



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

<b>Name of Project: Columbine OHV Parking Area Restrooms</b>		<b>Date of Application: 12/2022</b>
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost: \$12,995.00</b>	<b>Grant Request: \$9,000.00</b>	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: <b>Clear Creek Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland</b>		
Mailing Address: <b>P.O. Box 3307, Idaho Springs, CO 80452</b>		
		Fax: <b>303-567-3021</b>
Telephone: <b>720-763-1060</b>	Email: <b>brant.wobig@usda.gov</b>	

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: <b>Brant Wobig</b>		Title: <b>Forestry Technician(OHV)</b>
Mailing Address: <b>Clear Creek Ranger District, P.O. Box 3307, Idaho Springs, CO 80452</b>		
Telephone: <b>720-763-1060</b>	Fax: <b>303-567-3021</b>	Email: <b>brant.wobig@usda.gov</b>
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<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.		
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<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: <b>Sara Wolf</b>		Title: <b>Grants and Agreements Specialist</b>
Mailing Address: <b>2840 Kachina Drive Pueblo, CO 81008</b>		
Telephone: <b>970-295-6687</b>	Fax: <b>970-295-6699</b>	Email: <b>sara.wolf@usda.gov</b>

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Nearest Town or City: <b>Central City, CO</b>		
County(ies): <b>Gilpin</b>		
Township/Range/Section: <b>T.3 S., R.73 W., Section 3 (for more info see E-2 Project Map)</b>		
State Senate District #: <b>2</b>		
State Representative District #: <b>13</b>		
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): <b>National Forest</b>		
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____	Miles of Full-sized: <b>110</b> Open to all
<b>TRAIL USER INFORMATION</b> (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.		
<input 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 environmental 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 type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other	
<b>* New Trail Construction &amp; Major Re-Route:</b> Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration		
<b>TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY</b> (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)		
<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>Program maintenance</b> (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)	
<b>90</b>		
	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
<b>10</b>	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)	
<b>100</b>	<b>Total:</b> (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)	

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: <b>Columbine OHV Parking Area Restrooms</b>	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: <b>Clear Creek Ranger District</b>	Application Year: <b>2023-2024</b>
Project Contact: <b>Brant Wobig</b>	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: <b>\$ 12,995.00</b>	Grant Request: <b>\$9,000.00</b>

**Project Description:** The project work would be performed in those portions of Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) located in Gilpin County at the Columbine OHV Parking Area (**39.812272, -105.540231**) for the Forest Service Road system to Yankee Hill/St. Mary's Area. We are the closest National Forest and Motorized Recreation area to the western suburbs of the Denver Metro Area, located approximately 25 miles from the Denver metropolitan area.

The Yankee Hill/St. Mary's Area is a popular destination for OHV enthusiasts, offering many miles of unique and challenging OHV routes ranging in elevation from 7,500 feet to over 13,000 feet. As Colorado's population continues to grow, the numbers of OHV users continue to increase in the Front Range demonstrating the need to promote, educate, and improve sanitation conditions for OHV opportunities on the Clear Creek Ranger District.

In particular, Columbine OHV Parking Area located at **39.812272, -105.540231** is one of our most utilized areas for parking and access to the National Forest. The Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) of the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forests is seeking funding for installing 4 portable toilets (including one Accessible toilet) at this location to help reduce and mitigate litter, of both garbage and human waste, to help ensure the safety of the public and the protection of the surrounding natural resources.

Furthermore, the focus of the grant and proposed plan is to provide interim facilities for the public while the district looks to provide a more developed/permanent facility when funding allows. This coincides with the increasing number of users we host in the Clear Creek Ranger District each season. With coordination and assistance from volunteers, contracted porta-potty companies, and the CCRD OHV crew, we hope to see a reduction of litter and human waste in the area. This will reduce the time spent at trailheads performing maintenance and increase trail work while improving resource conditions overall.

## **Project Description continued...**

### **WHO?**

USDA Forest Service. Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee Grasslands. Clear Creek Ranger District, Idaho Springs CO. Work to be performed by the CCRD OHV crew, local clubs and organizations associated with the adoption of Columbine trail systems, and contracted installation and pumping company(s). The CCRD OHV crew is responsible for the implementation of the project.

### **WHERE?**

The location of the project is approximately **39.812272, -105.540231** at the Columbine trailhead and staging area in Gilpin County. The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee Grasslands. The USDA Clear Creek Ranger District and associated club organizations are responsible for the maintenance, patrolling, and general upkeep for this location.

