



2023-2024

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

Name of Project: Big Bend OHV Beginner Track		Date of Application: 11/1/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$108,320	Grant Request: \$102,320	
<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: Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)		
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 454, Salida, CO 81201		
		Fax:
Telephone: 719-207-5223	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

PROJECT CONTACT		
<small>This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>		
Name: Courtney Brown	Title: CCMR Board	
Mailing Address: 10140 Blackfoot Lane Salida CO 81201		
Telephone: 719-207-5223	Fax:	Email: courtneybrwn@yahoo.com
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT		
<small>This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>		
Name: Courtney Brown	Title: CCMR Board	
Mailing Address: 10140 Blackfoot Lane Salida CO 81201		
Telephone: 719-207-5223	Fax:	Email: courtneybrwn@yahoo.com

GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:	Title:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Salida, CO	
County(ies): Chaffee County	
Township/Range/Section: 50N/8E/22	
State Senate District #: 5	
State Representative District #: 60	
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> 1.1 </u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u> 1.3 </u> Miles of Full-sized: _____
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side <input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input 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.)
45	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
55	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 %)
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SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Big Bend OHV Beginner Track	Project No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small>
Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Courtney Brown	Application No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small>
Total Project Cost: \$108,320	Grant Request: \$102,320

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

WHO?
 Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) is a non-profit motorcycle club of more than 250 members located in and around Salida, CO and have volunteered more than 8740 hours toward OHV initiatives since 2016. CCMR will be responsible for helping manage the beginner OHV track and bike trailer in partnership with the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) state parks office. CCMR will also provide volunteer effort.

WHERE?
 The Big Bend OHV Track is located in Chaffee County and is managed by AHRA state parks office in Salida. The OHV area consists of a small track, a large motocross track, and a singletrack loop. Facilities include a state parks fee station, vault bathroom, picnic pavilion, and maintained parking lot.

WHAT?
 CCMR has partnered with AHRA to improve and maintain the Big Bend OHV track. In recent years, the club and state parks office have worked together to get BLM approval of the new single track and large motocross track additions. Both have been great additions for OHV users. CCMR holds volunteer work parties to help maintain the single track and AHRA loaned the club a tractor in 2021 to help with maintenance. CCMR was also awarded a state CPW OHV grant in 2022 for phase 1 improvements - tractor, implements, dirt and water lease.

CCMR plans to use OHV grant money to improve the facilities around the kid/beginner track and provide riding/educational opportunities. The desired facilities include installing a covered picnic pavilion, picnic tables, bench, grills, and handicap accessible parking. The club also plans to purchase an enclosed trailer with a fleet of beginner off road motorcycles. Salida Parks and Recreation and AHRA are willing to work with the club on this.

WHEN?
 CCMR presently assists AHRA by helping maintain the Big Bend track. We will begin and complete the improvements to the beginner track project and purchase a trailer and bikes as soon as funds are available in 2024.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – By State Trails Committee Policy, project sponsors are required to acknowledge and credit the OHV grant program for funding received. Please describe

how your project will provide that acknowledgement (i.e., signs, logo's, kiosks, etc.) Please incorporate the *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo within that acknowledgement.

Big Bend OHV area has a sign at the entrance acknowledging the area is made possible by CPW OHV grant money. We shall add extra recognition, including an OHV registration logo on the trailer. The trailer will be a great way to promote "Colorado Registration Dollars at Work".

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

CCMR - Central Colorado Mountain Riders

AHRA - Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

BLM - Bureau of Land Management

TPA - Trails Preservation Alliance

Budget Form

Project Name: Big Bend OHV Beginner Track

Date Project will be Completed: 2024

Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)

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.

