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

Name of Project: State Forest State Park 2023/2024		Date of Application: 12/2/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$ 60,000	Grant Request: \$60,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: State Forest State Park		
Mailing Address: 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO 80480		
		Fax: 970-723-8325
Telephone: 970-723-8366 ext 203		Email: anthonyt.johnson@state.co.us

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: Tony Johnson		Title: Senior Ranger	
Mailing Address: 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO 80480			
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		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES	

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.
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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: Walden

County(ies): Jackson

Township/Range/Section: T6N/R76W; T6N/R77W; T8N/R77W; T10N/R78W; T11N/R78W; 11N/R79W; (Note multiple sections in each township)

State Senate District #: 8

State Representative District #: 13

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:

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: _____ Miles of 50" or less: 7 Miles of Full-sized: 80**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling 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 _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals)
miles / ft. added _____ 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.)

72%

5%

Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)

11%

Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)

12%

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: State Forest OHV Trails FY 23/24	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: State Forest State Park	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Tony Johnson	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$60,000	Grant Request: \$60,000

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

To develop, maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, parking and support facilities; reconstruct OHV trails and related facilities; produce, install and maintain signage for OHV trails and support facilities; develop, deliver and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service and BLM that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement.

State Forest State Park is one of 42 state parks in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife system which is a division of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. As with the previous seasons funded by Colorado's Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Good Management Grant Program, this project will continue to focus on maintaining and improving the approximate 80 miles of natural surface / forest road motorized trails in order to enhance education and user safety in an effort to promote an OHV friendly experience that is unparalleled in Northern Colorado. Buck and rail fencing, route markings and updated trail signs will continue to be a priority to ensure the "Stay the Trail" riding ethic is adhered to. Funding from this grant is critical to provide field presence on both State Forest and North Sand Hills Recreation Area in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management.

I am putting in for one request, which will include a 3 person OHV trails crew (one trail coordinator/equipment operator, two trail crew members, and 8 weeks of mini excavator equipment rental.

Equipment rented would be a Bobcat E50. I would prefer to rent this equipment much more than purchase this equipment as it is not a piece of equipment I would like to own and only have limited use for, (this summer is a major work summer where I would have a lot of use for this equipment, I also don't wish to take on ownership responsibilities and cost operations of this type of machinery either).

Full time staff of a Park Ranger, and Senior Ranger will be able to assist in this grant request/operations.

This project contains an array of trails spread throughout the existing boundaries of State Forest State Park in Jackson County, Colorado. The Colorado State Land Board leases the entire 71,000 acre parcel to Colorado Parks and Wildlife for the purpose of recreation management. In terms of project goals for the 2020 season, work will be focused on the most heavily used trails;

Bull and Kiwi (5.5 miles), South Canadian Trail (2.5 miles), Diamond Peaks Trail (7 miles), Bockman Road (6 miles) and Gould Mountain (5.2 miles). These trails require constant maintenance due to their central locations, popularity, and high accessibility by a greater

percentage of visitors to State Forest State Park. Furthermore, these trails provide the best access to popular backcountry and dispersed camping opportunities, and are used by a number of different visitors including nature watchers, hikers, equestrian users, OHV enthusiasts, mountain bikers, and hunters. Additional trails to focus on are Grass Creek, Montgomery Pass, Ruby Jewel, Custer Draw, and Francisco Loop as well as the North Sand Dunes Road and Government Creek areas in the North Sand Hills Recreation Area. These areas present constant maintenance challenges with focus on erosion control, resource damage and placement of new culverts.

The OHV Trail Program at State Forest State Park will continue to focus on the following;

- Clear drainage dips, assess, replace and install new culverts, improve surface tread
- Replace and install new trail information, boundary and etiquette signs
- Install and repair boundary fences at trailheads and at junctions with old / unused forest access roads to reduce damage and trespass
- Clear trail corridors and remove Mountain Pine Beetle kill hazard trees
- Conduct patrols focusing on providing trail information and education to visitors as well as respond to emergencies and enforcement as required.
- For the 2020 season much focus will be on providing a jump start with contracted out services to perform much needed repairs on Bockman Road, Bull Mountain, and South Canadian.

As mentioned in previous grant applications, one of the most significant challenges that staff continues to face is how much impact the prior winter will have on OHV trails and required maintenance. State Forest staff attempts to keep OHV trails open as much as possible, but snow accumulation varies year to year. The ongoing desire to keep trails open as late as possible and open as early as possible at times impacts the natural resource, and creates an even larger work load for trail crew.

