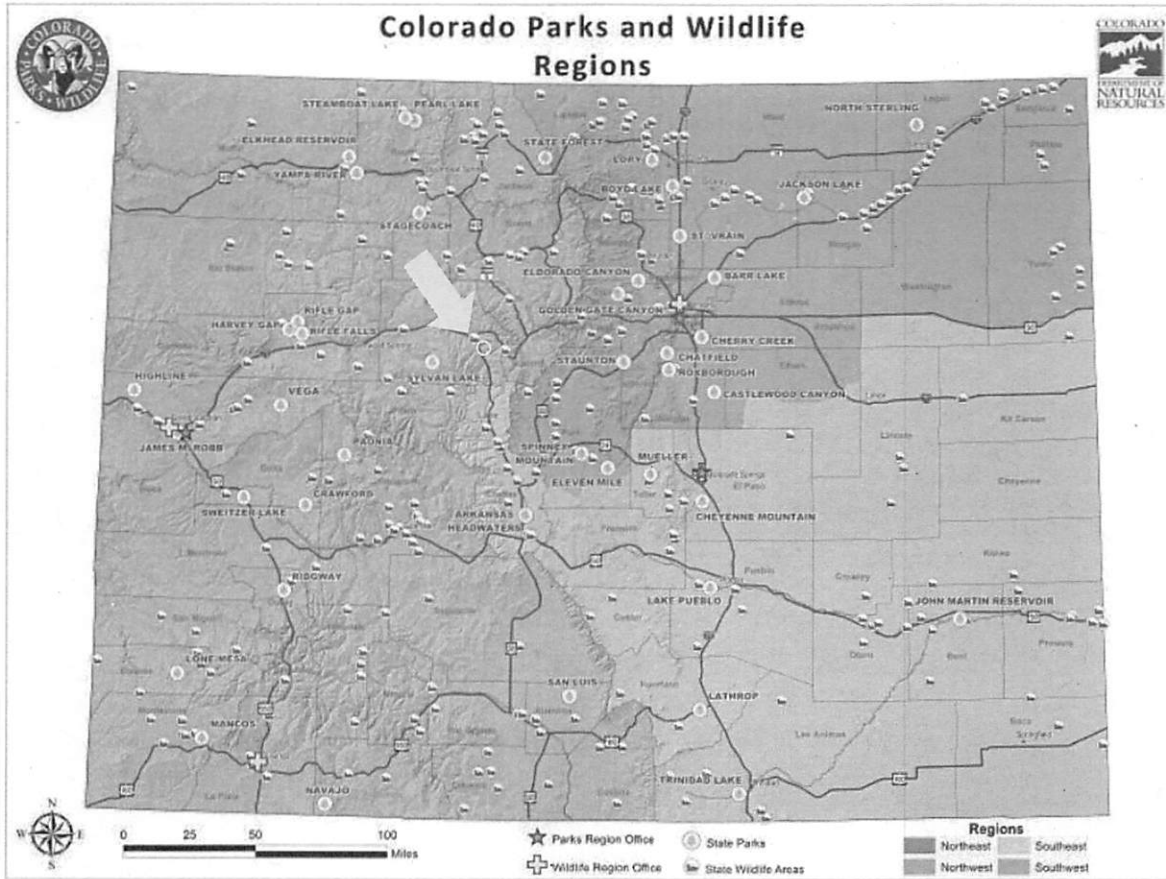
- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