### **WHAT?**

The main goal(s) for this project are to ensure that the public has a place to go to the bathroom and dispose of trash to protect resources. To install interim 4 porta-potties at parking area along with a bear proof dumpster on site. To be pumped 1-2 weekly. Build fencing to reinforce and protect facilities and surrounding land. Creating a 10x10 area for bathrooms and a 5x5 area for a dumpster.

### **WHEN?**

Project will begin in the 2024 season beginning in May and ending in October. Timeline for project is 5-6 months.

### **Program Funding Acknowledgement**

Posting \$ Fees at Work signage with other pertinent interpretation. A kiosk has already been installed stating sponsors information and QR codes accordingly.

### **DEFINITIONS?**

CCRD: Clear Creek Ranger District. OHV: Off highway Vehicles. USDA: US Department of Agriculture. FSR: Forest Service Road.



## Budget Form

**Project Name: Columbine OHV Parking Area Restrooms**

**Date Project will be Completed: 30-Nov-24**

**Project Sponsor: Clear Creek Ranger District**

\*\*\*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
<b>OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)</b>	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
USFS in-kind Fence Materials	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		
Volunteer in-kind time 100 hrs x \$29.95	\$ -	\$ 2,995.00	\$ 2,995.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>			<b>\$ 12,995.00</b>

### USE OF GRANT FUNDING

<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>				
	\$ Per Hr	Hrs/week	# of Weeks	Total Cost
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>				
<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b>				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
<b>Fence Materials</b>	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	
	\$ -		\$ -	
	\$ -		\$ -	
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</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>IV. Contracted Services</b>				
<small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
				\$ -
Portable Toilets x 4(5 Months, Mid May-Mid Oct.)	\$ 4,000.00	4		\$ 5,000.00
3 yard Dumpster(5 months)	\$ 4,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
	\$ -		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>
<b>V. Volunteer Support</b>				
<small>Identify as: <b>For Volunteers Only</b> 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> <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>				
<small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer &amp; printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>

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

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

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## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

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Project Name Columbine OHV Parking Area Restrooms Project Sponsor Clear Creek Ranger District

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:

1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland

Date: Record of Decision – 11/19/1997

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

Date and title of document:

N/A

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

N/A

N/A

N/A

For more information contact: **Jonathan Markovich, Forest Environmental Coordinator**  
**Cell: 443-231-8617; Email: [jonathan.markovich@usda.gov](mailto:jonathan.markovich@usda.gov)**

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

**Scott Haas, District Ranger**

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

*Scott E. Haas*

SCOTT HAAS  
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Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

## C-2

### NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_ Project Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

The project described in this application has my approval.

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**Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title**      **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title**

#### APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern:** Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
  - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
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  - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
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2. **Habitats and their Values:** What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
  - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
  - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
  - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
3. **Potential Impacts:** List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
  - Disturbance of sensitive species
  - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
  - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
  - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

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**4. Mitigation:** How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

**5. Benefits:** List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

**6. Environmental Compliance:** Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**Principle source of information:** (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

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**Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:**

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**Signature of person consulted:**

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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)*

- **What specifically will the project accomplish?**
  - Reduce litter, improve public health and sanitation, improve aesthetics, and protect ongoing OHV access to the Yankee Hill trail system.
- **How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?**
  - It will help mitigate ongoing issues with human waste and litter within the trail systems, parking areas, and help mitigate conflicts with nearby developed sites.
- **Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.**
  - There currently are no restroom or trash services at this site. Installation of porta potties and trash service will, overall, reduce general maintenance of the immediate area and the entire route system.
- **Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?**
  - This will help provide essential amenities for public use encouraging the proper disposal of human waste and litter, creating a cleaner and sanitary environment for all users. Encouraging the "keep it Clean" and "Leave no Trace" principles.
- **Why is this project a priority at this time?**
  - With increasing usage each season and the increasing amount of human waste and litter, it is a top priority to not only provide the proper amenities for the public but to create dialog and education efforts to encourage a cleaner resource.
- **Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?**
  - All users, both in the parking area and the road/trail systems surrounding. This project will benefit thousands of OHV users of all types.
- **Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?**
  - Adding interim amenities to the Columbine parking area will help to protect the resource and educate the public about sanitation and "Leave No Trace" principles. We have already installed a Kiosk with a map, emergency information, proper trail etiquette, and registration information. The district is looking to provide more developed facilities as funding allows in the future.

