



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

Name of Project: White River OHV Trail Crew		Date of Application: 12/1/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$405,055.00	Grant Request: \$163,625.00	
<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: Bureau of Land Management – White River Field Office		
Mailing Address: 220 E Market Street		
Meeker, CO 81641	Fax: N/A	
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OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
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PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Meeker, CO		
County(ies): Rio Blanco, Moffat, Garfield		
Township/Range/Section: The entire BLM managed lands within the White River Field Office		
State Senate District #: 8th		
State Representative District #: 57		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Bureau of Land Management		
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): _____		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u> N/A </u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u> N/A </u> Miles of Full-sized: <u> 4516 </u>	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other	
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration		
TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)		
20	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)	
30	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
40	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
10	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)	
100	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)	

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:

Project Name: White River OHV Trail Crew

Project No.:

(to be completed by CPW)

Project Sponsor: BLM-WRFO

Application Year: 2023-2024

Project Contact: San Delana Riebold

Application No.:

(to be completed by CPW)

Total Project Cost: \$405,055.00

Grant Request: \$163,625.00

Project Description:

The Bureau of Land Management White River Field Office (BLM-WRFO) based in Meeker, Colorado is applying for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant. The BLM-WRFO will be responsible for the project work. The field office manages public lands in Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Garfield Counties and includes these figures:

- 1,456,507 surface acres
- 14 Recreation Sites (2 developed)
- 2 OHV Open Areas (Open Area = open to all motorized travel)
- Unique, various dispersed recreation opportunities
- 6 Travel Management Areas (TMA's)
- 1,291,500 acres limited to designated routes
- 4,516 miles of routes of BLM-WRFO managed land
- Manages approximately 70 Special Recreation Permits (SRP) with currently 4 large Competitive Motorized Commercial Events equaling hundreds of competitors
- Oversees 360 miles of OHV trails on BLM public land part of the Wagon Wheel West (WWW) OHV Trail System, adjacent to the 250 miles of White River National Forest Service (WRNF FS) managed Wagon Wheel East (WWE) trail system
- Maintains 11 BLM-WRFO kiosk and parking areas, and assists with 9 WWW kiosk and parking areas
- Oversees the 550-acre Rangely Rock Crawling Park and the North Dinosaur area

The grant funding will be used to assist with planning, route analysis, and implementation for the BLM-WRFO Travel and Transportation Management Resource Management Plan Amendment (TM RMPA) TMA1 and the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, North Dinosaur, the 2 motorized Open Areas; LO7 and North Rangely, and monitoring OHV use on lands managed by the BLM-WRFO, specifically during the summer and fall OHV recreation seasons.

This grant will fund a two-person crew, equipment needed, and materials for approximately 26 weeks during the summer and fall months. The crew will focus on the following:

- Trail maintenance – Cleaning brush and down trees, implementing erosion control structures and water bars, parking lot and kiosk and sign maintenance.
- Travel management – Installation of signage for newly designated and existing routes (closed, open, administrative use only), installation of new kiosks in areas, installation of restrictor gates, patrol and monitor use of illegal routes created.
- Partnerships – Working closely with the OHV communities in Rio Blanco, Moffat, and Garfield counties, along with stakeholders involved with Travel Management (TM) implementation.
- Planning - TMA1, Rangely Rock Crawling Park, and North Dinosaur route planning, inventory, ground truthing, and implementation of LO7, North Rangely and TMA1.

- **Monitoring – Deploying trail counters on routes, making public contacts during high-use season in our OHV Open Areas during the summer, fall and hunting seasons, and monitor SRP motorized commercial events.**

This will be the BLM-WRFO first OHV trail crew, so a substantial portion of funding for this first season will be spent building a foundation. Purchasing the equipment needed to successfully run a crew, addressing the immediate needs of the 2 Open Areas, TMA1, the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, and the North Dinosaur area, while also working with the recreation staff to develop a long-term OHV work plan through monitoring and relationship building. Planning for the project listed above will start spring of 2023 with field season to begin 2024.

Project funding will be acknowledged by several methods. The BLM-WRFO will work with CPW to display Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo on kiosks and other area informational signage. While working with partners and making public contacts, this will provide the opportunity to relay information about the projects and equipment that has been funded by the state grant program.

Budget Form

Project Name: White River OHV Trail Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2024

Project Sponsor: BLM-White River Field Office

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION (Round amounts off to nearest dollar)

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)			\$ 163,625.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLM Admin, Budget, Tracking, Reporting, etc. (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	\$ -	\$ 5,518.00	\$ 5,518.00
BLM Hiring, Direct oversight \$ Project Management (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	\$ -	\$ 5,518.00	\$ 5,518.00
BLM chainsaw, OHV, tablet and trailer training		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Value of volunteer hours; community groups, partners, businesses, etc.		\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00
2022-2023 CPW Motorized Grant for start TM Open area projects		\$ 72,794.00	\$ 72,794.00
BLM Engineering Deferred Maintenance Fund		\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
TM RMPA Planning on the 2021 EA	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 405,055.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

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
OHV Crew Member Seasonal, GS-7 Wages, Holiday Pay, Sunday Diff.	\$ 29.39	40hr/week for 26 weeks	\$ 30,562.27
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Full time BLM staff San Riebold and Park Ranger for oversight, planning, equipment training, and monitoring.	\$ -		\$ 10,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,420.03	Category Total	\$ 71,124.54
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Tools: pick mattocks, mcleods, shovel, post pounder, tool box, etc.	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Information and map kiosks; 2 kiosks at Rangely Rock Crawl Park, Dino north)	\$ 20,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00
Sign materials and gates for travel management, rock art stickers, camping areas, restrictor gates/material for suggested routes.	\$ 20,000.00	1	\$ 20,000.00
Straps, bungies, for UTV/trailer/equipment tie downs	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00
Mapping/survey equipment (tablets, GPS, protective cases, accessories)	\$ 4,000.00	1	\$ 4,000.00
Uniforms; work shirts, pants	\$ 500.00	1	\$ 500.00
PPE; OHV Helmets, hard hats, gloves	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00
		Category Total	\$ 51,000.46
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
UTV Can Am Defender 4 person	\$ 27,000.00		\$ 27,000.00
Trailer for UTV	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Maintenance and fuel for Fleet Vehicle	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
TRAFx Counters	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Radios, hand held	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
		Category Total	\$ 41,500.00
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 Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
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>			
Proposed CPW OHV Grant	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -
Total			\$ 163,625.00

* 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 pre-approval from the Program

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 White River OHV Trail Crew Project Sponsor BLM White River Field Office

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

- 1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

BLM Resource Area Management Plan Date: 1997 RMP 2021TM RMPA

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

Date and title of document:

White River RMP 1997
6/16/2021 LO7 Hill and North Rangely OHV Area DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2020-0010-DNA/DR
6/14/2021 TM RMPA DOI-BLM-CO-N050-2016-0044-EA-DR
3/1/2018 WWW OHV Trails DOI-BLM-CO-N05-2017-0087-EA

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

For more information contact:

Bill Mills, White River Field Office Manager 970-878-3802
San Delana Riebold, White River Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner 970-878-3833

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2022, 2023.

Cultural Surveys, WRFO and public planning for route by route and implementation.