Budget Form

Project Name: State Forest State Park

Date Project will be Completed: FY 23/24

Project Sponsor: Tony Johnson - State Forest State Park

***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)			\$ 60,000.00
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 60,000.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
Trail Crew Leader	\$ 20.20			\$ 13,736.00
Trail Crew Equipment Operator	\$ 20.20			\$ 13,736.00
Trail Crew Member	\$ 20.20			\$ 8,080.00
	\$ -			\$ -
Protective Equipment	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	40.00		Category Total	\$ 36,552.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
Materials, road base, culverts	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Materials, road base, culverts	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hand Tools	\$ 750.00	1	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 2,250.00
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
Equipment Repair	\$ 3,000.00	1	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Fuel	\$ 3,198.00	1	\$ 3,198.00	\$ 3,198.00
Equipment Rental - Bobcat excavator E 50 16 weeks	\$ 15,000.00	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 21,198.00
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</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	\$ -
			Total	\$ 60,000.00

C-1N/A

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

State Forest State Park

Project
Sponsor

Tony Johnson

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:

N/A

Date:

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

Date and title of document:

N/A

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

N/A

For more information contact:

Tony Johnson

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).

Tony Johnson – Senior Ranger – State Forest State Park

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Land Manager Signature and Title

10/13/2022

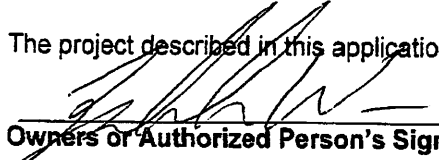
Date

NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name State Forest State Park FY23 Project Sponsor State Forest State Park

The project described in this application has my approval.

 11/13/2022
Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

Zach Weaver – District Wildlife Manager

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

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

1. Species of Concern: Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?

- Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
- No
- Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
- No

2. Habitats and their Values: What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?

- Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
 - Mountain alpine, and willow based riparian present; high mountain park sagebrush adjacent.
- Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
 - The area is well developed, with much of the existing infrastructure already in place when the park was established in 1972. There are main roads (state highway and county road), trails (non-motorized and motorized), campgrounds (both state and USFS owned and private), cabins and other public accommodations, ranches and private in-holdings.
- Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
 - Willow bottom riparian habitat is important for grazing areas for existing moose population.

3. Potential Impacts: List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.

- Clean drainage dips, assess, replace and install new culverts, and improve surface tread.
- Replace and install new trail information, boundary and etiquette signs.
- Install and repair boundary fences at trailheads and at junctions with old/unused forest access roads to reduce resource damage and trespass.
- Clear trail corridors and remove Mountain Pine Beetle kill hazard trees.
- Evaluate trail conditions and conduct trail openings/closings as needed and conditions dictate.
- Conduct patrols focusing on providing trail information and education to visitors as well as respond to emergencies and enforcement as required.

- Disturbance of sensitive species

No Impact – Trail Maintenance Only Grant

- Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles

Custer Draw Road is closed to all motorized use from May 16th to June 15th for elk calving.

- Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)

None- Trail Maintenance Only Grant

- Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

None- Trail Maintenance Only Grant

4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection

N/A – Trail Maintenance Only Grant

- Timing of project activities

N/A – Trail Maintenance Only Grant

- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas

N/A – Trail Maintenance Only Grant

- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

N/A – Trail Maintenance Only Grant

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

State Forest State Park is able to restrict recreationalists from motorized operation in sensitive areas by the OHV grant supported travel management plan that includes designation of routes, signing trails and closed areas, and informing and educating users.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts

Project will comply

- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

Project will comply

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

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)

Project will comply

- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)

Project will comply

- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits

Project will comply

- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife

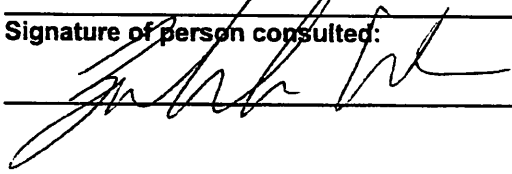
Project will comply

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

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Zach Weaver – District Wildlife Manager – 970-819-7547

Signature of person consulted:



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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

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

- What specifically will the project accomplish?
- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?
- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.
- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?
- Why is this project a priority at this time?
- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?
- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

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)***

- Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?
- Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?
- Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:
 - Donations, contributions, materials and other ways that this project will be leveraged
 - Describe the types of funds that will be contributed to the project
 - Itemize any funds received from other grants or sources
 - Provide your total project cost, including the total amount of all grant funds, use of volunteers, donations, and any additional contributions mentioned in your narrative

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*)

- Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.
- Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how.
- Will the project construct or improve drainage structures to prevent erosion or repair damage from excessive runoff, or harden and/or bridge stream crossings and wet areas?
- Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area.