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

The OHV crew will complete basic maintenance work and patrols at the Columbine Parking Area while making public contacts, providing information, and OHV related education to help provide the public with the proper tools they need to keep the area and natural resource protected. The Columbine parking area is the main starting point for OHV users for the Yankee Hill trail system. This project is supported by COHVCO, NOHVCC, Stay the Trail, CO 4x4 Girls, 4x4 Rescue and Recovery, and the Clear Creek Ranger District.

These groups regularly contribute hundreds of hours of volunteer time to help maintain their adopted areas and assist with planning/identifying future projects. CCRD is committed to our volunteer program as they provide invaluable presence on public land, model and promote appropriate riding behavior and provide education and information messages to all who use public lands.

The CCRD OHV crew provides critical oversight, safety briefings and project planning for Adopt-a-Road Volunteer groups. Volunteer projects at this site will include trash removal, fence construction, monitoring, maintenance, and rehabilitation of impacted areas. The heavily used parking area currently suffers from human waste, litter, vandalism, and resource damage.

- **Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?**
  - Agencies, groups, clubs involved: 4x4 Rescue and Recovery, CO 4x4 Girls, CO SidexSide, Stay the Trail, and the Clear Creek Ranger District.
- **Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?**
  - There is no controversy related to this project.
- **Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:**
  - USFS to support \$1000 of material funds for protective fencing surrounding facilities.
  - Volunteer support of approximately 100 hours(\$2995.00) of labor for fence construction and maintenance.

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

*(25 points):*

The main focus of this project is to help with mitigating human waste, litter, and alleviate conflicts at nearby developed recreation sites. With the increase in usage of this area, it is imperative to establish this site with proper facilities such as kiosk/signage, trash receptacles, and bathrooms. It is important to encourage, through education and enforcement, proper use of the area. This project will promote the protection, clean up, and rehabilitation of sensitive environmental natural resources, wildlife, and overall public safety and sanitation.

- Providing interim restrooms for the public to use will help mitigate human waste in the parking area and surrounding trail system, until a more permanent facility can be provided.
- Providing a dumpster for public use will help eliminate trash around the parking area and trail system.
- Adding public contact to help enforce and educate regarding sanitation and littering while having facilities available will help create an essence of place and a sense of protecting the natural environment.
- With volunteer club involvement (i.e. presence at parking area, trash hauls, reporting) we can help reduce impacts to the resource.

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

- **Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.**
  - YES. By providing proper facilities (bathrooms and Dumpster) will significantly reduce the amount of litter, trash, and resource damage in the area. Providing these amenities will help engage the public with the tools they need along with education and public contact efforts.
- **Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long-term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how.**
  - Yes. Short term it will naturally regenerate growth, with a long-term plan to include re-vegetation of areas along with fencing as needed.
- **Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area.**
  - This project will clean up the overall route system by providing a critical resource at the main access point by encouraging users to dispose of waste in the provided receptacles.

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

##### ***Travel Management:***

- This project will employ multiple management measures to ensure public safety and compliance. Along with educational and interpretation tools to help provide information to the public, enforcement efforts will be made with public contact and signage.
- Additional fencing and signage will be put in place to help assist with education and compliance literature.
- With the support of club organizations and Stay the Trail regular maintenance and clean-ups will be conducted throughout the riding season.
- Being in close proximity to the Yankee Hill OHV route system having proper facilities for trash and restrooms will decrease abandoned trash and human waste throughout the parking area and road system throughout Clear Creek County and Gilpin County corridor.
- This area will be monitored frequently with the help of volunteer groups, Law Enforcement, and the CCRD OHV crew addressing the increase usage and issues.
- Creating a more sustainable parking area and surrounding environment, with added facilities, will help stay in line with user needs and create a more enjoyable riding experience.

##### ***Education, Enforcement and Compliance Activities:***

- Creating and implementing more educational components at parking areas helps increase the probability of reaching a larger demographic of users creating a safer and more enjoyable riding experience, while caring for the resource.
- Education will involve use of interpretation tools and techniques including, public outreach, signage, and compliance checks.
  - Public outreach will include both formal presentations and informal Ranger talks at the parking area. Educational and regulatory signage will be installed to encourage proper use. Compliance checks with all users will ensure regulations are followed.
  - These activities will help create an "Essence of Place" for users, catering to the needs and personality of all riders
  - "Essence of Place" creates a bond between the user and the resource which ultimately will benefit longevity of OHV riding opportunities.