### IV. Public Involvement

- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

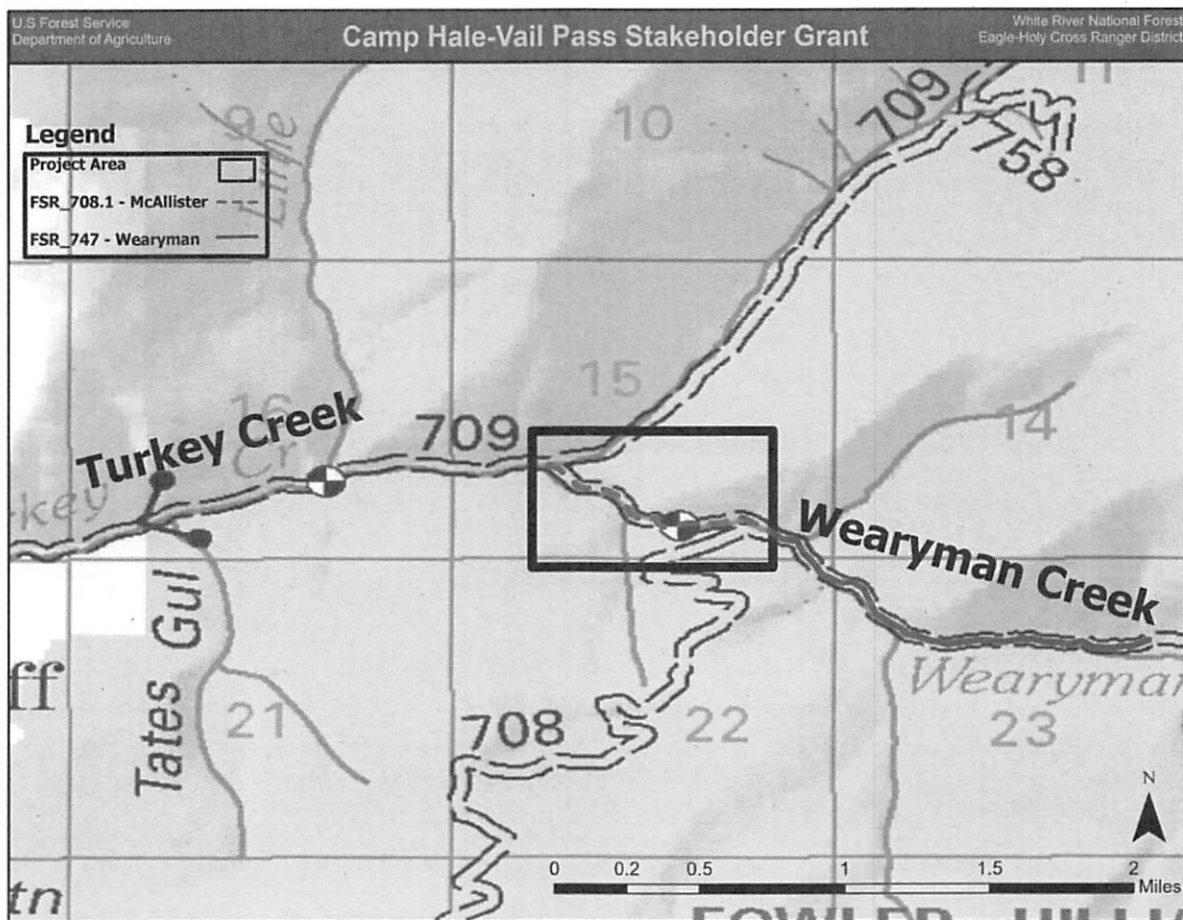
# E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

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.



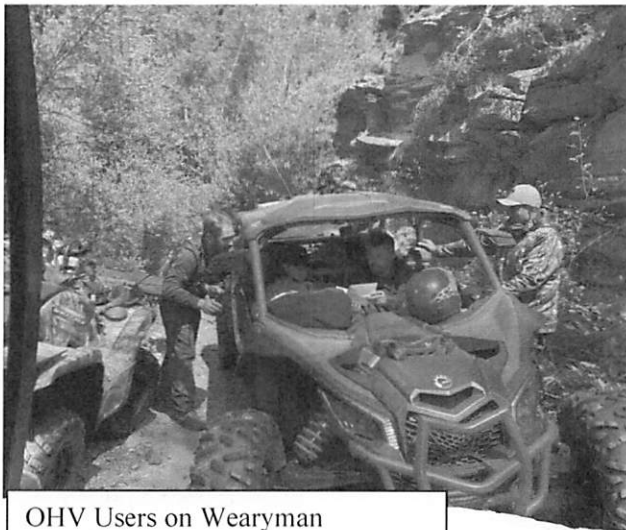
## (F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Items to consider including may be:

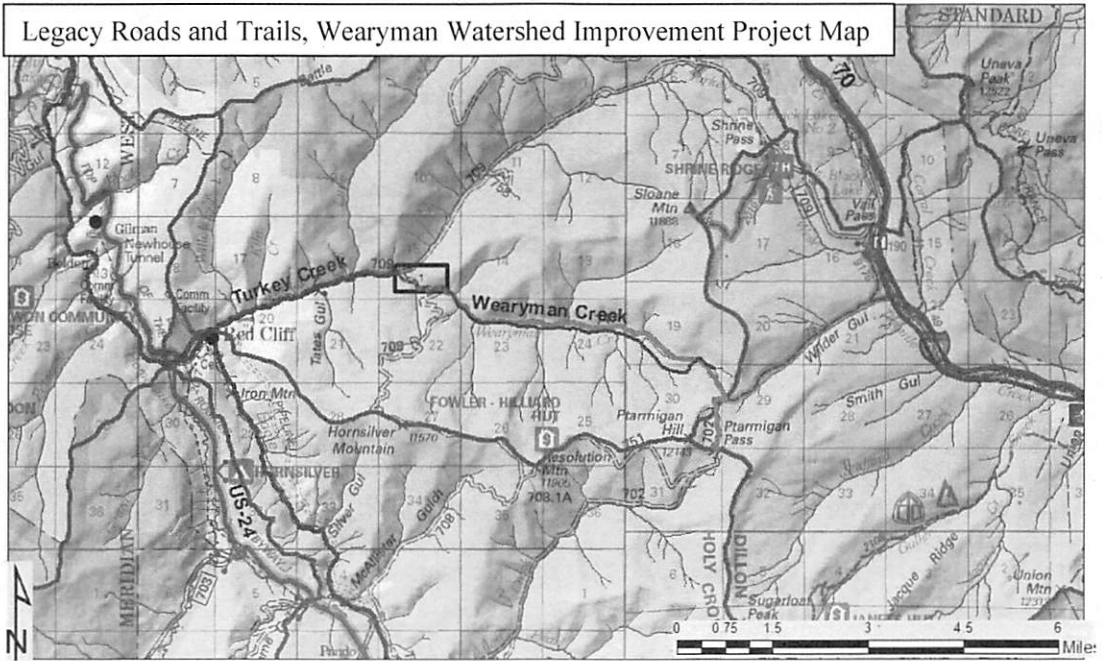
- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project



Wearyman Creek has overtaken FSR 708.1 due to decades of erosion.


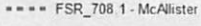
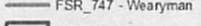
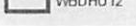


Legacy Roads and Trails, Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project Map



**Wearyman Watershed Improvement Project  
Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District,  
White River National Forest**

**Legend**

-  Project Area
-  FSR\_708 1 - McAllister
-  FSR\_747 - Wearyman
-  WBDHU12





## Budget Estimate

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As requested, please see below for a budget estimate from the Civic Consulting Collaborative to support a stakeholder engagement process to identify an Off-Highway Vehicle route in Eagle County.

## Details

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The following outlines a cost estimate for the proposed statement of work described.

Tasks	Cost \$
<b>Task 1: Stakeholder Interviews:</b> Identify up to 20 stakeholders, design interview guide in partnership with client, interview up to 20 stakeholders, provide a brief report of key themes	\$4,480
<b>Task 2: Meeting Facilitation:</b> Design and facilitate 2 hour monthly in person meetings in Eagle County with group to discuss FS Forest Plan, road specifications, Travel Management, and other relevant policy; Design and facilitate three four hour work sessions	\$21,225
<b>Task 3: Public Engagement:</b> Host 2 open houses for the public	\$9,100
<b>Task 4: Survey:</b> Design and deploy a public survey, data analysis, provide written report of key themes (note: this cost may increase depending on the level of analysis required)	\$4,830
<b>Task 5: Final Report:</b> Provide a final written report with desired OHV route alternative	\$6,680
<b>Task 6: Project Management:</b> Communications/Management/etc.	\$10,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,815</b>

**PROJECT BUDGET**

CLIENT:	USFS
PROJECT TITLE:	OHV Trail Stakeholder Engagement
DATES:	2024
SUBMITTED:	November 22, 2022

