



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

Name of Project: Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment		Date of Application: 12/01/22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$391,490	Grant Request: \$349,560	
<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: Northern Colorado Trail Riders		
Mailing Address: PO Box 521, Loveland CO 80503-0521		
		Fax:
Telephone:	Email: nctr.treasurer@gmail.com	

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.		
Name: Amanda Tate		Title: NCTR Grant Coordinator
Mailing Address: PO Box 521, Loveland CO 80503		
Telephone: 970-481-0259	Fax:	Email: blueruby2112@gmail.com
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: X YES NO

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Amanda Tate		Title: NCTR Grant Coordinator
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:		Title:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Fort Collins (East)

County(ies): Larimer

Township/Range/Section: 7N 72W, 7N 73W

State Senate District #:15

State Representative District #:49

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Canyon Lakes Ranger District, Arapaho/Roosevelt NF
 2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License
 Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain): _____

TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)Miles of Singletrack: 17.74 Miles of 50" or less: 3.88 Miles of Full-sized: 0**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access |

PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed 19,078 ft.
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added 30,327 ft. Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education Land Acquisition or Other

* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)

% of Budget	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
85	
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
7	
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
8	
	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: Lookout Mountain Realignment	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: NCTR	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Amanda Tate	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$391,490	Grant Request: \$349,560

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

Remove all instructional text (below) and replace it with information specific to this project request

WHO?

Northern Colorado Trail Riders (NCTR) is a not-for-profit motorcycle club. NCTR was formed 30 years ago to preserve and maintain motorized use on single track trails in Northern Colorado. NCTR regularly provides annual spring/early summer maintenance including but not limited to reducing/removing dead and down trees blocking trails or interrupting access (preventing braiding/erosion), spring runoff triage, and basic trail work. The bulk of the work will be performed by a private trail construction contractor. Additional work will be performed by NCTR and Overland Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) volunteers, the Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps, and Canyon Lakes Ranger District Staff. NCTR and their assigned/designated Grant Coordinator will be responsible for project management and fulfillment.

WHERE?

This trail is located on and managed by the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests.

Lookout Mountain Trail #934 - Trail on Sheep Creek and Miller Fork in Larimer County. The trail can be accessed through FSR 154, 154C, 129, and 344.

Trailhead - 105.501°W 40.538628°N

WHAT?

Realign 30,327 feet of the Lookout Mountain trail to sustainable standards. Rehabilitate 19,078 feet of existing trail. Remove dead and down trees. Mitigate run-off/erosion. Professional Trail crew with existing equipment provided/performed by Single Track Trails Inc.

With the closure of many other trails on the Northern Front Range after the floods of 2013, the Donner Pass/Lookout Mountain trail system is one of the few remaining single-track systems open for motorized use. These trails, constructed on very old logging roads and pack trails, were never built for long term sustainability. In 2020 the area was severely impacted the Cameron Peak Fire, the largest fire in Colorado history. Extreme post fire events have resulted in dramatic flooding and infrastructure loss throughout poorly aligned segments of these trails. Even before the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire, the increased traffic on these trails created significant damage. Other than clearing the deadfall every spring, these trails have never received any substantial improvements. The Donner Pass and Lookout Mountain Trails are now considered unrideable by even expert motorcyclists and mountain bikers. With the increase in use since 2013 and the

damage from the Cameron Peak fire, these trails are desperately in need of significant work. Upon completion of previously approved Donner Pass Trail Realignment in 2023, and realignment of the Lookout Mountain Trail in 2024, this trail system is expected to provide a unique and high quality recreation experience for a wide variety of user groups.

The CLRD Trails Program Manager, with assistance from NCTR and OMBA representatives, has identified optimal trail locations that minimize erosion potential, allow natural water drainage patterns, and direct traffic away from locations that currently create impacts to natural resources. New trail construction will consist of removing the organic layer of material down to mineral soil. The organic material will be saved for later use in restoration. Erosion control structures will be added to stabilize the trail. The old trail will then be restored by de-compacting soil and organic soil would be placed to encourage naturalizing of the site. Check dams and water bars sourced from native materials and strategic slash will be installed to reduce erosion of the old trail. Trail route finding signage and/or restoration area signage would be installed as needed per Forest Service standards. 2 Trail kiosks and 5 directional signs destroyed by the fire will be replaced.

