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December 2, 2022

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Application for a 2023-2024 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant – Travel Management Signage

Dear Mr. Metsa,

Enclosed are the original (12) copies of an application for a 2023-2024 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant under the State Trails Grants Program administered by your office. Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance is applying for a grant to continue with a state-wide program of providing uniform and accurate travel management signage on public lands and local government roads throughout Colorado. The need for such a program is still very much needed. Agency budgets remain very limited for motorized recreation.

The need for a uniform and accurate on-the-ground signage program remains a critical element of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) ongoing implementation of their travel management plans and maps for designated motorized routes on public lands. We have the support of the BLM, the USFS, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and many user groups to implement this proposal. During 2021 to date, we successfully provided signage materials to thirteen BLM field offices and twenty-four Forest Service district offices using funds from our 2021-2022 grant. We anticipate similar success in 2023 using the funds from our 2022-2023 grant award. If awarded, this latest grant request would allow us to continue this important program during the 2024 field season.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this grant application and look forward to making a presentation to the State Trails OHV Sub-Committee sometime after the first of the year. The Board of Directors of the Foundation pledges its support for this important program. If you have any questions about our proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Needler".

Allison Needler, Grant Administrator  
Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance  
303-434-0461



**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**2023-2024**

**State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program Grant Application**

**Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance**

**Travel Management Signage**



**TO: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager**

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

<b>Name of Project:</b> Travel Management Signage		<b>Date of Application:</b> 12/2/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$130,000	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$130,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance		
Mailing Address: PO Box 532, Arvada, CO 80001		
		Fax: N/A
Telephone: 303-434-0461	Email: allison@staythetrail.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: Allison Needler		Title: STT Administrator
Mailing Address: PO Box 532, Arvada, CO 80001		
Telephone: 303-434-0461	Fax: N/A	Email: allison@staythetrail.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: Allison Needler		Title: STT Administrator
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<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: Statewide, State of Colorado	
County(ies):	
Township/Range/Section:	
State Senate District #:	
State Representative District #:	
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input 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: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: _____
<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 type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input 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	
<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>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
80%	<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.)
20%	<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>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: Travel Management Signage	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Allison Needler	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$103,000	Grant Request: \$130,000

### Project Description

**WHO?**

*Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that works with off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts and clubs, land management agencies, local governments, and the non-motorized recreation community. We promote responsible OHV recreation through educational programs, user contacts, ethics, groundwork, volunteer projects, signage, mapping, and science.*

*Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance employs a part-time program manager who provides project management and grant administration duties for the travel management signage grants. All activity is accomplished under the supervision of the Board of Directors.*

**WHERE?**

*The Travel Management Signage project is a state-wide effort that works with all federal and state land-managing agencies, cities, towns, counties, and OHV clubs. The goal is to get the best consistent messaging and signage installed in the field to allow users to quickly and easily relate the travel management signs and maps to the designated motorized use roads and trails in Colorado.*

**WHAT?**

*The grant is being requested to augment the limited funds available to the land management agencies and local governments to install travel management signage in the field to implement travel management on all of the National Forests, Public Lands, and city and county roads in Colorado. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase fiberglass, wood, and steel or aluminum signs, posts, numbers, letters, and strip stickers. Some unique signs are occasionally needed.*

**WHEN?**

*Funds from this proposed grant would be used during the 2024 field season.*

**Program Funding Acknowledgement** – Stickers and PolyFlex signs provided by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be used on signage and other unique signs.

**DEFINITIONS?** N/A

## Budget Form

**Project Name: Travel Management Signage**

**Date Project will be Completed: 3/31/2025**

**Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance**

**\*\*\*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)	\$ 130,000		\$130,000.00
Other Funding Sources <small>List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$130,000.00</b>
<b>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		Total Cost
None	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>
<b>Project Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Signage Materials for USFS, BLM and various Cities & Counties	\$ -		\$ 123,809.52
			<b>Category Total \$123,809.52</b>
<b>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>			
Grant Administrator	\$ -		\$ 6,190.48
			<b>Category Total \$ 6,190.48</b>
<small>* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request</small>			
<small>Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program</small>			
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>

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## **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

**Response 1:** *The goals of the Travel Management Signage Project are to:*

- *Augment the limited budgets of the land managing agencies dedicated to implementing travel management plans in the field.*
- *Assist the motorized recreation community with compliance with the travel management plans and maps that establish a system of designated motorized routes by accurately relating the maps to on-the-ground signage*
- *Minimize the need for enforcement*
- *Minimize the potential for adverse impacts from OHV use on trails closed to motorized travel*
- *Improve public perception of the OHV recreation community*