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)			\$ 102,320.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CCMR volunteer hours towards project - estimated 200 hours @ \$30/hr	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 108,320.00

I. Personnel Costs <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		Total Cost
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPA use only: Appropriate number of salaries</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Item	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Picnic Pavilion	\$ 35,270.00	1	\$ 35,270.00
Picnic Tables	\$ 3,300.00	2	\$ 6,600.00
Charcoal Grills	\$ 1,300.00	2	\$ 2,600.00
Bench	\$ 700.00	1	\$ 700.00
Concrete	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
		Category Total	\$ 55,170.00
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment, rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
20ft Enclosed Trailer	\$ 14,000.00	1	\$ 14,000.00
Offroad motorcycles	\$ 28,000.00	1	\$ 28,000.00
Helmets/Boots	\$ 1,600.00	1	\$ 1,600.00
		Category Total	\$ 43,600.00
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: For Volunteer Only: Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>			
CCMR Volunteer Workdays	\$ 250.00	1	\$ 250.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 250.00
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
Trailer and motorcycle insurance	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
		Category Total	\$ 3,000.00
VII. Grant Administrative Costs (non-profit organizations only) <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Administration Costs	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 300.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 300.00
Total			\$ 102,320.00

* 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 the approval from the Program

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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name Big Bend OHV Phase 2 Project Sponsor CCMR

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:

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Final Management Plan & Environmental Assessment Date: June 2019

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

Date and title of document:

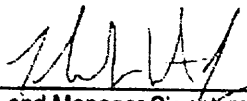
United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Recreation or Public Purposes Lease

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 (date).

Thomas A. Waters Jr. Park Manager, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

 11/21/22 _____
Land Manager Signature and Title Date
Park Manager

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Not Applicable

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

The project will allow CCMR to continue to make the Big Bend OHV track an enjoyable year round riding area for all ages and abilities. Specifically, CCMR's goal is to make the track more family and beginner friendly, ADA accessible, and more enjoyable through capital improvements.

CCMR is requesting OHV grant funding for two things. First, to build a picnic pavilion at the beginner track just like the one for the main track. This will be a great area for families to gather and ride with a covered area, picnic tables, bench and grills. It will also include handicap accessible parking. Second, CCMR proposes to purchase an enclosed trailer and beginner dirt bikes to assist the community in learning about dirt biking and providing the opportunity to ride for kids and beginners. The club will do this in conjunction with Salida Parks and Rec and AHRA..

The track was improved in 2022 thanks to AHRA providing the club with a tractor to borrow and adding some new dirt. In 2023, CCMR will receive OHV grant money for equipment, water, and dirt for the track. For 2024, CCMR proposes to make capital improvements around the beginner track. These permanent facilities will improve OHV riding for many years. We also propose to usher and educate beginners into the sport with the purchase of the beginner-level bikes, gear, and an enclosed trailer. CCMR has a long term commitment to Big Bend and considers these improvements part of phase two.

This project will promote family dirt bike riding. It will also provide the opportunity for people of all ages, incomes and ethnic backgrounds an opportunity to safely learn and experience riding dirt bikes. Colorado has seen record breaking numbers of outdoor recreators in recent years. The riding area has continued to grow in popularity and the outcomes of this grant will improve the track's offerings immediately.

The track continues to grow in popularity from riders with all skill levels because of the continuous improvements. The beginner track is open to dirt bike and ATV riders. CCMR plans to continue this and expand Big Bend's recreation activities to make it more beginner friendly. With the purchase of beginner motorcycles, this grant seeks to bring new riders and their families to recreate in Salida's parks and recreation areas. The educational bike trailer and capital improvements to the family area has the potential to benefit hundreds of new OHV users.

Big Bend provides year round opportunities for riders with all skill levels from the beginner track to the main track. By making the beginner track more family and beginner friendly, riders are able to progress their skills throughout the years directly at Big Bend's riding area.

Specifically, this grant will fund:

- A new pavilion built on a concrete pad
- Two new picnic tables
- Two new charcoal grills
- One new bench
- ADA parking

- Beginner motorcycles to educate and usher beginner riders into the sport
- An enclosed trailer to store the motorcycles
- Gear for riders

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

The Big Bend OHV Beginner Track grant is supported by CCMR, AHRA, Trails Preservation Alliance(TPA) and Salida Parks and Recreation. CCMR contributed over 1577 volunteer hours in 2022 to various OHV efforts and plans to use its volunteers for this project again. CCMR is also excited to work with AHRA and the Salida Parks & Recreation to make Big Bend more ADA accessible and beginner and family friendly to all who enjoy what the motorized community brings.