# Columbine Usage, Kiosk Installation, and Trash Issues





## D-2

### **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

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**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**

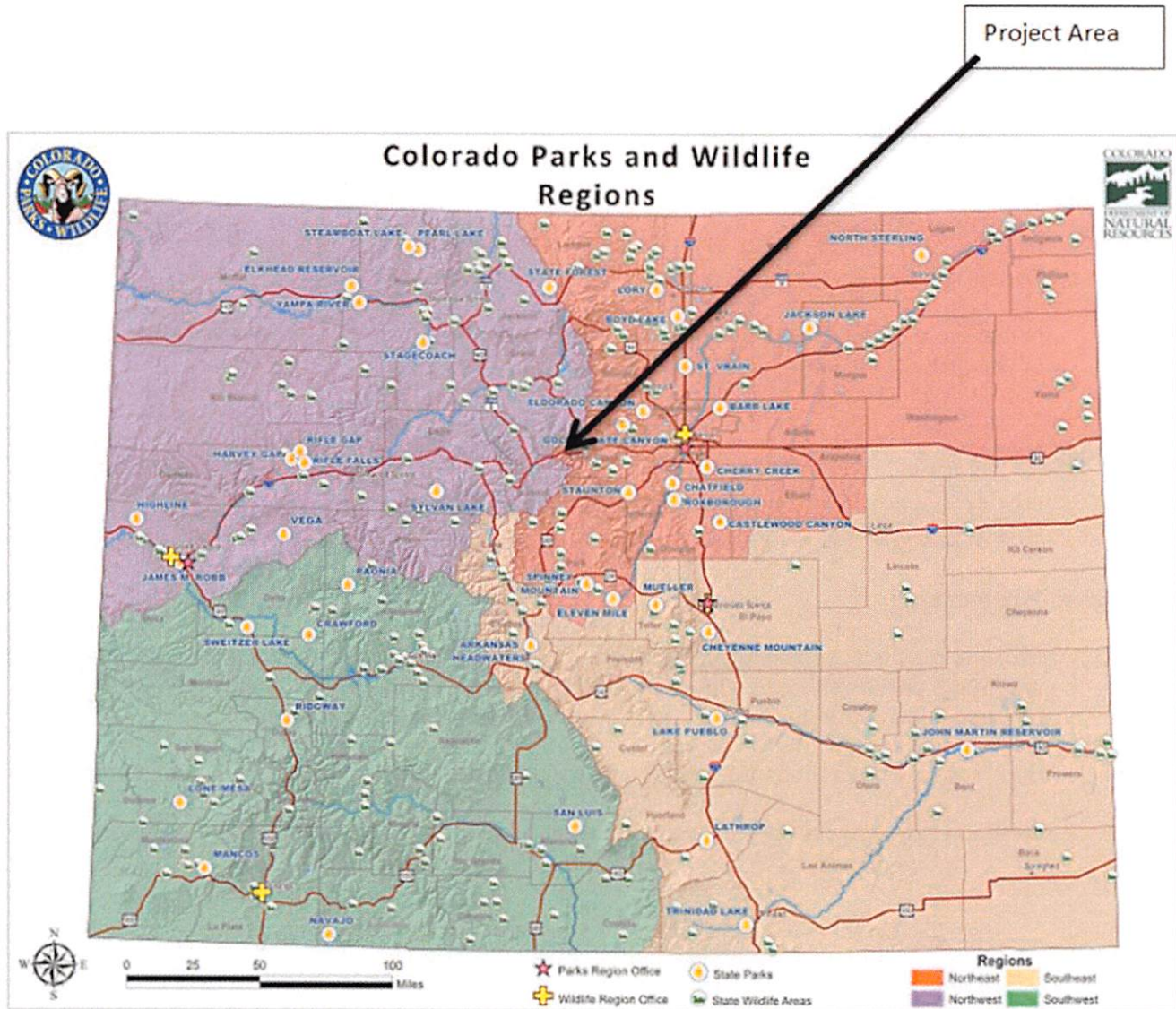
- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