*The project will fund fiberglass, wood, steel, or aluminum signs, posts, numbers, letters, and strip stickers. Some unique signs are occasionally needed.*

*The number of OHV enthusiasts, both within Colorado and those from other states, has continued to increase. Since different forms of outdoor recreation are also on the increase, the potential for conflicts will continue. More cities and counties are opening their roads to unlicensed OHV recreation. Having good signage in the field will minimize and mitigate problems.*

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

**Response 2:** *Partnerships include Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Cities, Counties, and local OHV organizations.*

*These partners can utilize agency, state trail crew, city, county, and volunteer labor to install signs on roads and trails on public lands throughout the state. Various OHV clubs and other volunteer groups that will help with this program where appropriate for sign installation. Land management agencies, cities, and counties will provide additional supplies and in-kind labor for the installation*

*Several partners have expressed interest in helping install signs for projects in their area. BLM, Forest Service, OHV clubs, cities, counties, and State trail crews will be instrumental to the project's success. During 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> rounds orders were distributed to 1st round orders from 23 USFS and 13 BLM.*

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

(25 points):

**Response 3:** *The core message of Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance and the Stay The Trail program is to promote stewardship of our public lands and minimize the impacts of motorized recreation while enabling a robust system of sustainable, multiple-use trails in Colorado. If OHV enthusiasts consistently follow accurate signage in the field, sensitive environmental resources and non-motorized trails can be avoided and protected.*

*Working directly with the land managing agencies, OHV clubs, and others to install accurate and uniform travel management signage will help to ensure resource protection, enhancement, and restoration. The results will be seen in the field at the staging areas and on the trails. Well-informed enthusiasts will know where to go and how to properly do what is needed to preserve sustainable trail systems for the present and future. Additional stickers will be placed on marker posts that acknowledge "Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Dollars at Work."*

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

#### **Travel Management:**

**Response 4:** *This project will provide accurate and consistent travel management signage in the field. This will reduce conflicts among user groups and improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations. It will be apparent to all recreationists which activities are allowed or not allowed on each trail. Additional stickers will be placed on marker posts that acknowledge "Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Dollars at Work."*

*This project is very consistent with the long-range plans of the land managing agencies. They have had direct input into the various elements of the program. They have expressed their sincere gratitude for the signage materials provided by prior OHV grants. Agency budgets have been continuously reduced as funds are diverted to firefighting and other needs.*



#### **Education**

*This project aims to purchase and distribute consistent and uniform travel management signage for roads and trails designated for off-highway use on public lands in Colorado. Many cities and counties are opening their streets and roads to unlicensed OHV use. They are also required to provide maps and signage to the public. The project will benefit all road and trail users by clarifying the type of use and season of use for these designated motorized roads and trails. Uniform signage is critical to providing clear, concise direction to users, reducing user conflicts, and reducing the impacts caused when users are not in the correct areas. Reducing conflicts will also help keep trails open in the future and reduce enforcement costs.*

*Current signage for OHV trails and roads is not uniform or adequate. It is often confusing to the visitor and can result in improper and inappropriate usage of a trail or road with unintended impacts on the resources and consequences to motorized recreationists. Enforcement and penalties for non-compliance have increased with the adoption of new state legislation. Providing clear and uniform signage on roads and trails will significantly reduce confusion, ensure appropriate uses, reduce human and wildlife conflict, and improve tourism opportunities.*



*One of the critical tools that the Forest Service uses to implement the Travel Management Rule is the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). This tool is enforceable, and motorized recreationists must use the map to determine if they are on legal, designated roads and trails. This presents problems since many routes are difficult to find using the MVUM in its present form. Many trailheads are difficult to locate or may have multiple access points that may not be designated. Other routes have spur trails or intersections with non-motorized routes that require signage. Signage is needed to clarify the intent of the MVUMs and other agency maps. Without proper signage, even an experienced OHV enthusiast will find it challenging to stay on legal routes and avoid penalties.*

*The current requirements found in the U.S. Forest Service Manual at 7716.42, Signs, state:*