Both CCMR and AHRA have offered many hours with this project to better foster the environment the Big Bend riding area offers to those of all skill levels. AHRA will provide fuel, help with general maintenance, and will provide storage for the trailer.

CCMR has had a strong relationship with the Salida Ranger District over the past 6 years and looks to continue its positive relationship through local rider education. The USFS has two certified motorcycle instructors who support this project.

CCMR has also volunteered many hours with the Salida Parks and Recreation over the last few years. The club has assisted in mountain bike and other local events for Salida. Salida Parks and Recreation can advertise riding opportunities to locals in the area. They are interested in putting the bikes in their programming and shuttling families and beginners out to the track. The picnic pavilion will be a well used facility for events like this.

The TPA plays a very important role supporting OHV activities in Colorado. They have made great strides over the last few years to get smaller clubs organized. The TPA has been very helpful to CCMR and supports this project.

This grant looks to continue the positive momentum and upgrades the area is experiencing by investing in the capital improvements needed to improve the track's infrastructure to keep up with the area's increased visitors.

CCMR is unaware of any controversy the Big Bend OHV riding area has caused to the community.

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

The principal objectives of the Big Bend OHV Beginner Track project are capital improvements and rider education to an already established riding area. The capital improvements are a picnic pavilion, ADA parking, two picnic tables, two charcoal grills, and a bench.

This project helps to promote the avoidance of sensitive environmental resources that AHRA and CCMR have made continual improvements to protect. In years past, CCMR and AHRA have worked together by establishing legal routes to protect the endangered species, *Eriogonum Brandegeei* (local buckwheat plant), from unwanted use. CCMR looks to continue protecting the environment by designating specific recreation areas and parking in front of the beginner track and parking lot.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

AHRA will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the picnic pavilion, ADA parking, picnic tables, benches and grills. These capital improvements will be built to the same quality and specs as all of their other facilities. The items will also match the picnic area by the large motocross track.

The City of Salida and AHRA have offered parking space for the trailer. CCMR will be responsible for the purchase, registration, insurance and maintenance of the enclosed trailer and the dirt bikes. The trailer will be a new 20ft enclosed Vneck bumper trailer. The cost of the trailer is \$14,000. The dirt bikes will be two new Stacyc and six new Yamahas. The Yamaha models are a PW50, TTR50e, TTR 110e, TTR125le,

YZ125 and TTR230e. The cost of the bikes is \$28,000. Annual registration cost is expected to be \$151.50. Annual insurance cost is expected to be \$3,000. Annual maintenance cost is expected to be \$1,800. The trailer will also have a variety of helmets, goggles and boots. The cost of these items is \$1,600.

The trailer can be used year round at the Big Bend OHV area. The dirt bike trailer also has the potential to travel and be used by government agencies (USFS, BLM, state parks, etc) and other non-profit OHV clubs. If it is no longer needed, CCMR will coordinate with the OHV committee on what to do with the trailer and bikes. CCMR could donate them to an appropriate club/agency or sell the items to benefit other approved OHV projects.

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

Travel Management:

The project will enhance and promote OHV riding for beginners and families. The beginner track is right next to the parking lot, beginner friendly, and can be used by ATVs and dirt bikes. Currently there is not a place to get out of the sun or sit and watch by the beginner track. Families tend to participate in groups at the track for extended periods of time. The picnic pavilion will provide a much better experience to visitors and riders of all experiences.

The trailer with dirt bikes will allow many people an opportunity to learn about OHV riding. Riding a dirt bike or ATV is something that many people and kids do not have access to. CCMR volunteers would love to help provide this opportunity.

Since 2016, CCMR volunteers have spent 8740 hours giving back to OHV riding opportunities. Members are committed to improving riding opportunities, educating the public, and volunteering their time. This grant will greatly aid volunteers in improving and maintaining the beginner and main public motocross tracks at Big Bend by building upon the past success and increased popularity the track has experienced.