The realignment will be constructed as a multi-use Trail Class 2 in accordance with the following reference materials: [Trail Fundamentals and Trail Management Objectives](#), [Forest Service Handbook \(2309.18 Trails Management\)](#), [Trail Construction and Maintenance Handbook, MTDC \(2007 Edition\)](#)

WHEN?

Project anticipated to start as soon as grant funds have been awarded and snow melt/access is appropriate in 2024. All work is expected to be complete in a single season.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –

NCTR will place signage/logos/etc. at the trail head and kiosks at all access points. NCTR will notify local media outlets (print & telecast) of project activities. NCTR, OMBA, and the CLRD will promote the project through social media posts and webpage content.

Budget Form

Project Name: Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2024

Project Sponsor: Northern Colorado Trail Riders

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)	\$ 349,560		\$ 349,560.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USFS Fleet Vehicle		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
CLRD Program Manager Support		\$ 3,530.00	\$ 3,530.00
2 Weeks of Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps Support- 10 person crew	\$ -	\$ 15,880.00	\$ 15,880.00
OMBA (via SCHEELS) - salary costs for planning, design & project technical advising	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
OMBA - additional in-kind salary costs		\$ 1,945.00	\$ 1,945.00
OMBA - volunteers		\$ 8,985.00	\$ 8,985.00
NCTR- volunteers		\$ 5,990.00	\$ 5,990.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 391,490.00

I. Personnel Costs
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Construction Contract	\$ -		\$ 344,760.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
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	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ 344,760.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies
Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Kiosks at junctions with FSR 344 and 154C	\$ 2,000.00	2	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 4,000.00

III. Equipment
Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

III.A. FLEET Equipment
Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

			\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

V. Volunteer Support
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.

Box lunches for volunteer days 4 days x 10 volunteers/day x \$15/volunteer	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 600.00

VI. Insurance
(Non-profit organizations only)

	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)
Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)

Printing and postage	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
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	\$	-		\$	-
				Category Total	\$ 200.00
				Total	\$ 349,560.00

* 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	Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment	Project Sponsor	Northern Colorado Trail Riders
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

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

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland 1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan	Date: Updated 06/2019
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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.]

08/2023-See attached Letter of Intent

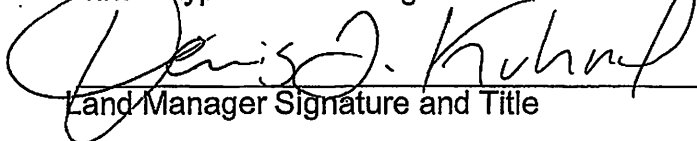
For more information contact:

Matthew Cowan, Wilderness and Trails Program Manager, CLRD
matthew.cowan@usda.gov

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

Dennis Kuhnel, CLRD District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title


 Land Manager Signature and Title

Nov. 21, 2020
 Date

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

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*)

This project will address major issues with the Lookout Mountain Trail. The trail has long been a favorite of many local riders but has seen usage decline significantly due to its extremely poor conditions. It suffered significant damage from the major flooding events in 2013. The area was severely impacted from the Cameron Peak Fire in 2020. Additional post-fire erosion has now made the trail unrideable except for a very select few sections. Much of the erosion is a result of the trail's poor alignment closely following the steep Sheep Creek drainage, with multiple sections having trail grades exceeding 30%.

Realigning much of this trail will get it out of this steep drainage creating a much more sustainable contouring trail across the hillside. Another major problem is with the State Land Trust property at the east end of the trail which has been closed to public access. This has created a situation where trail users are now traveling off trail to bypass this property. Additionally, the CLRD has received reports that some users have been trespassing on to the State Land Trust property. Realigning the trail will create a new bypass of this property allowing users to access once again legally many of the other forest roads in the area.

The steep and rocky terrain throughout the area ensures challenging riding opportunities will remain. Reducing these steeper grades will make it more accessible to a wider range of abilities and users. The project is a high priority at this time due to the severe erosion that is happening and the need to reopen the trail to public use. OHV riding opportunities throughout the Front Range are limited. Getting this trail rebuilt quickly will bring a high-quality riding experience back to our Front Range OHV community.

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

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather than the quantity of support letters received. ***(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)***

NCTR is partnering directly with the Canyon Lakes Ranger District (CLRD) of the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forest and Overland Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) for this project. The bulk of the work will be performed by a private trail construction contractor. Additional work will be performed by NCTR & OMBA volunteers, the Larimer County Youth Conservation Corps, and CLRD staff. We are not aware of, nor do we expect any controversy regarding this project in the local community.