NEW Trail Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route

New Trail Construction:

- In the case of new trail construction, provide documentation that shows all required environmental reviews are completed or indicate the current status of that work.
- Under what TM Decision the work is being performed.
- Provide a description of new trail construction.
- Provide detailed map showing the new trail location and length.

Major Re-Route: Defined as trail work that will require new and/or additional environmental approvals. (Minor re-routes taking place on an already approved trail corridor will not be considered a *major* re-route, as described here.)

- Provide the number of miles or feet that are being re-routed and why.
- Provide a detailed map of where the trail re-route is located, showing old/current route and proposed re-route.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

Large Equipment purchased with OHV funding must have commitment to Long-Term Maintenance and Operations and must only be used for OHV Trail Maintenance Activities. When not in use, equipment will be made available for use on other OHV projects currently or previously supported by CPW. When equipment is no longer in use or needed, it should be passed on to another OHV Club, the BLM or Forest Service, or returned to CPW to insure continued OHV trail maintenance activities. Describe provisions to be made for the following:

- Who will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the equipment?
- What is the expected annual budget for operations, maintenance and fuel?
- How many (machine) hours are needed to maintain the trail system?
- What is the expected annual cost for future operations and maintenance and will that be dependent upon additional OHV grants?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

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:

- Will this project employ one or more travel management measures such as educational tools, signage, control structures, methods to reduce conflicts among user groups, visitor contacts and/or increased compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations? If so, explain those measures.
- Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.
- Will the project assist in monitoring or closing or rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes in compliance with TMPs or MVUMs or address damaged or closed routes pursuant to an MVUM? (e.g., repair, or the placement or replacement of signage, fencing, and trail barriers or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails, etc.). If so, explain how.
- Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

Education

- Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to “on the ground” user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.
- Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.
- Does this project use or provide educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures, kiosks, or patrols to educate riders? If so, explain.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

- How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?
- Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?
- How will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, designated routes and OHV registration requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists?
- How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?
- Include an estimate of the time and/or financial resources that will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance and law enforcement under this proposal.

D-2 N/A

Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering. Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