William Mills, White River Field Office Manager
James R. Roberts, Assistant Field Manager Lands and Minerals

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Handwritten signature of James R. Roberts
Land Manager Signature and Title

12/2/2022
Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

N/A

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

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

The project will focus on building a foundation for an OHV Crew to serve the BLM-WRFO into the future, while also beginning planning for TMA1 and planning and implementation efforts at the Rangely Rock Crawling Park, Dinosaur North, LO7 Hill and North Rangely Open Areas final implementation. The BLM-WRFO has not had an OHV crew. Maintenance that has been conducted on trails and at kiosk locations, as well as signage implementation, has been conducted internally, by the limited WRFO Recreation Staff, Youth Corps and/or volunteers. During every phase of this project, the trail crew will be working with the WRFO Outdoor Recreation Planner, and with members of the community, stakeholders, and partners.

- Building a foundation – The crew will work with the assistance of the recreation program lead, work together to develop a long-term work plan for OHV related projects and monitoring needs. Implementing a trail use data system is a priority. The building up of relationships internally, as well with the community and partners, a work plan and development of data collection will benefit the region with better land management practices. Building a foundation for seasonal work plans will provide long-term value and sustainability for better land management practices of OHV riding area continually.
- Travel Management Area 1 Planning and Implementation – The BLM-WRFO has a total 3515 acres, and 25 miles of Routes identified during the route-by-route analysis process. While this area appears to be minimal, within it hosts a newly implemented motorized Open Area: LO7 Hill, an extremely popular OHV destination playground for motorized visitors that currently has no monitoring. While data may be lacking in the documented number of users, BLM-WRFO is aware of the type of use it sees from the OHV community on its routes by working with partners and BLM staff who assisted in route inventories for the TMA1. The crew will be installing signs, monitoring use of adjacent designated routes and trails, encouraging proper use of OHV's, and assisting with implementation efforts of route by route.
- Maintenance – With over 360 miles of OHV WWW trails throughout the WRFO, maintenance of trails, parking areas, kiosks, new signage is needed, and existing signage needs replacement. The BLM-WRFO manages twenty parking areas and kiosks between BLM recreation sites and WWW informational sites and kiosks. Update maps and kiosks maintenance if a priority to encourage proper directional riding areas and promote satisfactory riding experiences. Maintenance of the two Open Areas will help to promote a quality visitor experience and challenging riding opportunities through skills courses that are designed to enhance and educated the riders ability.
- Monitoring – The BLM-WRFO currently has no monitoring capacity other than one local Law Enforcement Officer who oversees the entire 1,456,507 surface acres, thus a priority for a field office level monitoring work plan. Monitoring is needed for the two open areas, the 550-acre Rangely Rock Crawling Park, North Dinosaur area, and the Wagon Wheel West trail system. Monitoring promotes proper OHV riding, and increased education for visitors.

The Northwest region of Colorado is experiencing an impending shift from a natural resource extraction-based economy, and the proactively planning for the future of recreation. The BLM-WRFO has unlimited potential for recreational OHV developments outside of already designated routes and the two Open Area designations. The OHV crew requested would greatly benefit the local economy, preservation of natural resource areas, open spaces, big game habitat and overall quality experience of OHV users.

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

Major partnering organizations include:

Yampa Valley Trail Riders	Moffat County	OHV Club
Wagon Wheel OHV Club	Rio Blanco County	OHV Club
Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition	Moffat County	Focus Group
Town Of Meeker	Meeker Colorado	Municipality
Town Of Rangely	Meeker, Colorado	Municipality
Rangely Chamber of Commerce	Rangely, Colorado	Non-profit
Meeker Chamber of Commerce	Meeker, Colorado	Non-profit
Eastern Rio Blanco Parks and Rec	Meeker, Colorado	Business/Community
Meeker Area Mountain Biking	Meeker, Colorado	Non-Profit Club
Moto Miss Fits	Rio Blanco County	OHV Club
W.E. Rock Events, LLC	Blackfoot, ID	Business/Event
Colorado Hill Climb	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Business/Event
Rangely Off-road Adventure Rally	Rangely, Colorado	Business/Event
Rally Colorado USA Racing	Aurora, Colorado	Business/Event

The proposed crew will work closely with the clubs, businesses, stakeholders and partners. As part of the Partnership in the Outdoors Program initiated by the State of Colorado, the BLM-WRFO has been participating in the Northwest Colorado Outdoor Coalition (NCOC) meetings with another BLM Field Office, Little Snake Field Office, as well as other Moffat and Routt County clubs. The BLM-WRFO has been working with the NCOC, local community members, and partners to assist with the recreation planning efforts on BLM lands, and to provide balance of recreation and conservation in Rio Blanco, Moffat, Garfield, and Routt counties. The trail crew along with the BLM-WRFO recreation program planner and park ranger, will attend NCOC and other partner and community meetings when applicable, building relationships.

Item	Donating Entity	Value	Description
BLM Radios	BLM	\$1500.00	Communication Tools
BLM Admin: Budget, Tracking, Reporting, etc. (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	BLM	\$5518.00	4 weeks at a GS-11 for time spent tracking reporting, etc.
BLM Hiring, direct oversight, and project management (GS-11 @ 4 weeks)	BLM	5518.00	4 weeks at a GS-11 for time spent direct hiring, oversight and project management
BLM Chainsaw, OHV, Tablet, and Trailer Training	BLM	\$1200.00	Time spent for training the crew in the use of the tools listed
Travel Management Planning TM RMPA % of time spent for planning within the BLM field office on EA	BLM	\$50000.00	A percentage of the total cost of the plan that was related to OHV use for the 2021 TM RMPA EA.
Open Area Planning and Implementation, Youth Corps camp crews, 2 Kiosks, post and pole fencing materials, cattle guard, gates, WRFO planning and oversight.	BLM	\$73728.00	To-date open area implementation including youth corps funding, signage, kiosk installation, WRFO recreation planner oversight (2021-2022)
2022-2023 CPW OHV Grant recipient	CPW	72794.00	2022-2023 OHV grant recipient
Value of volunteer hours/partnership hours	BLM, Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department.	\$6400.00	Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department spent one week with staff labor and heavy equipment to install a cattle guard in the LO7 OHV Open Area (\$40/hrx10 hours per day x 4 staff x 4 days)

The BLM-WRFO's grant proposal is requesting \$120,125.00 and providing \$241,394.00 in-kind contributions. The total project cost is \$361,518.54.

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

(25 points):

Outside of enhancing the OHV trail riding experience from a recreationist standpoint, one of the main objectives of this project is to protect natural resources on BLM-WRFO managed lands, adjacent land management agencies, as well as private landowners. The two-person crew will indirectly protect critical big game habitat, range and wildlife habitat, lands with wilderness and wilderness characteristic designations, vegetation, and riparian zones.

Additionally, the crew will educate and monitor all OHV trails for maintenance needs and respond quickly after weather events to address drainage issues, which will help to prevent damage to trails and roads. Improvements to drainage structures and maintenance to water bars, and the need to clear trails would be monitored and completed regularly, and promptly address problem areas as they become evident. By providing information, education and updated maps to visitors, this creates a quality user experience, as well as keeping the trails maintained to the skill level of the riders. Vegetation will be preserved for wildlife as well as the visual enjoyment of the natural environment of the OHV recreationalist, and other recreationalists.