OMBA is contributing approximately \$5000 in direct funding for staff time (18 days) involved in planning & implementation. These funds are being received from SCHEELS in direct support of this project. Additional time needed will be provided as in-kind services. Total NCTR volunteer hours are estimated at 200 hours, equating to \$5,990. Total OMBA volunteer hours are estimated at 300 hours, equating to \$8,985.

- OMBA/SCHEELS - \$5000 (18 days staff time)
- NCTR Volunteer Hours - \$5,990
- OMBA Volunteer Hours - \$8,985
- OMBA In-Kind Services - \$1,945 (7 days staff time)
- Larimer County Conservation Corps - \$15,880 (2 weeks base Youth Corps)
- CLRD In-Kind Project Management- \$4,130
- Private Trail Construction Contractor - \$344,760
- Total Project Cost - \$391,490

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

(25 points):

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)***

Prior to the Cameron Peak Fire, this trail was experiencing significant erosion issues due to increased traffic, and damage from the 2013 floods. Drainages in the area, especially Sheep Creek on the east side, were impacted by severe soil burn severity that has drastically increased erosion. Since most of these trails were built on very old mining, logging, and pack trails, they were never constructed with drainage structures or long term sustainability in mind.

Various sections of this trail are very steep, resulting in excessive challenges to most riders. We have personally witnessed many riders burning out their clutches and overheating bikes to get through these sections. This level of challenge causes significant braiding and rutting of the trail in many areas. Building a sustainable trail with an acceptable level of challenge will allow us to place the trail into a single sustainable corridor.

By relocating the trail further away from drainage collection sources and constructing the trail with proper drainage features including an out sloped tread, grade reversals, and rolling grade dips, the surrounding landscape will benefit from natural sheet flow of water. The rehabilitation of the existing sections of trail will facilitate natural re-vegetation. Wildlife habitat and water quality within drainages in the project area will directly benefit from this trail realignment. 19,078 feet of trail will be rehabilitated, and 30,327 feet of trail will be constructed.

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:

Signage indicating the cooperative arrangement between all parties will be installed on all trail bridges and kiosks. Trail markers destroyed in the fire will be replaced, clearly indicating that this is a multiple use trail. NCTR, OMBA, and the CLRD will be responsible for providing education to new trail users through signage as well as ongoing outreach efforts.

As mentioned, we have significant support from the mountain biking community. As with the motorized users, most of them agreed that the previous trail provided too much challenge to ride continuously due to loose rocks and other obstacles. Our goal is to provide a trail that is challenging for most riders, but rideable without significant risk of injury to riders or damage to machines.

The closure of the Left Hand Canyon riding area west of Boulder and a lack of other riding opportunities has resulted in many miles of additional user created trails through the Northern Front Range. The restored trails in this project will give these riders legitimate options for motorized recreation. These trails were initially approved for motorized use 30 years ago due to the sustained efforts of NCTR to keep them open.

Education

Trail signage will indicate to both motorized and non-motorized users that this is a multiple use trail. NCTR will continue to publicize this trail system through our website, monthly meetings, and notification in relevant online forums. NCTR members have always been encouraged to stop whenever we encounter non-motorized users to get their opinion of the trail and to make them aware of the groups responsible for these trail projects. Maps will be provided at 2 trail kiosks, clearly indicating which trails are motorized and which trails are non-motorized.