- 1. An MVUM is required to implement and enforce designations under 36 CFR 212.51 and 36 CFR 261.13.*
- 2. Administrative units should post route markers on designated routes and identification signs in designated areas as soon as practicable. Information on route markers and signs must correspond to the information shown on the MVUM.*
- 3. Signs at significant access points to NFS lands may be installed to inform the public about designations in an administrative unit or a ranger district.*
- 4. Administrative units and ranger districts may use informational, directional, and travel management signs to inform the public about designations and to enhance the public's recreational experience.*
- 5. Signs must comply with applicable Forest Service guidelines (FSM 7160 and EM 7100-15).*

*This project will not change current management practices on public lands. It will enhance user understanding and contribute to proper usage of the road and trail systems. This proposal is partly a result of the Inter-Agency Travel Management Conference held in Denver in September of 1998, where the participants agreed that uniform signage in Colorado is lacking. This project is designed to implement the recommendations of that conference and the language of the new Travel Management Rule.*

*All users of the public lands will benefit from this project, notably the new owners/users of OHVs registered in Colorado. Also, the many out-of-state OHV enthusiasts who come to Colorado to recreate and hunt need and deserve prominent on-the-ground signage to accompany MVUMs and other maps of legal motorized routes.*

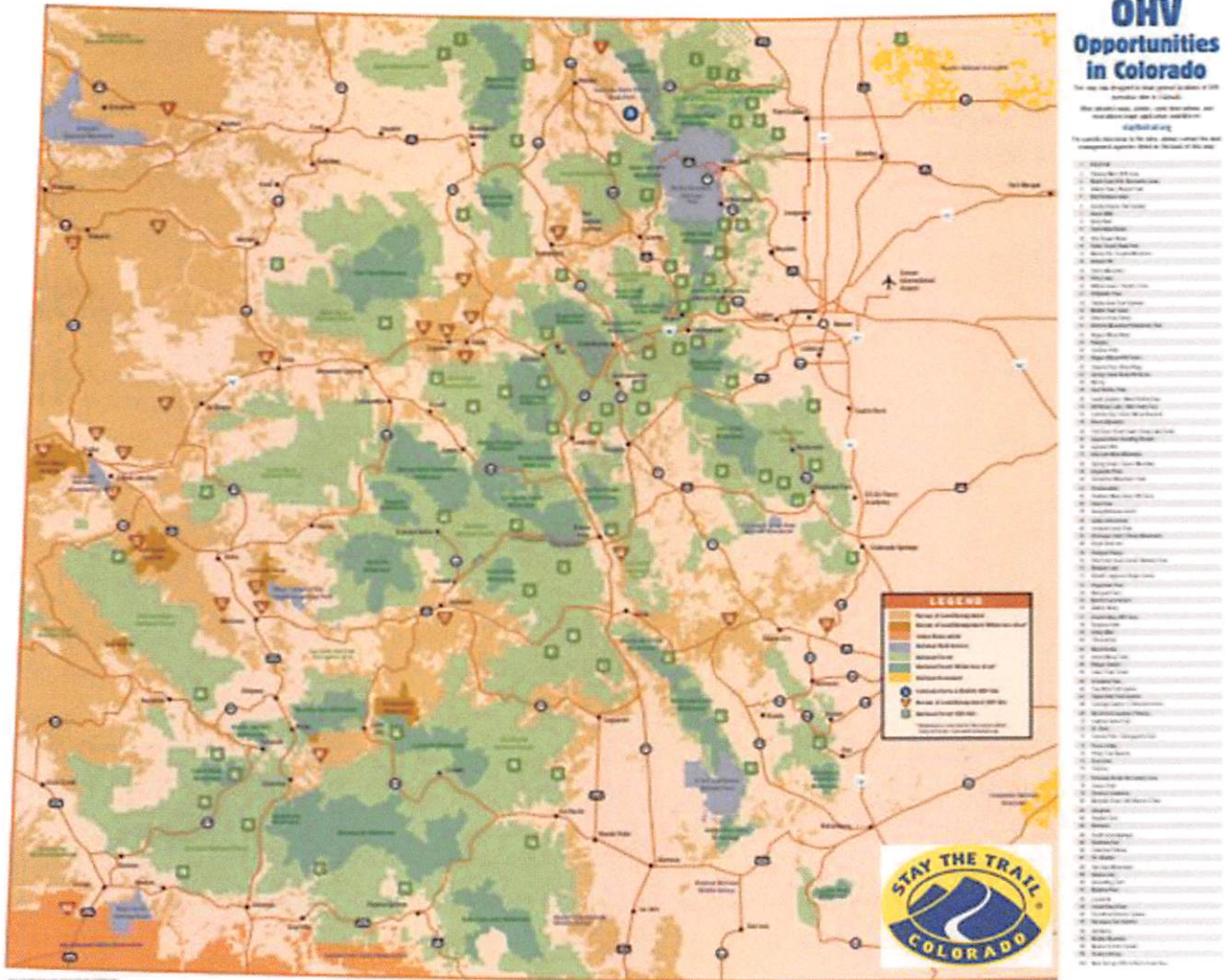
#### **Enforcement and Compliance Activities:**