PROJECT LABOR DESCRIPTION	Program Manager	Program Associate
	\$165	\$135
<b>Task 1: Project Kickoff &amp; Stakeholder Identification</b>		
Kickoff Meeting	3	3
Identifying Stakeholders	5	10
Stakeholder Interviews (assume 10 one-hour virtual interviews)	15	20
<b>Task 2: Working Group Meetings</b>		
Monthly in-person working group meetings (assume 10 two-hour meetings, preparation, facilitation, documentation)	60	70
<b>Task 3: Public Open Houses</b>		
Two open houses (assume preparation, facilitation, documentation)	40	50
<b>Task 4: Project Management &amp; Deliverables</b>		
Final Report / Recommendations	10	10
Project Management	24	12

STAFFING	HOURS	RATES	AMOUNT
Program Manager	157	\$165.00	\$25,905.00
Program Associate	175	\$135.00	\$23,625.00
Financial Director	12	\$195.00	\$2,340.00
<b>TOTAL STAFFING</b>			<b>\$51,870.00</b>

OTHER DIRECT COSTS	UNITS	RATES	AMOUNT
Mileage (Assume 12 Round Trips)	2900	\$0.63	\$1,812.50
Lodging and Per Diem Per Person	24	\$255.00	\$6,120.00
<b>TOTAL ODC</b>			<b>\$7,932.50</b>

<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>\$59,802.50</b>
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### **(G) Letters of Project Support**

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Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators

Please find attached letters of support from Wildridge Trail Coalition, Nova Guides, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Huts, Eagle County, Town of Redcliff, and Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance.

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November 20, 2022

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

Dear Mr. Metsa and Members of the OHV Subcommittee,

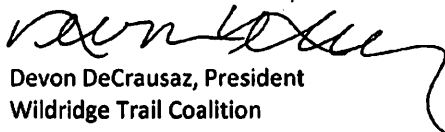
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The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area. The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure to the route. We support the effort to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that balances OHV recreation, water quality and forest health.

The greater Camp Hale and Vail Pass areas attract visitors from across the country and provide economic stimulation from OHV dollars to the adjoining local communities in Eagle County and beyond. Families can rent machines from businesses at Camp Hale or Red Cliff, hunters can access remote areas via their OHVs, and the Wearyman/McAllister loop provides a challenging route with scenic views. Establishing a sustainable OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale is critical to provide a better experience for OHV users, protect water quality and the support local economies.

Wildridge Trail Coalition respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of this grant proposal.

Sincerely,



Devon DeCrausaz, President  
Wildridge Trail Coalition

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Wildridge Trail Coalition is a Colorado nonprofit corporation and public charity approved under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Federal Tax ID #85-4214696.

Wildridge Trail Coalition's mission is to collaborate with and provide direction to key stakeholders to ensure all user groups, machine or muscle powered, have sustainable access to designated trails in Eagle County, Colorado.



November 18, 2022

Seth Mayer, General Manager  
DNC Parks and Resorts at Camp Hale, Inc.  
NovaGuides, Inc.

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

DNC Parks and Resorts at Camp Hale, Inc writes in support of Eagle River Watershed Council's 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process for an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route.

The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area. The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure to the route. We support the effort to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that balances OHV recreation, water quality and forest health because we support enhancing and maintaining access to public lands for all OHV.

The greater Camp Hale and Vail Pass areas attract visitors from across the country and provide economic stimulation from OHV dollars to the adjoining local communities in Eagle County and beyond. Families can rent machines from businesses at Camp Hale or Red Cliff, hunters can access remote areas via their OHVs, and the Wearyman/McAllister loop provides a challenging route with scenic views. Establishing a sustainable OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale is critical to provide a better experience for OHV users, protect water quality and the support local economies.

DNC Parks and Resorts at Camp Hale, Inc respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Trail Defender's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

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Seth A. Mayer  
General Manager  
DNC Parks and Resorts at Camp Hale, Inc  
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November 29, 2022

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

Tenth Mountain Division Hut Association writes in support of Eagle River Watershed Council's 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process for an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route.

The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area. The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure of the route. 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain supports the effort to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that preserves characteristics of a natural mountain environment including water resources, vegetation, soils, and wildlife, and supports sustainable recreation. Establishing this alternative would demonstrate thoughtful management of the land and responsible public use.