**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:





E-2 Project Map: Columbine Parking Area Aerial Map



Figure 1: Columbine Staging Area & Kiosk Location

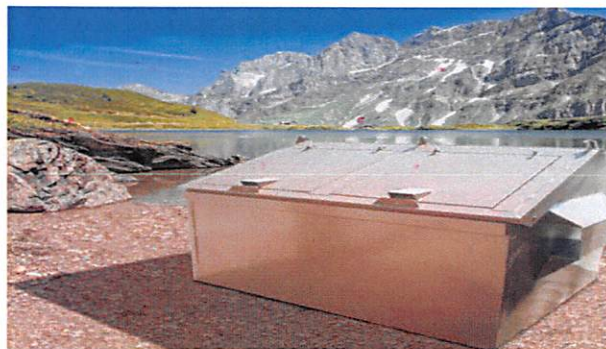


## (F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams



Figure 2: RED, Kiosk Location. GREEN, Proposed Dumpster Location. YELLOW, Proposed Bathroom Location





**(F) Project Illustration (continued)**

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Figure 4: Parking area, FRS 739.1 access, Campground

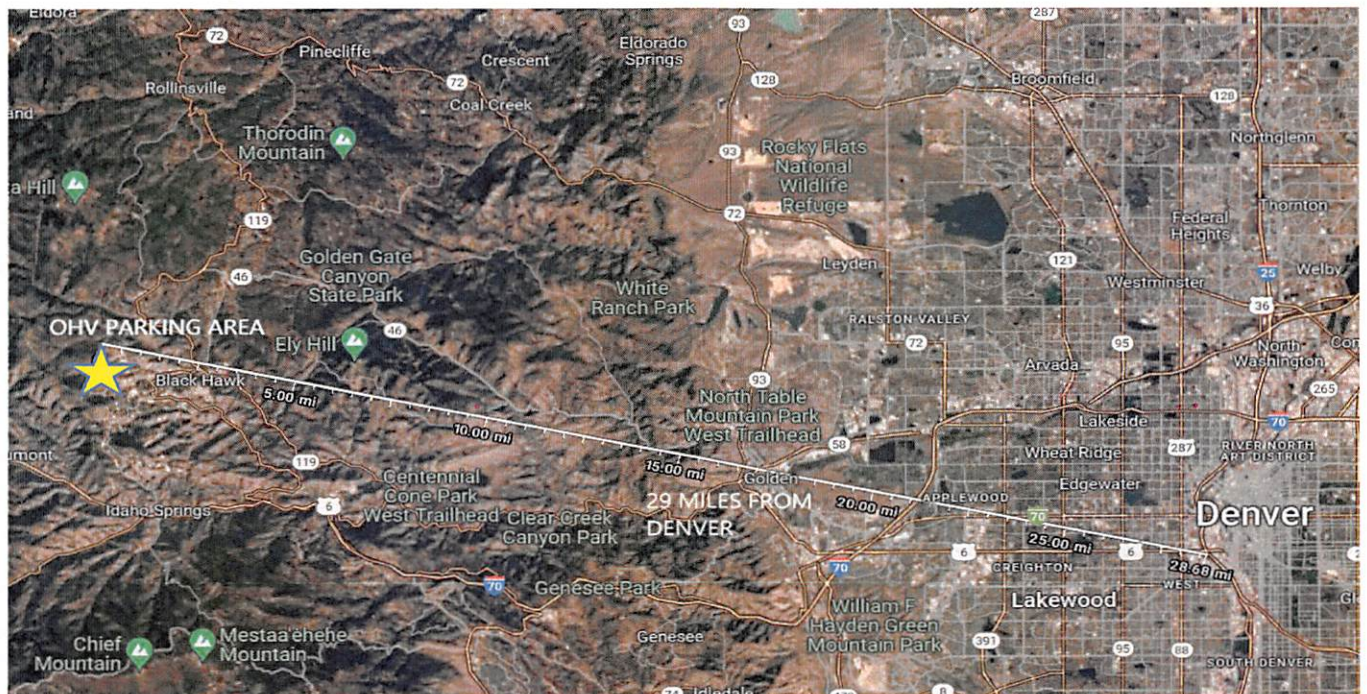


Figure 3: Distance form DENVER, 29 miles.