*We believe education is the key to improving compliance with OHV regulations and designations. The great majority of people contacted in the field have expressed a willingness to do the right thing and operate their OHVs responsibly on public lands. They need accurate and complete information to help them. Travel management signage provides the basis for compliance.*

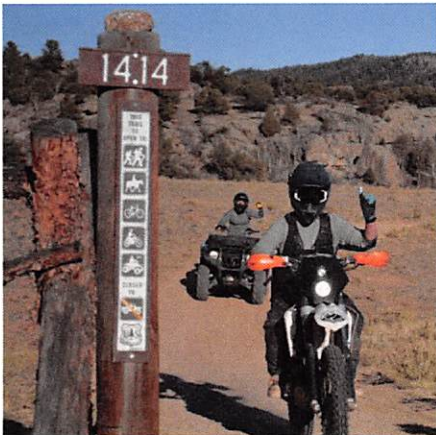
*The goal is to achieve a high level of buy-in by the motorized recreation community, resulting in a greater sense of ownership and a significantly reduced need for enforcement. The success of the program thus far indicates a high probability for continued positive results.*

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

## E-1 Vicinity Map: Statewide, State of Colorado



(F) Project Illustration



**(G) Letters of Project Support**



**United States Department of the Interior**



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
San Luis Valley Field Office  
1313 Highway 160 East  
Monte Vista, CO 81144

In Reply Refer To:  
8300 (COF03-STN)

November 16, 2022

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

RE: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) is proud to support this OHV State Trails grant request by Stay The Trail – Education and Stewardship Alliance, for funding to continue their important work of providing consistent signage across agency boundaries and throughout Colorado.

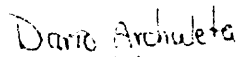
For years, Stay The Trail has offered agencies, like the BLM, the opportunity to annually purchase critical supplies for motorized trails benefitting both OHV participants and the lands on which they recreate. The need for consistent signing throughout Colorado, regardless of jurisdiction, benefits users by helping them understand, as Stay The Trail puts it, where to keep their wheels where they belong.

Without signage such as that provided through this grant and STT's signage program, OHV participants are often left to interpret where they are supposed to go and what the allowable uses may be. With the reliable opportunity provided by STT, land managers can chip away at the never-ending need for good signage on Colorado's public lands. This benefits OHV opportunities by preventing resource damage and reducing user conflict, while making for a better experience by motorized trail users.

After many years of benefitting from this opportunity, however, the San Luis Valley Field Office has purchased as many of the available supplies as it needs from this grant opportunity for the foreseeable future. One request from this office for your consideration, would be to expand the allowable supplies available for purchase through the Rockart Signs and Markers partnership. We can only achieve so much with a small set of available decals, and many units like the San Luis Valley Field Office would benefit from greater flexibility in ordering a wider variety of supplies from Rockart.

BLM-SLVFO recognizes the important role this project represents to improving motorized trail experiences and sustainability across the San Luis Valley landscape. We urge the OHV Subcommittee to fully fund the request by Stay The Trail - Education and Stewardship Alliance, so that they may continue this vital work that benefits the San Luis Valley and all of Colorado's treasured landscapes. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Dario Archuleta  
Assistant Field Office Manager  
San Luis Valley Field Office



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11/7/2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Bureau of Land Management's Kremmling Field Office supports the application for the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant submitted Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in Colorado. Having uniform signage for visitors to BLM-administered lands is essential in providing for motorized opportunities by promoting "Stay The Trail" ethics and protecting resources.

The Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance has received similar grants from the Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program each year since 2008, with the intent to purchase and distribute uniform signage materials to public land managing agencies in Colorado. The purpose of those grants was to assist the agencies with the important task of providing clear and consistent signage on the ground in conjunction with the implementation of new travel management rules and maps. Use of those grant funds began in 2009. This latest grant request from the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance is to provide additional funds to continue and complete this critical phase of trail and road designations. Although these funds are very beneficial I would like to see more options for custom signage for our motorized areas i.e. trail names, seasonal closures etc. The Kremmling Field Office and visitors to our area have benefited directly from these funds in the implementation and maintenance of sign plans in the North Sand Hills Special Recreation Management Area, Wolford Mountain Area and other areas that have travel management designations. As the Kremmling Field Office implements and maintains sign plans throughout the management area, the public will benefit from having uniform signage of motorized trails and roads that are consistent and clear.