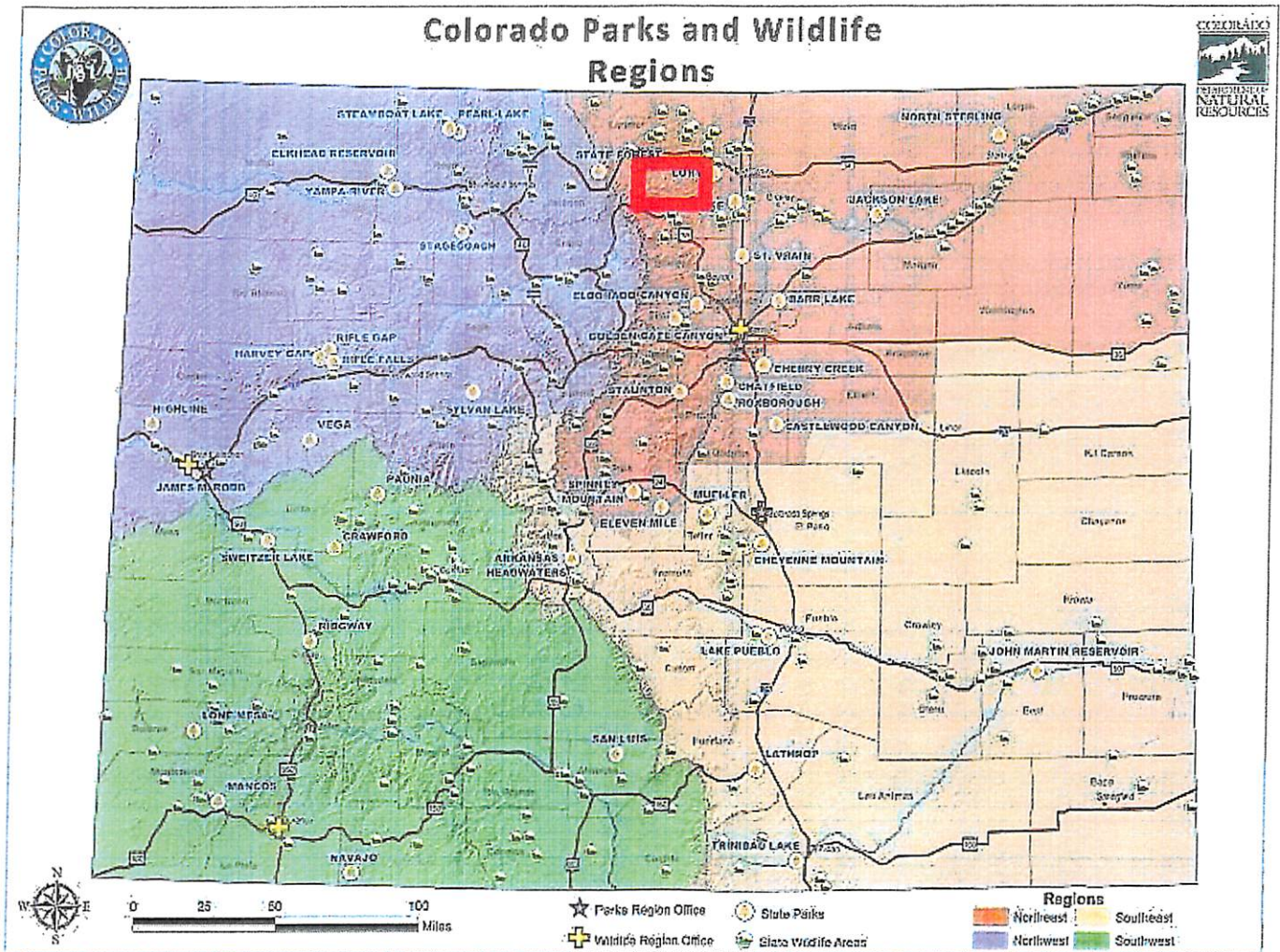
In addition, OMBA's trail patrol service, Diamond Peaks Mountain Bike Patrol (DPMBP), will consistently patrol the trail. DPMBP Certified Mountain Bike Patrollers work to assist all trail users by providing information and medical or mechanical assistance, when necessary. Patrollers interact with the trail users and educate them about proper etiquette using IMBA's Rules of the Trail. DPMBP also helps local land agencies by collecting trail use data, monitoring trail conditions and reporting incidents.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

Rules and regulations will be clearly posted at all trailheads. CLRD's OHV crew (formed in 2022 with a CPW State Trails Grant) will frequently patrol the Donner Pass and Lookout Mountain Trails. The current obstacles and challenge level of these trails make them inaccessible to USFS law enforcement. These reroutes will enable the CLRD OHV crew to perform law enforcement and compliance duties throughout the area's trails. The crew will be certified Forest Protection Officers (FPOs). They will provide public education, will ensure compliance with state OHV requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists, and will document compliance efforts through incident reports and an end of fiscal year report. The CLRD has informed us that the OHV crew will spend approximately 20% of their time in the Buckhorn area patrolling the Donner Pass and Lookout Mountain Trails as well as the surrounding National Forest System Roads.