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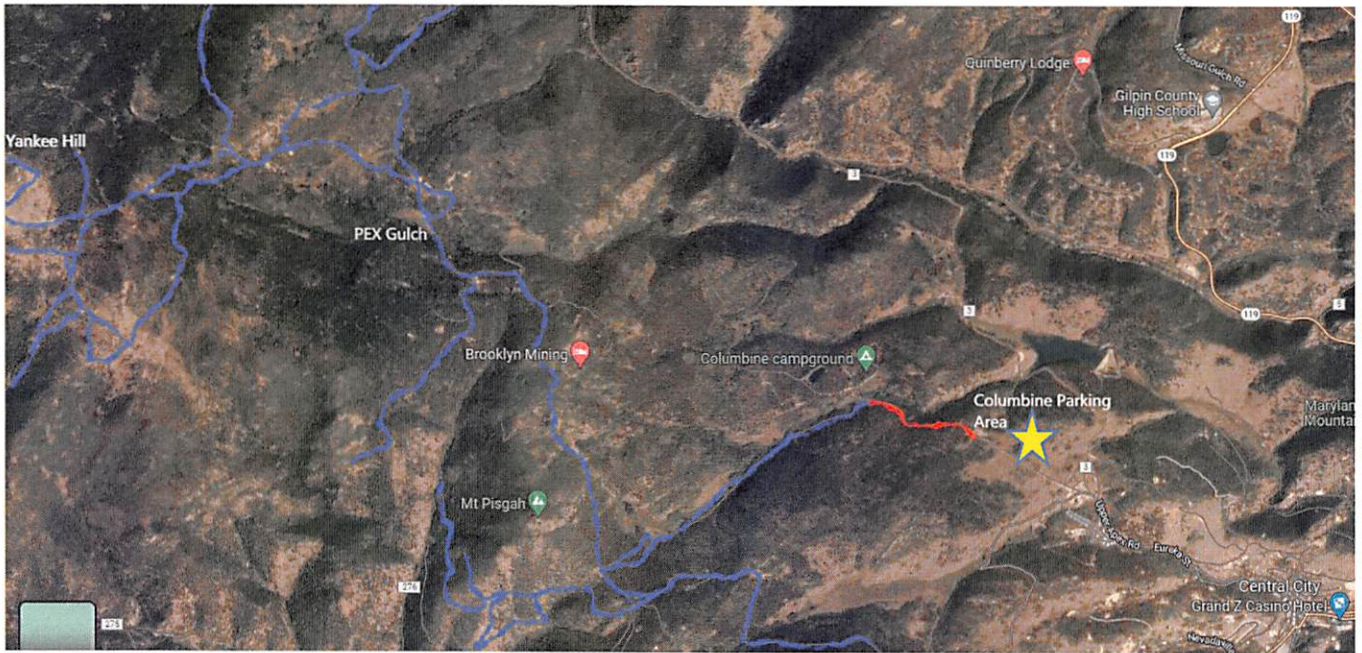


Figure 5: Proximity of PARKING to TRAIL. Red, route from parking to OHV system. Blue, Trail system.