Existing management issues in the both the North Rangely and LO7 OHV riding areas include illegal off-route travel, minor trash dumping, trespassing issues on adjacent private property, trampled vegetation, and unauthorized travel on adjacent oil and gas well pads. This project addresses these issues by allowing a trail crew to monitor where off-route travel is happening, clean up the trash left throughout our dispersed field office recreation, and provide education and rider information at the kiosk on updated maps and through visitor interaction. These planned actions are intended to improve the long-term management and use of OHV trails by assisting with resource protection.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

The large equipment purchases that BLM-WRFO is proposing is for a UTV and a trailer to pull the UTV. The Recreation Program lead for the BLM-WRFO will be responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the equipment. The proposed OHV crew will be responsible for daily operations. Annual budget operations, maintenance and fuel is expected to be approximately \$3000.00 for the first year and going forward. The WRFO estimates the OHV crew to use the UTV up to 50% of their time in a work week with making contacts, monitoring, sign installation/replacement, and route inventories for TMA1 and throughout the field office recreation areas. During the off-season, the UTV and trailer will be stored at the BLM-WRFO locked yard in the warehouse. The UTV and trailer will be serviced as needed. Smaller equipment proposed to purchase such as hand tools, and PPE will be the responsibility of the recreation lead also. In the off-season the tools will be kept in the BLM-LSFO warehouse and office.

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

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

Travel Management:

One of the main objectives of this OHV Trail Crew proposal is to plan and implement plans from the BLM-WRFO Travel Management RMPA TMA1, the Rangely Rock Crawling Park and the North Dinosaur area, as well as final implementation and monitoring of LO7 and Rangely North. This will include developing a long-term strategy with stakeholders, partners, and the program lead. Long-term planning and development of a work plan for sign installation and monitoring of designated routes and contacts with the public about proper use of OHV's is a priority. The crew will become familiar with the field office and TMA1, as well as other TMAs for future planning and implementation. The crew will become familiar with the mapping tools requested in the funding proposal, while working on high priority signage needs and closures. The crew will work directly with the recreation program lead and the inter-disciplinary ID Team to address the high priority needs. The BLM-WRFO will use U-channel posts with carsonites attached and rock art stickers for signage. Funding is requested annually for signs and materials.

Education

Providing administrative controls such as signs, fencing and monitoring is a key part of travel management. Public contacts are large part of education on public lands. Crews will patrol OHV areas on the weekends and holidays to:

- Explain travel management principles
- Point out "OHV" registration dollars area improvements
- Check OHV registrations
- Give notice of upcoming volunteer projects
- Describe the state grant program
- Distribute maps
- Describe future trails and projects
- Explain "Stay the Trail" principles

Other educational components that are directly related to this project include: installing entrance and other route signs to identify the Open Areas; installing updated maps that display information about OHV registrations, travel management rules, and maps for the area and surrounding landscape; placing "OHV dollars at Work" stickers at strategic locations to remind riders how this site was funded; installing fencing or boundary markers to clearly identify the Open Area boundaries; having hard copy maps available for the public for these sites; having georeferenced pdf's of these areas for cell phone GPS navigation; and potentially developing future OHV skills courses at the locations. These educational efforts, combined with BLM law enforcement presence and recreation staff patrols, provide a comprehensive educational component for this project. Based on monitoring, site patrols and educational efforts will be adjusted to reflect the needs of each site over the years to address any on-going management issues and be more strategic with our management resources.

The northwest region of Colorado sees a dramatic increase in use of OHV's during the hunting seasons. To ensure protection of Wilderness Study Area designations, big game habitat, grazing allotments and the spread of invasive weeds, the OHV crew will be working with the program lead, CPW, Rio Blanco County, Big Game Outfitters, potentially U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and other partners within the Northwest Outdoor Coalition assist with educational elements of proper use of OHV's. Updated maps, brochures and information that is currently online representing BLM-WRFO will made to be available as hand-outs in the future with the goal of educating visitors on responsible recreation.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

The crews will work closely with the recreation program lead, and law enforcement. The OHV crew would not be law enforcement and no funding would be provided to law enforcement. The trail crew would be able to provide details to the recreation program lead and law enforcement on issues that may require various levels of compliance measures. The OHV crew would be equipped with knowledge of state OHV regulations and information will be provided to the public. The project will provide an increase on the ground presence as well much needed obvious and logical signage with the overall goal of compliance.

The crew will complete daily logs describing the number and type of contacts of various visitors, trees felled, registrations checked, miles patrolled, trails visited, and hours worked. A substantial amount of time will be

devoted to travel management compliance through route signage and non-designated route closures, roughly 50%. Public contacts may be conducted 10% of the crew season.

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Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