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

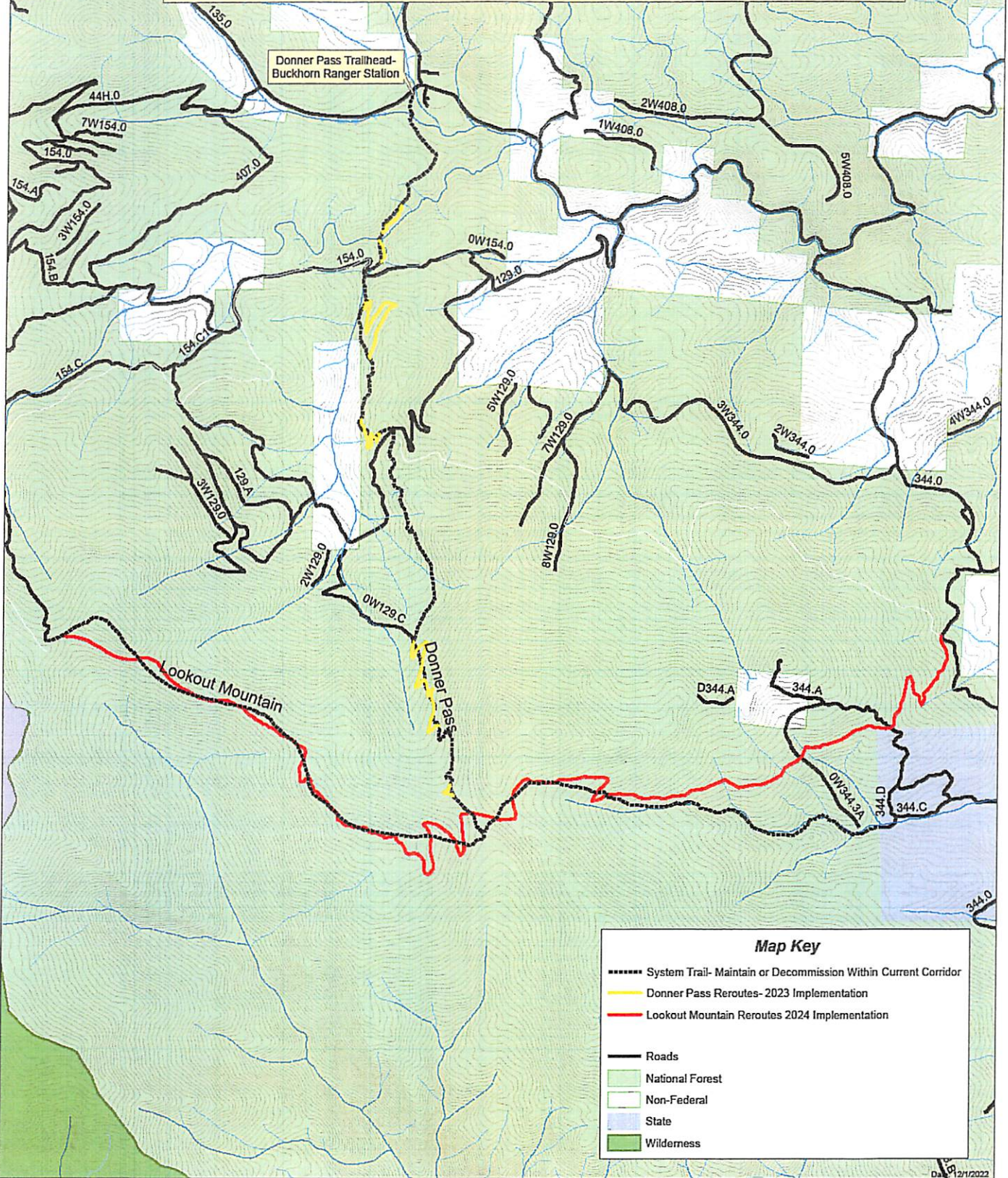
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.