10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Hut Association respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of this grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Ben Dodge  
Executive Director



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November 28, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant Committee:

The Eagle County Board of County Commissioners supports the Eagle River Watershed Council and Trail Defender's 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process to locate and consider an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route. The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area.

The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure to the route. Eagle County has a strategic priority to protect our mountain ecosystems. We support the effort to try to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that balances historic OHV recreation, provides an enhanced recreation experience, and protects and improves water quality and forest health. The greater Camp Hale and Vail Pass areas attract visitors from across the country and provide economic stimulation from OHV dollars to the adjoining local communities, such as Red Cliff, in Eagle County and beyond.

Visitors can rent machines from businesses at Camp Hale or Red Cliff, hunters can access remote areas via their OHVs, and the Wearyman/McAllister loop provides a challenging route with scenic views. The current Wearyman route with extensive erosion has created sedimentation and water quality impacts for the Red Cliff water intake system. We support trying to locate a more environmentally sustainable OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale. If during the stakeholder collaborative process a more feasible solution is not found. We support utilizing funds to further harden and fortify the current Wearyman route. Partners are aligned and ready to collaborate. Bipartisan Infrastructure funding has been acquired and available to implement the collaborative solution that this stakeholder planning process grant will afford. Having thoughtful alternative route planning will create long lasting positive impacts critical to provide a better experience for visitors, protect water quality and support local economies.

Eagle County enthusiastically supports and asks Colorado Parks and Wildlife to consider the Eagle River Watershed Council and Trail Defender's 2024 grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process to locate an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route.

Sincerely,

Jeff Shroll

County Manager



11/21/2022

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

The Town of Red Cliff writes in support of Eagle River Watershed Council's 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process for an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route.

The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area. The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure to the route. We support the effort to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that balances OHV recreation, water quality and forest health because of the strong culture of hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation within our community as well as the access of others to our businesses which rely on this sort of tourism/visitation.

The greater Camp Hale and Vail Pass areas attract visitors from across the country and provide economic stimulation from OHV dollars to the adjoining local communities in Eagle County and beyond. Families can rent machines from businesses at Camp Hale or Red Cliff, hunters can access remote areas via their OHVs, and the Wearyman/McAllister loop provides a challenging route with scenic views. Establishing a sustainable OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale is critical to provide a better experience for OHV users, protect water quality and the support local economies.

The Town of Red Cliff respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Trail Defender's grant proposal.

Regards,

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Duke Gerber  
Mayor, Town of Red Cliff





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To: CPW State Recreational Trails Committee  
Grant: CPW OHG Grant Program - State Trails Committee  
Date: November, 21, 2022

Dear State Recreational Trails Committee,

The Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA) writes in support of Eagle River Watershed Council's 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant application to fund a Stakeholder Planning Process for an alternative Camp Hale to Vail Pass OHV route.

The grant will provide the necessary funds to hire a facilitator to engage a robust and diverse group of stakeholders on the potential OHV connections that connect Camp Hale to the Vail Pass area. The current OHV connection, known as Wearyman, has experienced years of excessive erosion which led to a hillside failure and a three-year closure to the route. We support the effort to find a sustainable and permanent alternative that balances OHV recreation, water quality and forest health.

A majority of OHV recreational trails and roads are also open to non-motorized forms of recreation such as mountain biking, hiking, and trail running. A new sustainable alignment connecting Camp Hale to Vail Pass would benefit OHV users but also non-motorized users that recreate in this area. As the leading non-motorized trail advocates in Eagle County, we see that there are many benefits to a diverse group of recreational users that could be identified through this planning process.

The greater Camp Hale and Vail Pass areas attract visitors from across the country and provide economic stimulation from OHV dollars to the adjoining local communities in Eagle County and beyond. Families can rent machines from businesses at Camp Hale or Red Cliff, hunters can access remote areas via their OHVs, and the Wearyman/McAllister loop provides a challenging route with scenic views. Establishing a sustainable OHV connection between Vail Pass and Camp Hale is critical to provide a better experience for OHV users, protect water quality and to support local economies.

The VVMTA respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of the Eagle River Watershed Council's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Executive Director  
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