N/A

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

Figure 1. Vicinity Map

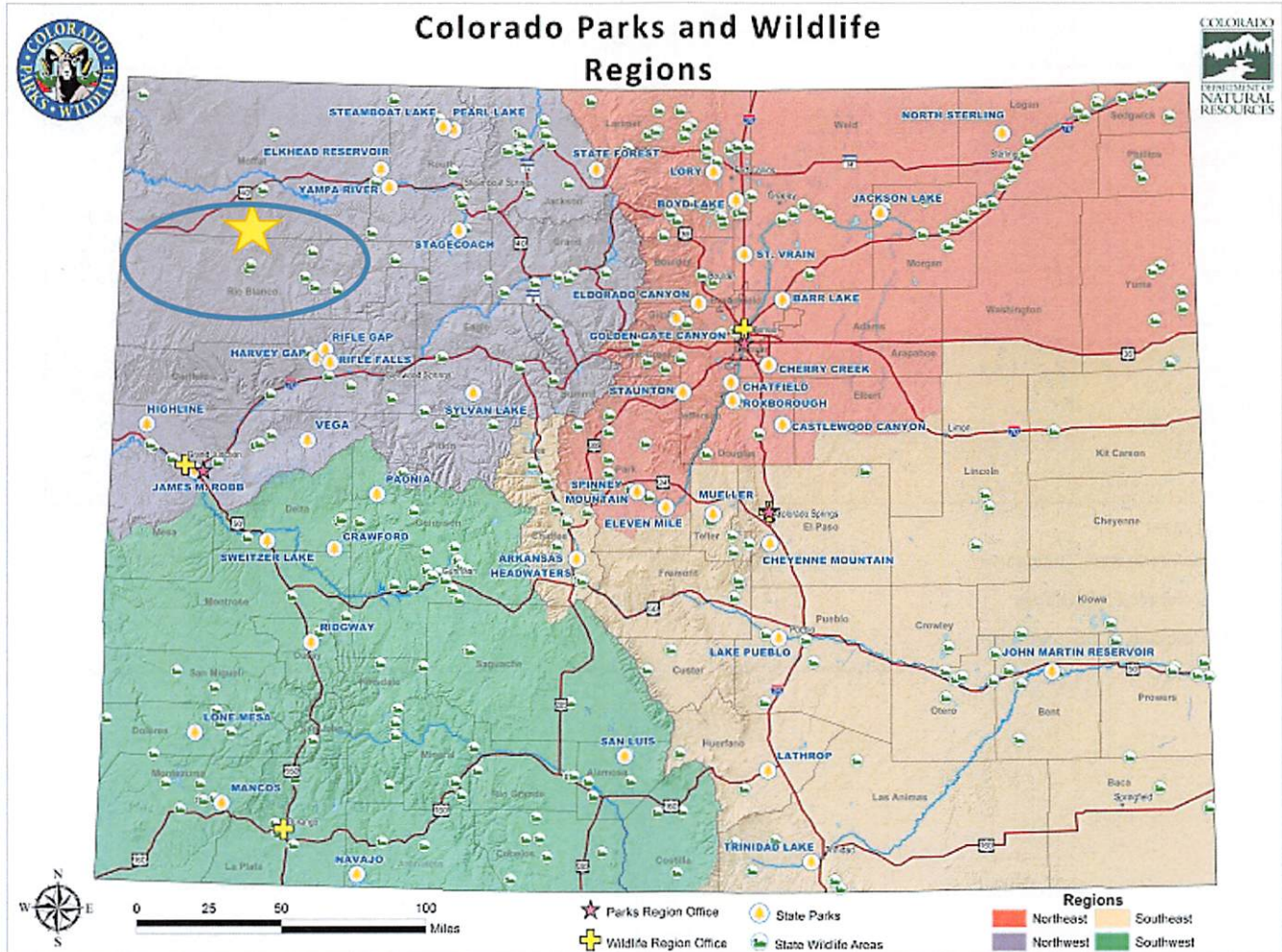
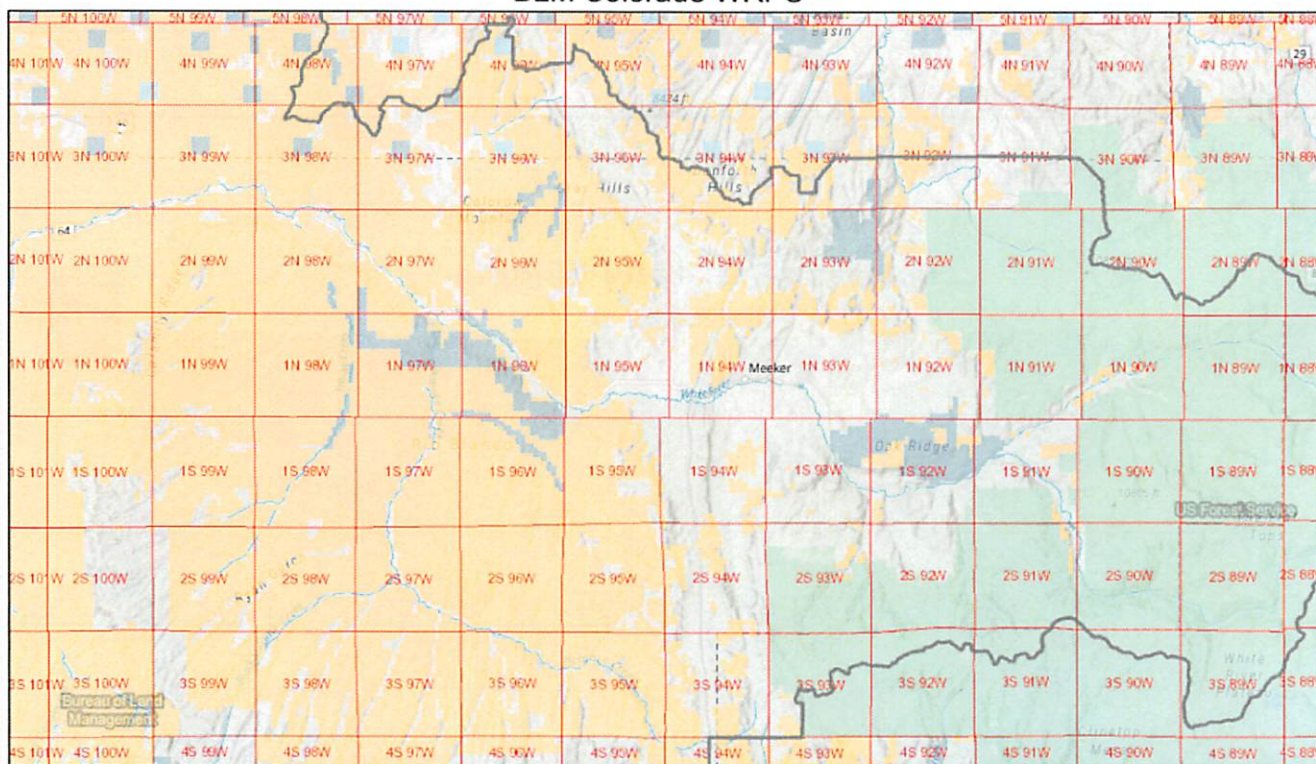


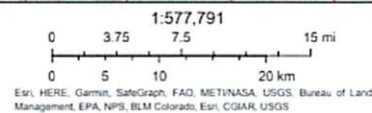
Figure 2. BLM White River Field Office Map

BLM Colorado WRFO



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- BLM Colorado State Boundary
- BLM Colorado Field Offices
- BLM Colorado PLSS Township



E-2 Project Map:

Figure 1. BLM White River Field Office Map with Roads

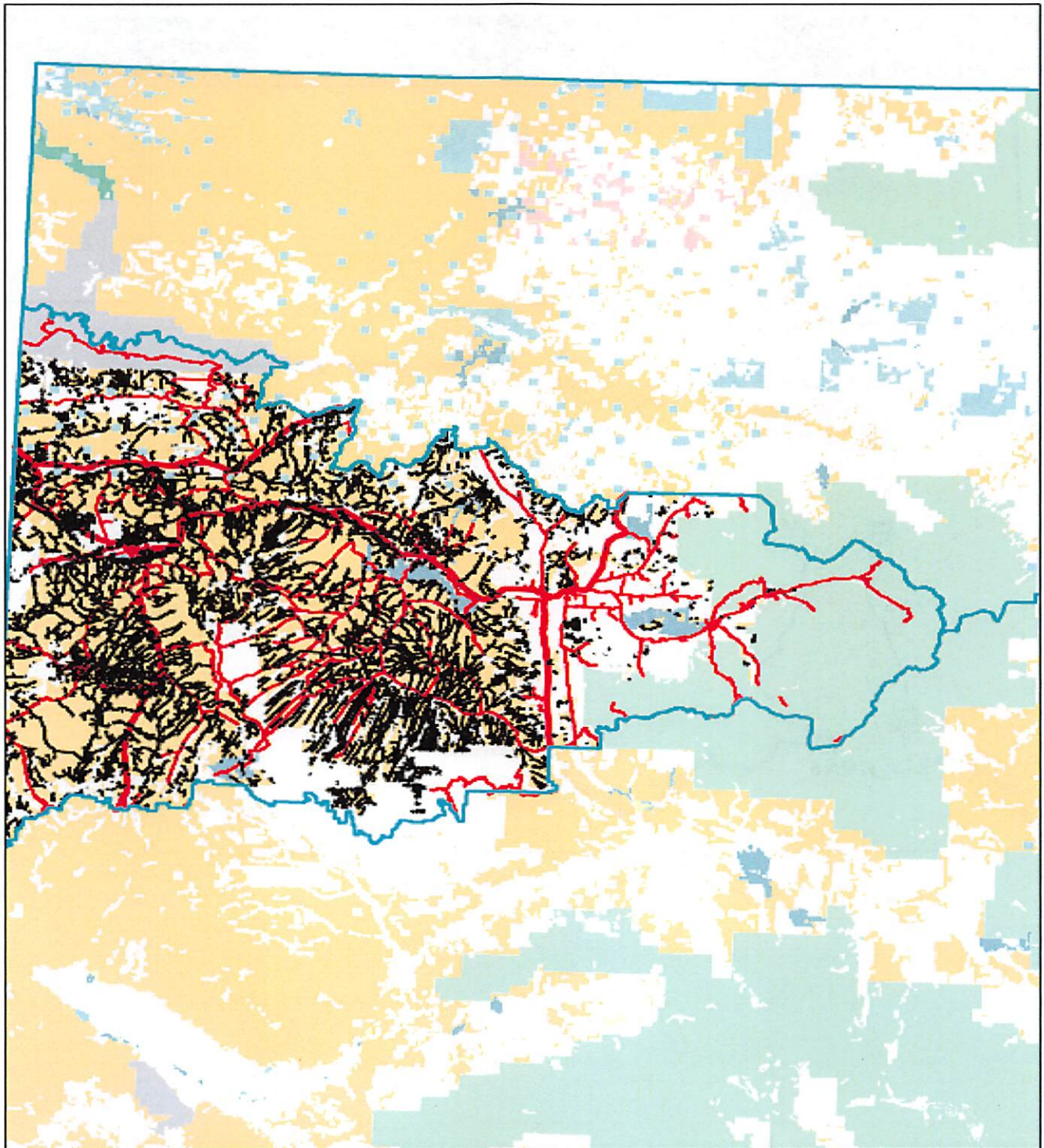


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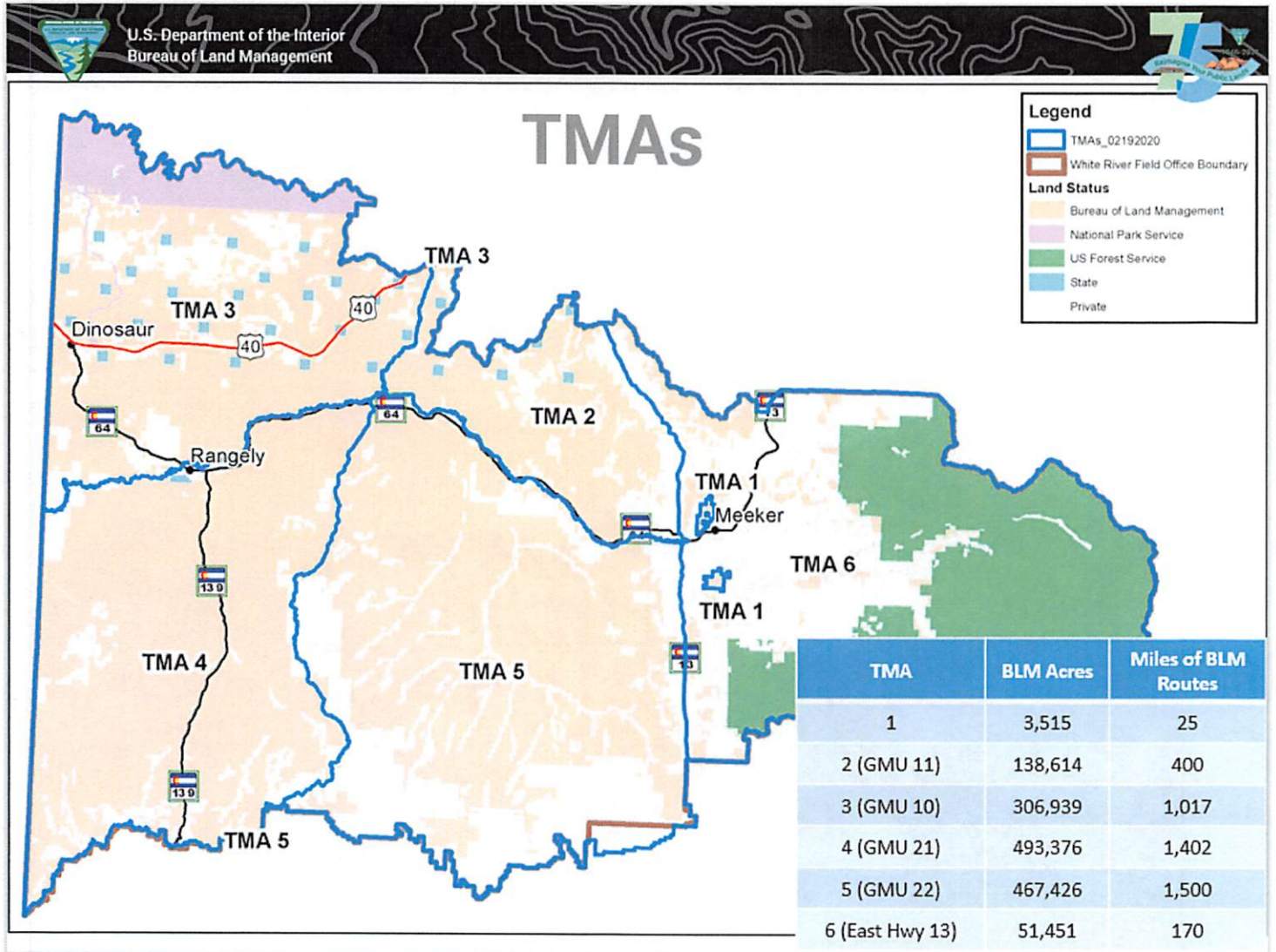