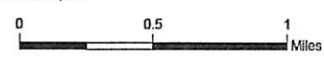
Proposed Reroutes and Maintenance on the Donner Pass and Lookout Mountain Trails



Map Key

- System Trail- Maintain or Decommission Within Current Corridor
- Donner Pass Reroutes-2023 Implementation
- Lookout Mountain Reroutes 2024 Implementation
- Roads
- National Forest
- Non-Federal
- State
- Wilderness

1 in = 1,600 feet
Scale 1:19,203



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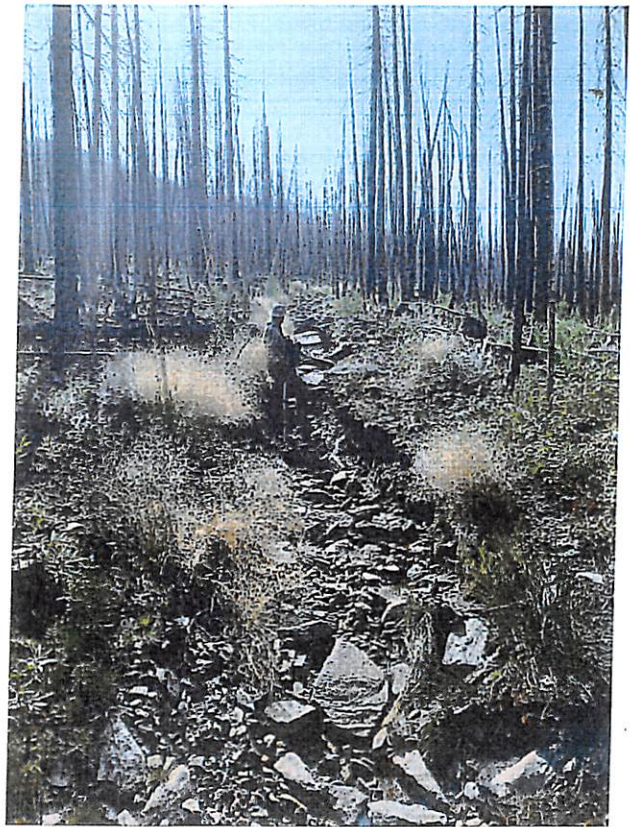
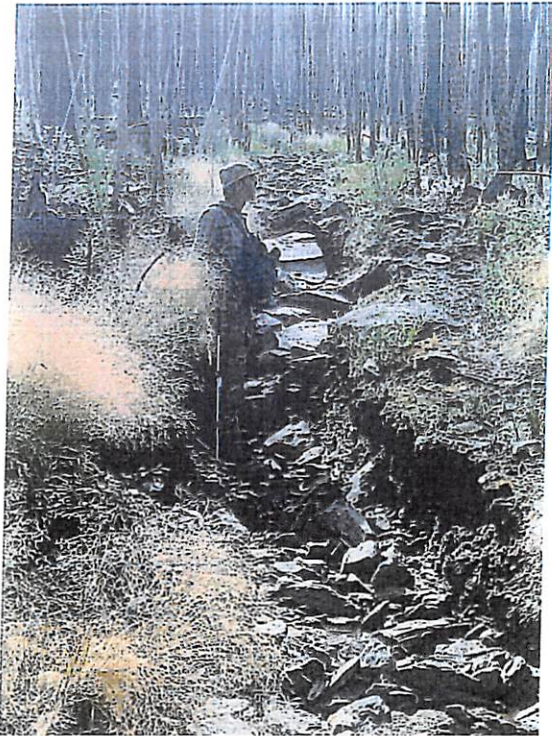


Date: 12/1/2022

(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Infrastructure Loss on the Donner Pass/Lookout Mountain Trail System



(G) Letters of Project Support

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

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



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6385 Byrd Dr. Loveland CO 80538

To whom it may concern/ State Trails Committee,

I want to start out first and foremost stating that the "Donner Pass Trail" changed my life. This may sound cheesy but it is completely true. I will explain more, however our Dealership is writing in regards to supporting the NCTR to receive a grant to repair and re-route the "Donner Pass Trail". The NCTR would use this grant to perform much needed repairs to allow for safe riding for many years to come. Currently the trails are impassable, unrideable, or have been closed due to the destruction of the Cameron Peak Fire.

We are a Motorcycle dealership in Loveland Colorado. We have supported the NCTR's efforts with donations. We know how hard the group works to maintain and create new safe motorized trails in our community. Every year they help clear our existing trails of debris in order for the population to continue to enjoy.

Northern Colorado's population continues to grow. The population of motorcycle riders also continues to increase. New riders are looking for a safe place to learn and expand their skills where more advanced riders are looking to challenge themselves and practice before the next race. It is a fact that there are a small amount of trails open-compared to the large amount of riders. This in turn can overcrowd an area, which can allow for more accidents and injuries to happen. Keeping open and opening new trails for motorized use will allow for riders to enjoy the vast Rocky Mountains without overcrowding.