The Kremmling Field Office strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires absolutely clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

Andrew McElwee  
Outdoor Recreation Planner

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Date: 11/2/2022

Route To: OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
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Signage Grant Proposal

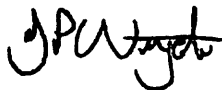
Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trail Program fully supports the referenced application for an off-highway vehicle grant submitted by the Stay-The-Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program. For years our District has benefitted from this grant to improve signing on public trails. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in Colorado.

Please consider expanding the scope of supplies and equipment allowed under this grant. Sign boards and installation tools, info kiosks, interpretive panels, travel management signs, and register boxes are needed to improve public awareness and appreciation of Stay-The-Trail principals.

The Stay-The-Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance has received similar grants from the Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program each year since 2008, with the intent to purchase and distribute uniform signage materials to public land managing agencies in Colorado. The purpose of those grants was to assist the agencies with the important task of providing clear and consistent signage on the ground in conjunction with the implementation of new travel management rules and maps. Use of those grant funds began in 2009. This latest grant request from the Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance is to provide additional funds to continue and complete this critical phase of trail and road designations.

I strongly recommend approval of the Stay-The-Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program.



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**Date:** November 10, 2022

**Subject:**Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

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

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD) and the Pawnee National Grassland (PNG) supports the referenced application for an off-highway vehicle grant submitted by the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grants Program. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in Colorado.

The CLRD and the PNG contain heavy OHV use areas due to the proximity to the front range and Rocky Mountain National Park. The CLRD is a rather large district ranging from the Wyoming State Line in the North, State Forest State Park in the West, and Estes Park in the south. With the new North Zone OHV crew, we have a renewed interest in locating and fixing social trails and lack of signage or signage in disrepair on such a large district. Due to our increased patrols, collaboration with volunteer groups, and communication with the public, we have discovered many areas that need new signs and/or repaired signs. As well as damage from the Cameron Peak Fire in 2020 that burned mostly on the CLRD, there is an extensive need for directional signs, Stay the Trail signs, road signs, and use signs. The North Zone OHV crew is a new addition to the Recreation Department of the CLRD and the PNG, and has focused on heavy use areas first and public education and outreach. The CLRD and the PNG is engaged in and supportive of providing clear and consistent signage on the ground in conjunction with the implementation of new travel management rules and maps. This latest grant request from the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance is to provide additional funds to continue and complete this critical phase of trail and road designations, which has proved to be invaluable to the public who recreate on the CLRD and PNG and the volunteer groups who aim to protect and preserve their public lands.

The Canyon Lakes Ranger District and the Pawnee National Grassland strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

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November 4, 2022

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

Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

As the acting Field Office Manager of the Tres Rios BLM Field Office, I would like to express my sincere support for the Stay The Trail OHV grant application. Thanks to this grant our office, alongside all of the others in the state, have been able to install uniform signage on motorized trails, roads, and areas across our jurisdiction. We have used these funds in combination with our own grant funded OHV trail crew to keep signs updated and refreshed in our designated Open OHV areas and along designated OHV trails.

Because not every situation and application is the same from one location to the next, the ability to have the grant opened up for more options allows for the flexibility that benefit not just the land managers, but the public users too.

The Stay The Trail signing program provides for improved visitor experiences across the state of Colorado. The signs that OHV users see in our field office match, as closely as possible, the signs that they will see in the Gunnison Field Office and the Columbine Ranger District. Not only does this improve experience, but it protects the area resources as well by facilitating appropriate OHV use via clear and consistent messaging.

The Tres Rios BLM Field Office strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program.

Sincerely,

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Dear OHV Sub-Committee Member:

United States Forest Service- Grand Valley Ranger District supports the signage grant submitted by the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in Colorado.

Stay The Trail's program has greatly benefited our district by providing sign and educational materials. We use these resources to help implement our travel management on the ground as well as ensure a uniformity to our districts sign plan. The materials ensure the district can educate users on the allowed use of our OHV trail systems as well as the overall management of OHV use.

USFS Grand Valley Ranger District strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires absolutely clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

Sincerely,

**WILLIAM  
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