Figure 3. BLM White River Field Office Open Area Maps: LO7

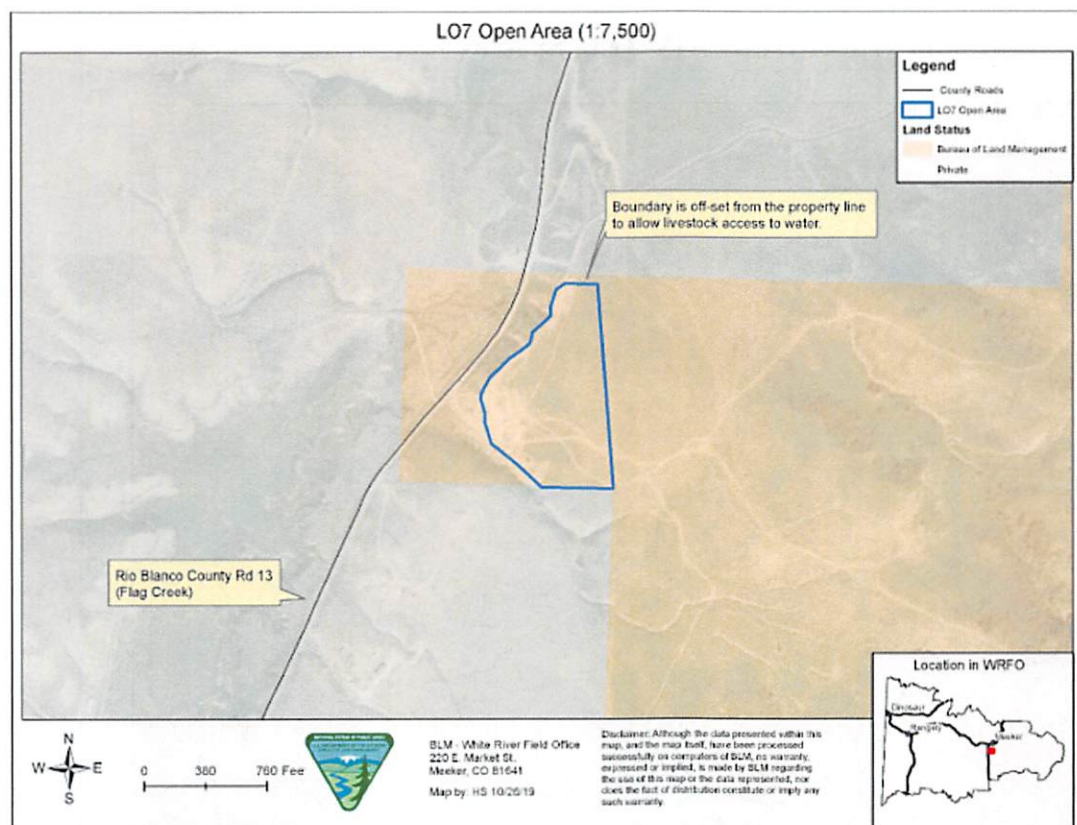


Figure 4. BLM White River Field Office Open Area Maps: North Rangely

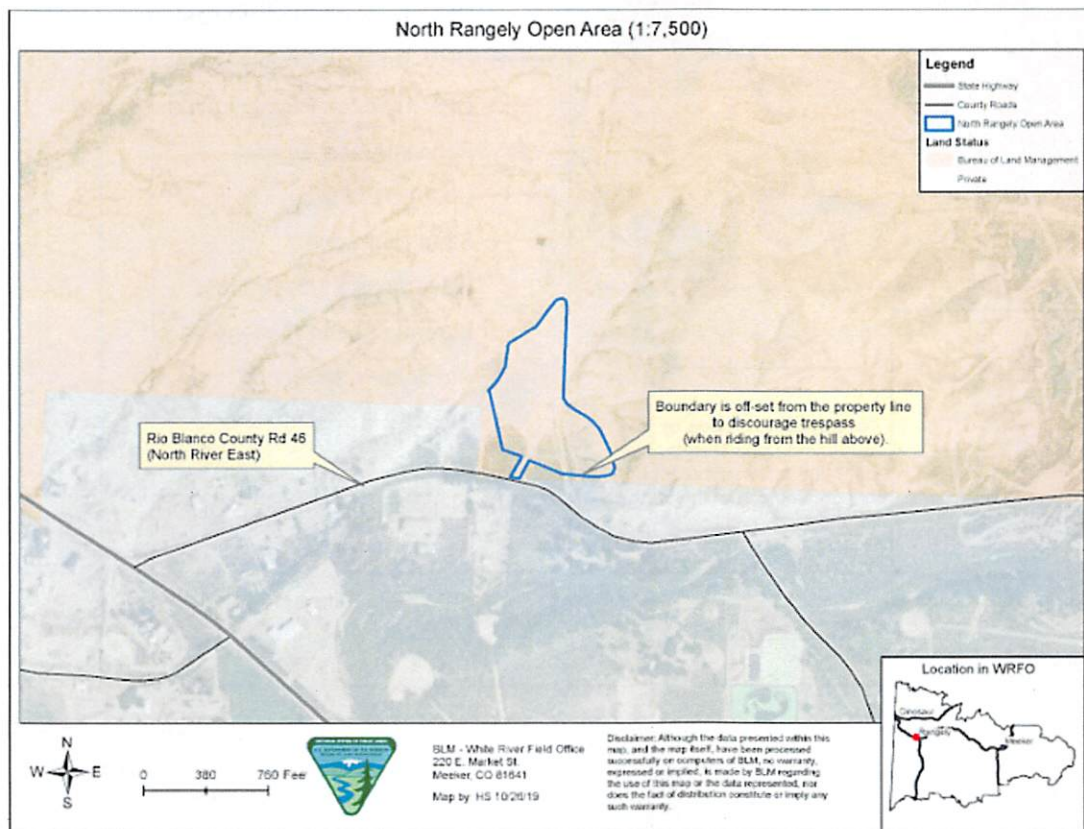
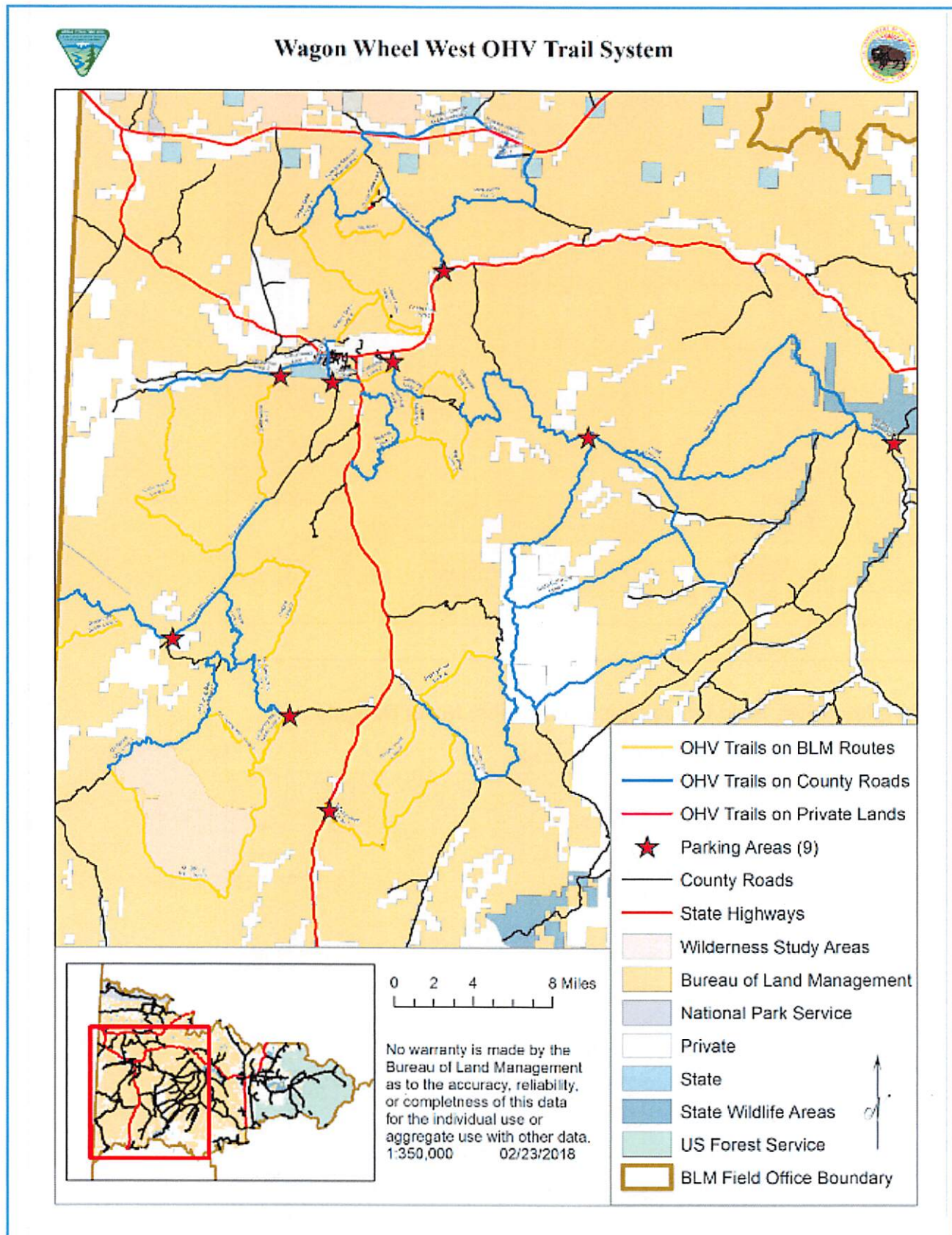