Education

The project will provide education and promotion to both OHV and non-OHV users. Salida Parks and Rec is interested in putting the dirt bike trailer in its programming. They volunteered to advertise riding opportunities and shuttle people to the track. The USFS has two certified instructors and there are several schools in the state that Salida could work with. CCMR will provide help with getting the bikes ready and available for any formal class.

There will also be many informal riding opportunities. The bikes will be made available to CCMR members and non-members on a regular basis. AHRA will help with waivers through their volunteer program. By educating and teaching new riders in a controlled and maintained track, CCMR is able to educate beginner riders on how to be responsible riders and trail stewards early in their riding career.

CCMR believes providing help to families wanting to try the sport is very important. The bike trailer has endless chances to accomplish this. Besides formal and informal riding at Big Bend, the trailer could be used by other nonprofit clubs, state parks, and USFS for education. It could also travel to other Colorado riding areas and events.

Big Bend OHV area has a sign at the entrance acknowledging the area is made possible by CPW OHV grant money. We shall add extra recognition, including an OHV registration logo on the trailer.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

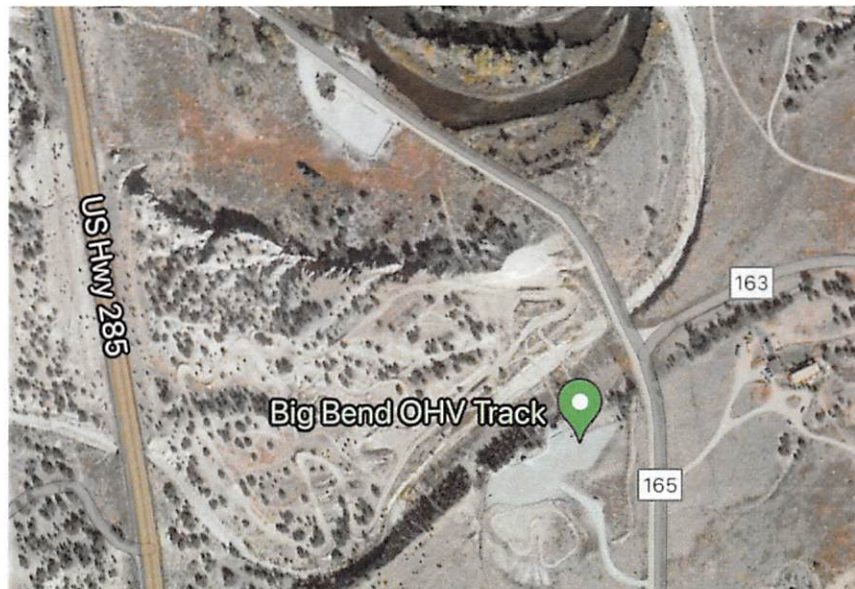
Not applicable

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

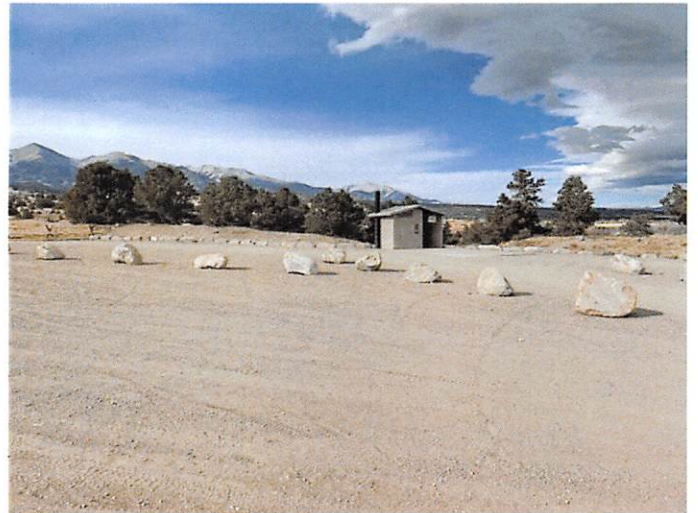
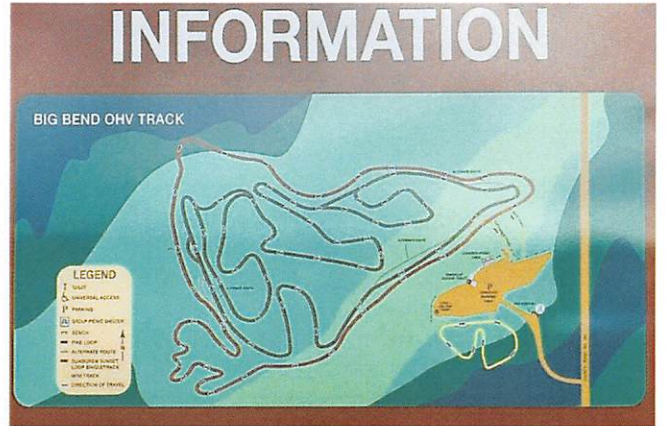
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Map:



(F) Project Illustration





(G) Letters of Project Support

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



1 December 2022

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

SUBJECT: Letter of Support Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Big Bend OHV Track Grant Application

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

Please accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as a letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), Big Bend OHV Track Grant Application for 2024. 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 Subcommittee's consideration of CCMR's application for facility improvements at the Big Bend OHV Track and the club's endeavors to educate and train off-highway motorcycle riders. The TPA has long been a supporter of and advocate for responsible riding and endorse the needs for expanded and enhanced rider training facilities, rider learning experiences and opportunities for enthusiasts new to the sport of off-highway motorcycling. Improved rider skills coupled with stewardship education will indeed lead to improved resource appreciation and recreational experiences.

CCMR has demonstrated a unique ability to be creative in partnering with their local land managers to make significant accomplishments that support multiple-use recreation while protecting our outdoor natural resources.

The TPA encourages the OHV Subcommittee to objectively consider the unique nature of this grant application along with the vision and potential of CCMR's proposal.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

November 17, 2022

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

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Big Bend Track application.

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) was established by Colorado's 1988 House Bill 1253, also known as the Arkansas River Recreational Act. Signed April 21, 1988, this bill identified the Arkansas River from the confluence of the East and Lake Forks to the Pueblo reservoir as a major recreation attraction and a vital resource for residents and non-residents alike. Beginning October 27, 1989, it was our job to protect the recreational quality of the Arkansas River and its adjacent lands.

The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area that we know today, stretches over 152 miles of river corridor and sees over one million visitors per year, a number that continues to grow. The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is recognized as one of the nation's most popular whitewater rafting and kayaking locations and is home to a world-class fishery. The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is a cooperative effort between Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW), the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the US Forest Service (USFS). Through this partnership, we provide visitors with outstanding recreation opportunities and care for the natural resources of the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

The Big Bend OHV Track, located just outside of Salida, offers beginner to advanced OHV riding experiences for visitors of all ages. CCMR members are instrumental in keeping the Big Bend OHV Track open and operational through their volunteer maintenance efforts.

CCMR is an all-volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized trail opportunities in the central Colorado area. CCMR's members partner with the USFS, BLM, and AHRA to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multi-use recreation.

Heather Dugan, Acting Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Parks and Wildlife Commission: Carrie Besnette Hauser, Chair • Dallas May, Vice-Chair • Marie Haskett, Secretary • Taishya Adams
Karen Bailey • Betsy Blacha • Gabriel Otero • Duke Phillips, IV • Richard Reading • James Jay Tutchton • Eden Yardy





COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

CCMR's application for Phase 2 at the Big Bend OHV Track will allow them to make improvements to the small track and facilities and educational opportunities through a fleet of bikes, including a trailer for safe storage and transport.

The request also includes a covered picnic and shade structure with two picnic tables, parking, sitting bench and two charcoal grills. This will allow families to have a place to sit and watch their kids ride on the small track as well as create a space for those families to have lunch and sit under the shade. This area is becoming more and more popular with local community families and we want to provide a safe and comfortable place for them to recreate and watch their children recreate.

We appreciate your time in this matter and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area recommends the approval of CCMR's Phase 2 Big Bend OHV Track Grant Application.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Waters Jr.
Park Manager
Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
Colorado Parks & Wildlife



File Code: 1580: 2300

Date: November 18, 2022

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado State Parks OHV Program

13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from the US Forest Service (USFS), Salida Ranger District as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Big Bend OHV Track Maintenance application.