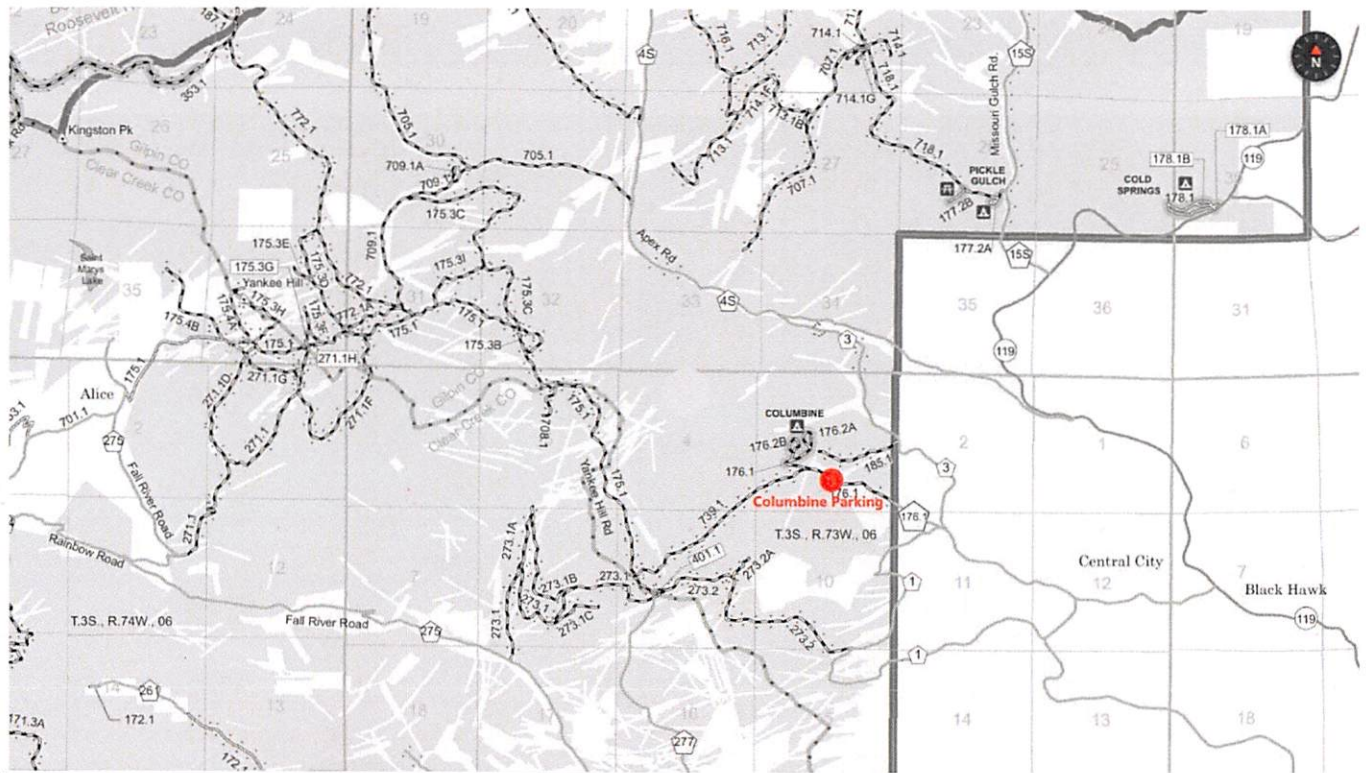


Figure 6: Yankee Hill and Columbine OHV



## (G) Letters of Project Support

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Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
State OHV Program- OHV Subcommittee  
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Dear Subcommittee Members:

Please accept this letter as support of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) for the Clear Creek Ranger District of the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest to receive funding to purchase and install amenities at the Columbine OHV Trailhead located near Columbine Campground. NOHVCC is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that exists to promote a positive future for off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation. We work towards this mission by creating educational resources and training that promote sustainable and responsible OHV recreation.

In July 2022 NOHVCC collaborated with the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) and the Clear Creek Ranger District to hold a Great Trails Workshop, on the District. This Workshop was staged out of the Columbine OHV trailhead. While many locals know the name and location of the trailhead, you will struggle to find it on maps or mapping applications. This is because the Forest Service had to create the trailhead with little time or resources to make it a fully developed parking area. The county and local private landowners were concerned with improper parking and trespassing that was taking place in the area and vowed to act. This could have meant a major loss of access to the Yankee Hill Trail System for local riders. While the Forest Service took commendable action to maintain access, they still need support to turn the Columbine OHV Trailhead into a quality take off point for OHV enthusiasts.

Currently the trailhead is a large fenced off dirt surface with little development. Since our workshop, the District has worked with Stay the Trail to install an educational kiosk with maps, but there are no other amenities present. This is an extremely popular staging area that is easy to access from Denver. The popularity of the area mixed with the lack of services has led to human waste and garbage around the perimeter of the parking area creating not only an unsightly mess but also public health and sanitation issues. There have been instances where the additional traffic through Columbine Campground from riders trying to use bathroom facilities has created conflict. The District's grant request to purchase and install portable toilets and dumpsters at the site will reduce conflict, improve public health and sanitation, improve aesthetics, and protect ongoing OHV access to the Yankee Hill Trail System.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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## **(G) Letters of Project Support**

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Letter of Support for Facilities at Columbine OHV Parking Area

To whom it may concern.....

In the summer of 2022 COHVCO, along with NOHVCC and the Forest Service, used the Columbine OHV Parking Area as a base of operations for one of their Great Trails Training days. The parking area is only a few years old but has become very popular due to its location near the Denver metropolitan area and the fact that it is easily accessible on a short dirt road drive out of Central City.

At the time of the Great Trails training, the facility was basically just a parking lot with no other amenities. As part of the training activities we discussed how popular the facility had become and some needed improvements. A Kiosk was brought up (that has since been installed) and the need for restroom and trash facilities. A quick look around in the nearby trees was all it took to see that those facilities were indeed very much needed. At the end of the training day we unfortunately witnessed an event that made it extremely clear as to how badly toilets were needed.

Event brief.....