Figure 5. Wagon Wheel West Trail System



(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Figure 1. Proposed North Dinosaur Open Area

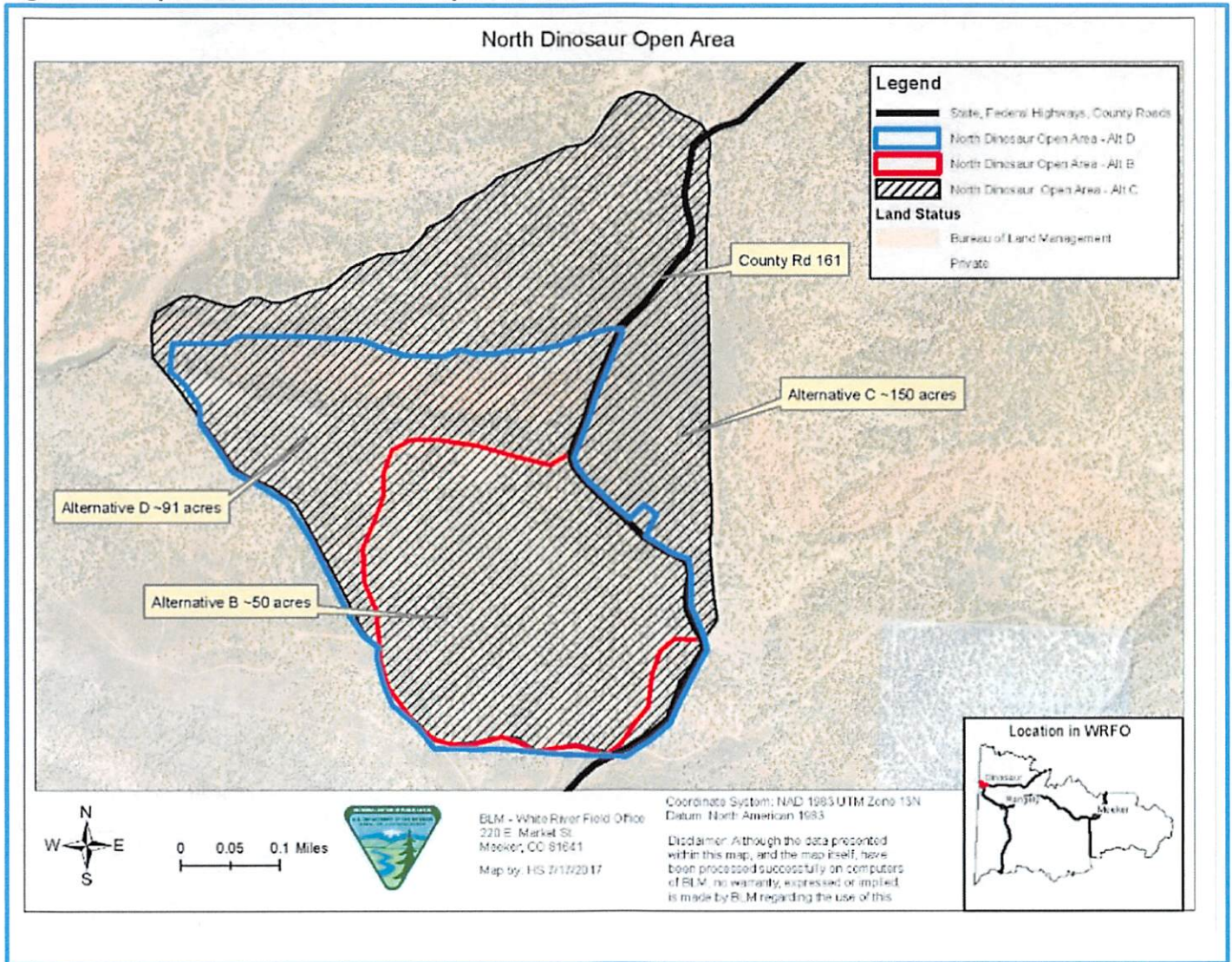


Figure 2. Rangely Rock Crawling Park Routes

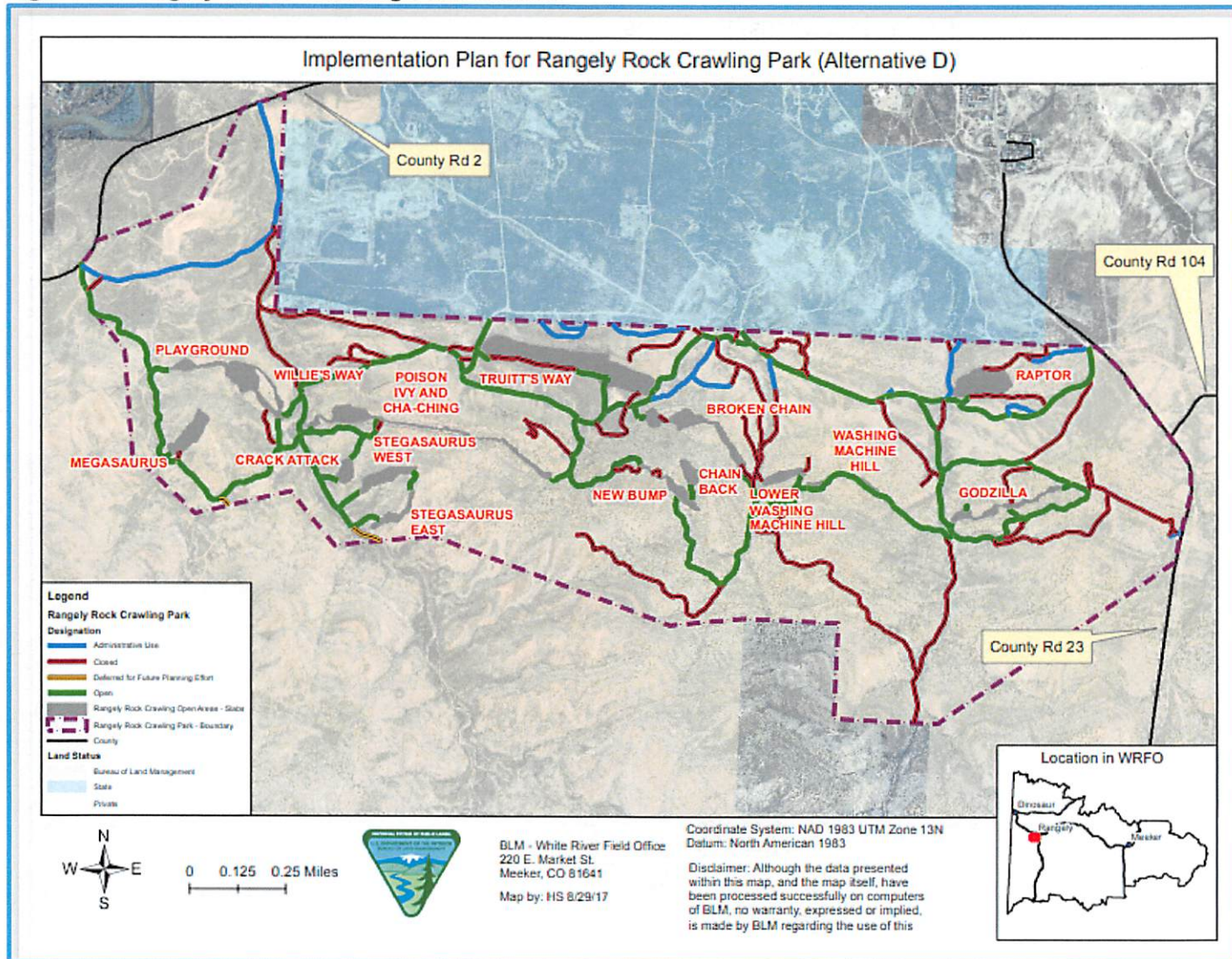


Figure 3. Dispersed camping area with multiple Crossroads



Figure 4. Trash dumping on public lands



Figure 5. Special Recreation Permit Event, Colorado Hill Climb



Figure 6. Special Recreation Permit Event, W.E. Rock, Rock Crawl Event



(G) Letters of Project Support

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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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November 30, 2022

The Eastern Rio Blanco Metropolitan Recreation and Park District (ERBM) is pleased to submit this letter in full support of the BLM-White River Field Office's (WRFO) grant application to secure Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) program funding. Financial assistance toward these WRFO targeted OHV initiatives are critically needed in order to continue maintaining our county trail resources and cultivating this important recreational opportunity in our region.

ERBM and the BLM-WRFO have collaborated on a number of projects over the past several years which seek to improve and expand recreational trail usage for hiking and mountain biking on our adjoining parcels which comprise the Meeker Trail System. WRFO has proven to be a sound steward of these local resources and always maintains a priority toward the ongoing care and upkeep of the system. The White River area's substantial OHV trail system demands a wholistic approach in order to maintain in a sustainable manner. Local and regional public and non-profit land management partners rely heavily on WRFO's leadership and expertise to this end. Without additional assistance in the form of equipment and personnel, WRFO is under-resourced to help lead these management efforts effectively.

Identifying and addressing the many and varied ongoing issues of providing and improving OHV trails that promote positive user experiences on BLM-WRFO public lands is a year-round undertaking. To successfully move forward in this endeavor will take the collective resources of all local, state and federal agencies working in partnership. ERBM enthusiastically supports this grant application with the intent of accomplishing this valuable regional stewardship initiative. If we can answer any further questions please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean VonRoenn".

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Dear OHV Grant Selection Committee,

Out door recreation and adventure is synonymous with Colorado! I high elevation state with high aspirations for any outdoor enthusiast. Among the many up and coming destination towns scattered across Western Colorado, Meeker finds itself at a unique cross section of many gateways to the wild west. A small humble town of 2,500 people our economy relies heavily on tourism and outdoor recreation. From world renown fly fishing, astonishing Elk hunting and breath taking views, Buttes and Apline Lakes our town offers many accommodations and a network of outdoor rec, hunting, ATV/OHV outfitters, city planners and county officials working diligently to develop a sustainable economic future for our small town.

As a local of Rio Blanco County and Meeker, Colorado our community is starting to see drastic changes in both our communities Health and Economics. With the eventual closures of multiple mining operations, power plants and supporting businesses the substantial negative impact on the future financial security of our community is at stake. Our non-profit mountain bike club has been actively building, planning and advocating for trail expansion and an increase in access to retail and tourist options in town to help provide a secondary economy that very well may become our primary.

OHV trails are a major attraction to our community and increased trail expansion, maintenance, and planning would greatly improve tourist options and financial incentives for our community. As a mountain biking club we can also take advantage of these trails and promote more gravel and leisure rides on double track, while an increased exposure due to more OHV trails, increased maintenance and representation will greatly expand the town as a destination and improve exposure of other outdoor recreational activities.