Our employees are all very avid motorcycle riders. We also have a very active community of customers and friends that are avid riders. We have all ridden the "Donner Pass Trail" multiple times over the years. I have personally worked at the dealership since 2014. My very first trail ride was at the Donner Pass Trail. I remember myself being very excited to ride with my friends-finally in the Rocky Mountains! My friends told me the trail was not for beginners, I still wanted to go. The trail was absolutely more difficult than I had imagined and was difficult for me to ride the first time. This gave me a spark to improve my riding skills! I wanted to get myself into better shape mentally and physically, so that I could ride all trails better and more confidently. I have since been back to this trail multiple times a year, even to camp at the start of the trail. I have amassed wonderful memories of this trail and have honed my skills practicing on this trail. I am now racing at the "Pro" level in the RMEC Enduro racing circuit. None of this would have happened if I had not rode that day. I would absolutely love to see this trail re-opened, and in better, safer shape than it ever was before. The NCTR are the most qualified for this job and will work with your organization in properly opening Donner Pass again. We all look forward to riding the mountain again.

Sincerely,
Kyle Arlo Dalton
And the Motoadventure Team

12-1-22



Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

November 28, 2022

Re: Northern Colorado Trail Riders (NCTR) – Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment Project

Dear State Trails Committee Members:

The Overland Mountain Bike Association (OMBA) would like to enthusiastically support the CPW State Trails grant proposal, being submitted by NCTR, to conduct much-needed trail improvements to the Lookout Mountain Trail, managed by the US Forest Service. This popular multi-use trail system was heavily impacted by the 2020 Cameron Peak Fire. This project will greatly improve trail sustainability while better meeting the growing trail use demands within our community.

Constructing and maintaining local trails and trail systems in Northern Colorado is at the core of our organization's mission. OMBA provides and facilitates thousands of volunteer hours annually on trail projects within our local public lands. In partnership with multiple regional nonprofit trails groups and land managing agencies, we are strongly committed to bringing high-quality, sustainable, fun multi-use trails to our region.

These planned trail realignments will greatly improve the user experience by providing much more manageable trail grades with far less erosion. Upgrading the Lookout Mountain Trail to modern-day standards is needed as soon as possible to limit post-fire natural resource impacts. OMBA is allocating 25 days of staff time to assist in project planning, design and management as needed, which is being made possible thanks to a \$5,000 cash match contribution from SCHEELS plus a \$1,945 value for in-kind services.

Thank you for considering NCTR's grant request. Overland Mountain Bike Association strongly supports this grant application, and we look forward to collaborating on the project however possible.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth Bearden
Executive Director - Overland Mountain Bike Association



To whom it may concern,

My team and I would like to offer our support of the Norther Colorado Trail Riders. We like to support our local groups maintaining and expanding Off Highway Vehicle use. As a dealer having areas to use for customers is essential. The Donner Pass trail system is one of the few motorized single-track trails left on the front range. Since the Cameron peak fire these trails have been impacted. Grant money is essential to keeping these areas open. Northern Colorado Trail riders have been advocates to many trails locally. I believe this grant would be of use to many.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sroufe

General manager

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State Trails Program Manager
Colorado Parks and Wildlife Trails Program
13787 South Highway 85
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Dear State Trails Committee Members;

On behalf of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, Canyon Lakes Ranger District, I am pleased to support the Northern Colorado Trail Rider's (NCTR) request for funding to implement the Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment Project. This project is an important example of one of the many efforts that the Canyon Lakes Ranger District is collaborating with partners on to combat the devastating impacts of the Cameron Peak Fire.

The Lookout Mountain Trail Realignment Project will involve the construction of sustainably upgraded multi-use trail that will provide an enhanced recreation experience for Forest visitors while protecting natural resources. I support the effort to improve the condition of the trail so that it is accessible to all allowed user groups as well as the push to strengthen this important piece of infrastructure in advance of future post fire impacts.

NCTR is a long standing and extremely valuable partner with the Canyon Lakes Ranger District in the maintenance and construction of trails in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. NCTR has demonstrated the capacity to partner in implementing a component of the Forest Service's mission to sustain and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of NCTR's grant application. If you have any questions, please direct them to Matthew Cowan, District Wilderness and Trails Program Manager, at matthew.cowan@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

DENNIS KUHNEL
DISTRICT RANGER