As we were standing around talking at the end of the training we heard a heated argument coming from some of the vehicles parked nearby in the Columbine OHV facility. Pat Shaw immediately went to investigate. What had happened was that a family who had been trail riding in a SidexSide had stopped at the Columbine Camp ground just down the road so the mother and daughters could use the restroom facilities. This practice of trail users driving into the campground and using the facilities had resulted in complaints about the noise and use of the bathrooms from the paying campers. This particular family was told by the Camp Host that the campground facilities were not for day users of the trails and was asked to leave. That exchange became heated and had moved from the Campground down to the Columbine OHV parking area.

Unfortunately the exchange became volatile enough that the Police were called to help with the situation. It ended with no ticketing or arrests but discussions with the Campground host, Police, Brant, and Pat made it clear that this was not the first time law enforcement had been called to help calm a situation regarding using the campground restrooms.

This is clearly not a situation any of us want to see continue. Getting restroom and possibly trash facilities into this well used parking area needs to be prioritized and as Chairman of COHVCO I told Brant and Pat that COHVCO would be happy to support any effort they deemed appropriate to resolve the problem. Fortunately the solution may be as simple as getting a sufficient OHV grant to support restroom and trash facilities being located and maintained in the area.

Please view this letter as full support on the part of COHVCO for the Clear Creek Forest District to get an OHV grant to support the placement and maintenance of facilities in the Columbine OHV Parking area until such time as a more permanent solution is developed.



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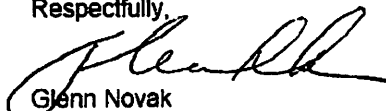
Re: Arapaho National Forest, Clear Creek Ranger District Grant Application 2023-2024

This letter is written in support of the Clear Creek Ranger District's request for funding improvements for the Columbine OHV Loading / Unloading Area. My background and familiarity with the facility and the general area is rooted in being an avid OHV enthusiast and also as the Camp Ground Manager at Columbine Campground which is immediately (geographically) above the referenced OHV area. The current lack of facilities at the OHV Area has a significant and negative impact on the roads, the forest, and the campground along with the camping experience of its visitors (campers) in general. In support of the above statement I offer the following substantiation:

- Excessive and unnecessary OHV traffic in the campground. This creates and contributes to the following:
  - OHV / Camper conflicts. Greatly increased OHV traffic presents significantly increased chances of a camper (pedestrian) and OHV conflicts and collisions potentially resulting in injury or death. Families with young children recreate there.
  - Excessive OHV use in the campground for the purposes of using the facilities creates unnecessary and excessive noise.
  - OHV use of campground facilities increases wear and tear on facilities and significantly increases the cost of supplies which are paid for out of fees paid by registered campers.
  - Outside OHV users put a significant additional strain on the already strained resources of the campground i.e. water, trash, use of restrooms
  
- OHV Area
  - Trash abounds due to lack of trash receptacles.
  - Human waste is common in and around the area due to lack of facilities.

It is with an in-depth knowledge of OHV's, of the area and the campground and for the aforementioned reasons that I enthusiastically support the Grant Request for facilities at the OHV Area. It will enhance and improve the user experience and safety in the entire area for OHV users and campers alike.

Respectfully,



Glenn Novak  
Columbine Campground Manager and  
OHV Enthusiast



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Re: Arapaho National Forest, Clear Creek Ranger District, OHV Grant Application  
2023-2024

I am writing this letter in support of the Clear Creek Ranger District's (CCRD's) request for funding to place Porta-Potties and a dumpster at the Columbine OHV parking area. This is the only staging area for those needing to offload ATV's, SxS's, Motorcycles, or for meet-up for other OHV organizations and clubs.

The Yankee Hill area, which is CCRD's most popular OHV area, would greatly benefit from this grant by easing the burden and recovery of the environment from the "go behind the bush" needs.

CO4X4RnR works closely with the CCRD, Stay the Trail and other OHV organizations to keep trails open, safe, fun, and to improve the user experience. Yankee Hill OHV Area is our adopted trail system. Efforts that the OHV program and other adopt-a-trail organizations to clean trash, maintain trails, mark routes clearly, along with signage for usage restrictions, helps prevent misuse and damage to resources. The CCRD is often the closest public lands for many users in the Denver metro area, and we understand the ever-increasing challenges with maintenance, patrolling, resource concerns and user education.

During 2022, we worked with CCRD in a safe and responsible manner to continue our efforts to keep the Yankee Hill Area a viable OHV experience. We look forward to continuing our partnership working with the District and OHV programs to provide sustainable, clean and sanitary motorized accesses/staging areas and recreational opportunities to all users.

Sincerely,

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