MAMBA is in support for the upcoming CPW OHV grant for the BLM White River Field Office, and feel it would improve maintenance conditions route signage, assessment of needed reroute and repair of our trails. A rising tide floats all boats, and we strongly encourage the review committee to consider Rio Blanco county and Meekers economic and community well being this grant will provide us. Thank you so much for your consideration and support.

Issac T Frye



State Trails Program Committee
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RE: BLM – White River Field Office OHV Grant Application

To the State Trails Program Committee,

It is the intent of myself, as founder of the Moto MissFits ladies' non-profit, to provide this letter in support of San Riebold and the White River Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management in her efforts to obtain funding for personnel, signage, and equipment to maintain, improve, and better enforce OHV recreation areas in NW Colorado.

The White River Field office currently boasts over one million acres of public land, spreading across three rural, but busy counties. With traffic from I-70, one of the most popular hunting grounds in the state, and a well-known OHV network, San and her limited staff have their hands full just trying to keep up with downed timber and the normal erosion control necessary with OHV trail maintenance. As a member of the local OHV club, the Meeker Area Mountain Biking Club, and a former trail crew leader, I've seen that volunteer work is crucial, but numbers in manpower and tools are limited.

With COVID-19 and the drive for people to "get outside," it is more important than ever for the state and local communities to support its land managers in getting ahead on implementation of restoration efforts and envisioning solutions to the increased numbers of inexperienced recreationists.

San and her team have been very active in the community, working to help people understand current needs and in recruiting volunteer groups to assist in the efforts, but she truly needs a skilled crew to which tasks can be delegated with an expected level of quality outcomes. To be frank, she is too busy to spend all of her time teaching brand-new volunteers how to do every task that needs done. It would be a better use of time and resources to utilize trained staff with their own equipment that can then organize the volunteers and assist in community education/outreach.

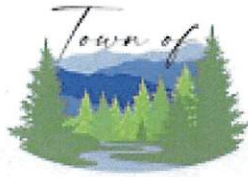
Please consider this grant application as one of great need for NW Colorado, the many user groups, and as a necessary component for land conservation for the future of the White River BLM public lands.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for the opportunity this program provides.

Respectfully,

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November 21, 2022

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Re: Colorado State Parks OHV Program

The Town of Meeker is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant application being submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) White River Field Office. The Town of Meeker strongly supports this grant application and the focus on OHV recreation management on the Wagon Wheel Trail Systems.

The Wagon Wheel Trail System provides unique recreational opportunities in Meeker and all of Rio Blanco County, with over 600 miles of designated trails. Outdoor recreation, such as OHV trail riding, is an essential aspect of the tourism industry in our community and is a significant contributor to our local economy through sales tax, lodging and retail sales. With additional grant funding, the Wagon Wheel Trails will benefit greatly from the seasonal park rangers, increased signage, and material to ensure all users of the trails have the best experience possible.

The BLM White River Field Office continues to be a community partner and is highly involved in community organizations that support OHV recreation. Through these partnerships the funds awarded by this grant will make the most significant impact on our local trails and help promote Meeker as a top location for outdoor recreational tourism.

The ongoing efforts and grant support for projects such as this one contributes to the much valued tourism, recreation and commerce that sustain to our community. The Town of Meeker appreciates the opportunity to write this letter supporting the BLM's application and this request has our full endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mandi Etheridge".

Mandi Etheridge
Administrator, Town of Meeker