The Salida Ranger District works closely with CCMR each year to ensure our OHV recreation opportunities are sustainable, safe, and remain open. CCMR has proven to be an excellent partner due to their commitment to on the ground trail stewardship including adoption of 5 FS trails on our district. Over the last 6 years, CCMR has been integral to improving our OHV opportunities such as rerouting the Rainbow Trail and opening the route in entirety once again after the 2016 Hayden Pass fire. Our district recognizes CCMR's efforts and looks forward to continuing the positive partnership that is in place.

CCMR is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized trail opportunities in the central Colorado area. CCMR's members partner with the US Forest Service (FS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation.

The CCMR club has adopted approximately 50 miles of singletrack trails on BLM and FS. The club manages property via formal volunteer agreements. As part of these agreements, CCMR provides trail clearing and maintenance on these high-use trails. CCMR has also been helping AHRA improve and maintain the track and trail at Big Bend OHV area.

Big Bend has a small track, large track and a single-track loop. The area is a great year-round riding area for all ages and abilities. The track was improved in 2022 thanks to AHRA providing the club with a tractor to borrow and adding some new dirt. In 2023, CCMR will receive OHV grant money for equipment, water, and dirt for the track.

In phase 2, CCMR and AHRA would like to improve the beginner track area and experience. CCMR would like OHV grant funding for two things. First, to build a picnic pavilion at the beginner track just like the one for the main track. This will be a great area for families to gather and ride with a covered area, picnic tables, bench and grills. It will also include handicap



accessible parking. Second, CCMR would like an enclosed trailer and beginner dirt bikes to assist the community in learning about dirt biking and providing the opportunity to ride for kids and beginners. The club would like to do this with Salida Parks and Rec and AHRA.

For the above reasons, USFS Salida Ranger District strongly recommends the approval of CCMR's Big Bend OHV Beginner Track Grant application to help CCMR better fulfill its strong commitment to preserve and maintain the track and trail riding at Big Bend.

CCMR Adopted Trails: Monarch Ridge Trail 0.9 miles, Rainbow Trail from Silver Creek to Mears Junction 12 miles, Rainbow Trail from Hayden Creek to Oak Creek 6 miles, Poplar Gulch 6 miles, Greens Creek 7 miles, DudBob Trail 6.0, Sundgren Sunset Loop 1.1.

Sincerely,

X *J. Perry Edwards*

Signed by: Department of Agriculture

JAMES EDWARDS
District Ranger



11 November 2022

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from the City of Salida's Parks and Recreation Department as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Big Bend OHV Track Maintenance application.

The Department of Parks and Recreation manages the city's parks, open space and trails, provides league and club activities for residents of all ages, and offers events for the community. The Central Colorado Mountain Riders have helped the city in each of these 3 areas. CCMR is often out on the trails surrounding and connecting to the city and reports issues or concerns. It was a CCMR member who alerted the City to major trail damage from a recent rain storm. CCMR supports the "Be nice and say Hi" campaign to encourage diverse user groups out on the trails. CCMR advocates for youth and adults to participate in Single track dirt biking & adventure bike riding. The Department of P&R and CCMR are exploring formalizing a riding club where the department provides transportation to community members to the Big Bend OHV site, and CCMR provides equipment and education. Maintaining the Big Bend OHV area is imperative for the success of this potential program. Finally, CCMR routinely organizes members to "run safety" on our trails when we hold a race or event. Their assistance is much appreciated.

If CCMR's application is approved, they will be able to purchase the equipment needed to create a learn-to-ride program.

For the above reasons, the City of Salida's Department of Parks and Recreation strongly recommends the approval of CCMR's Big Bend OHV Track Maintenance Grant application to help CCMR better fulfill its strong commitment to preserve and maintain the track and trail riding at Big Bend.

Sincerely,
Mike 'Diesel' Post

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike 'Diesel' Post".

City of Salida
Director of Parks and Recreation