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I. Site Description

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

II. Planning

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

III. Public Notice

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

IV. Public Involvement

- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

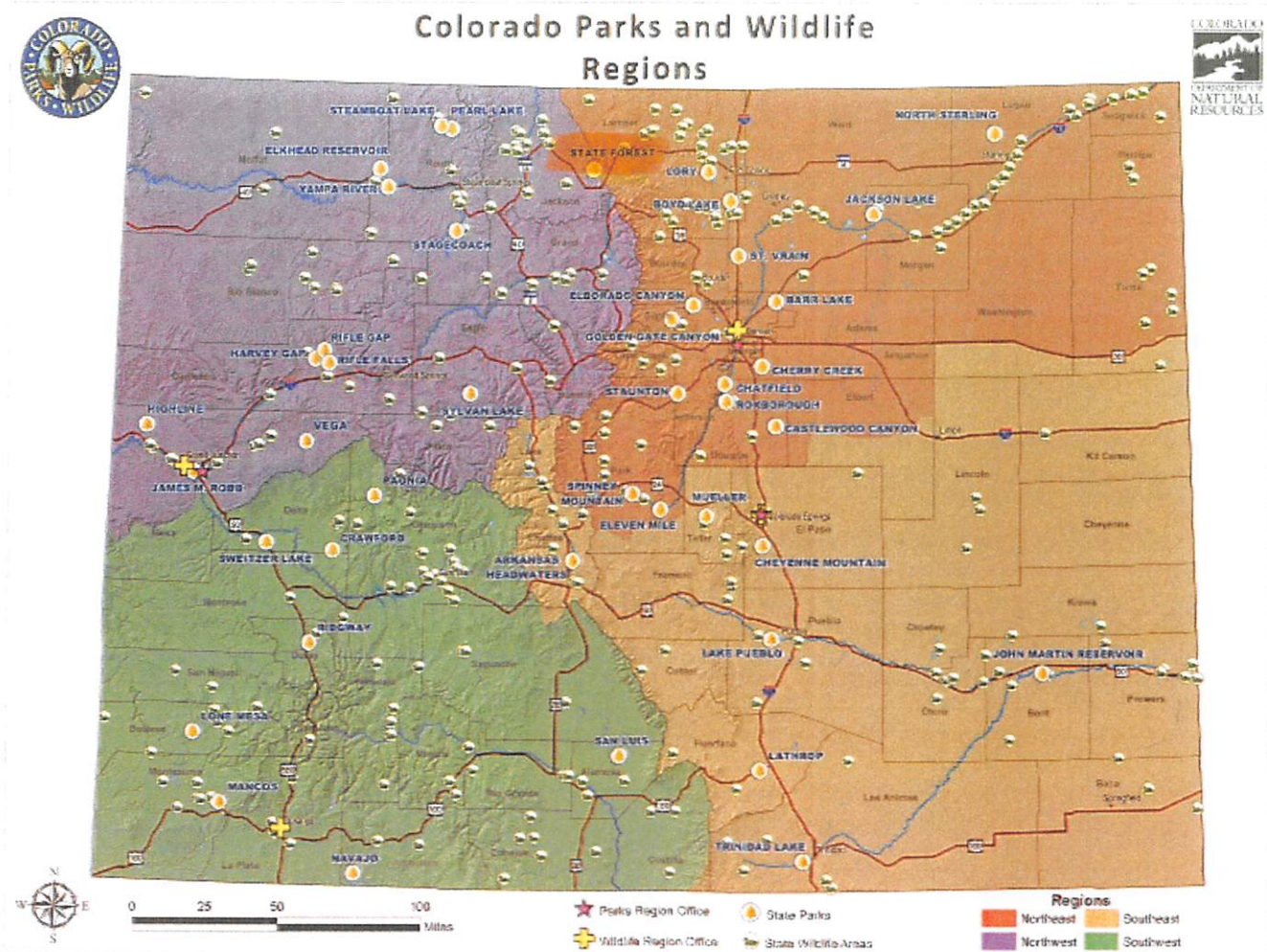
(G) Letters of Project Support

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

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)

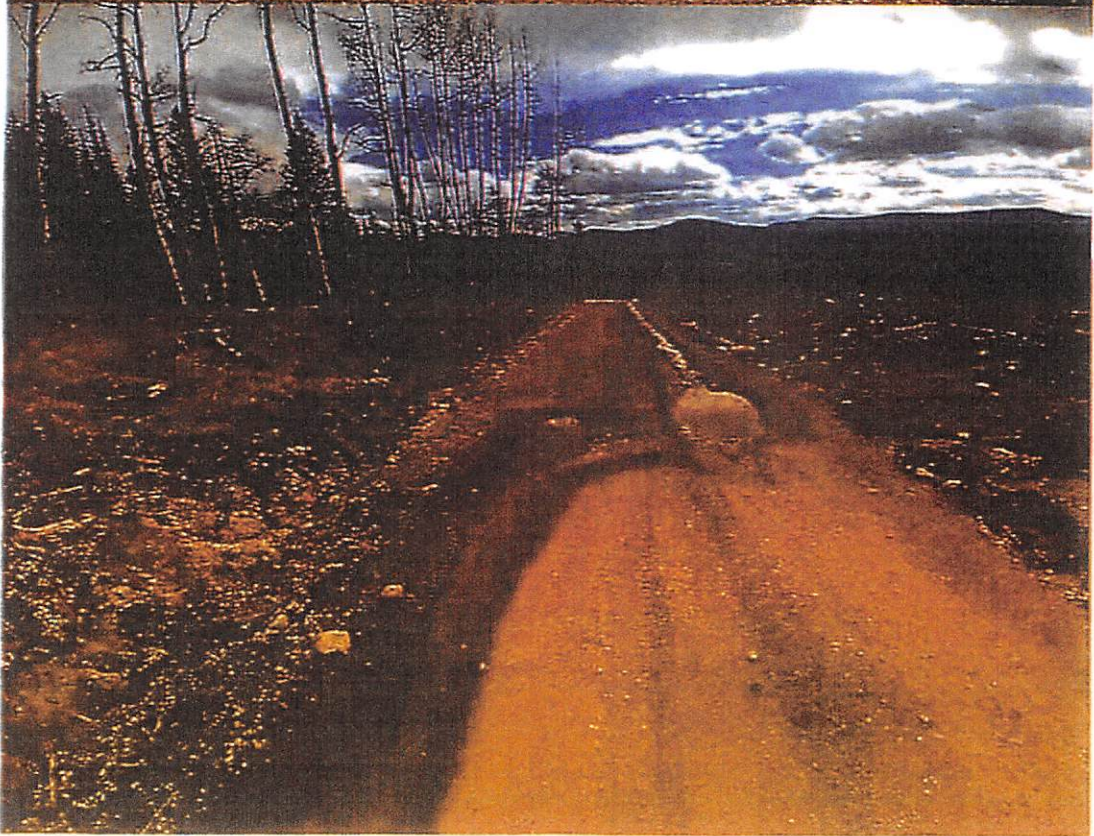
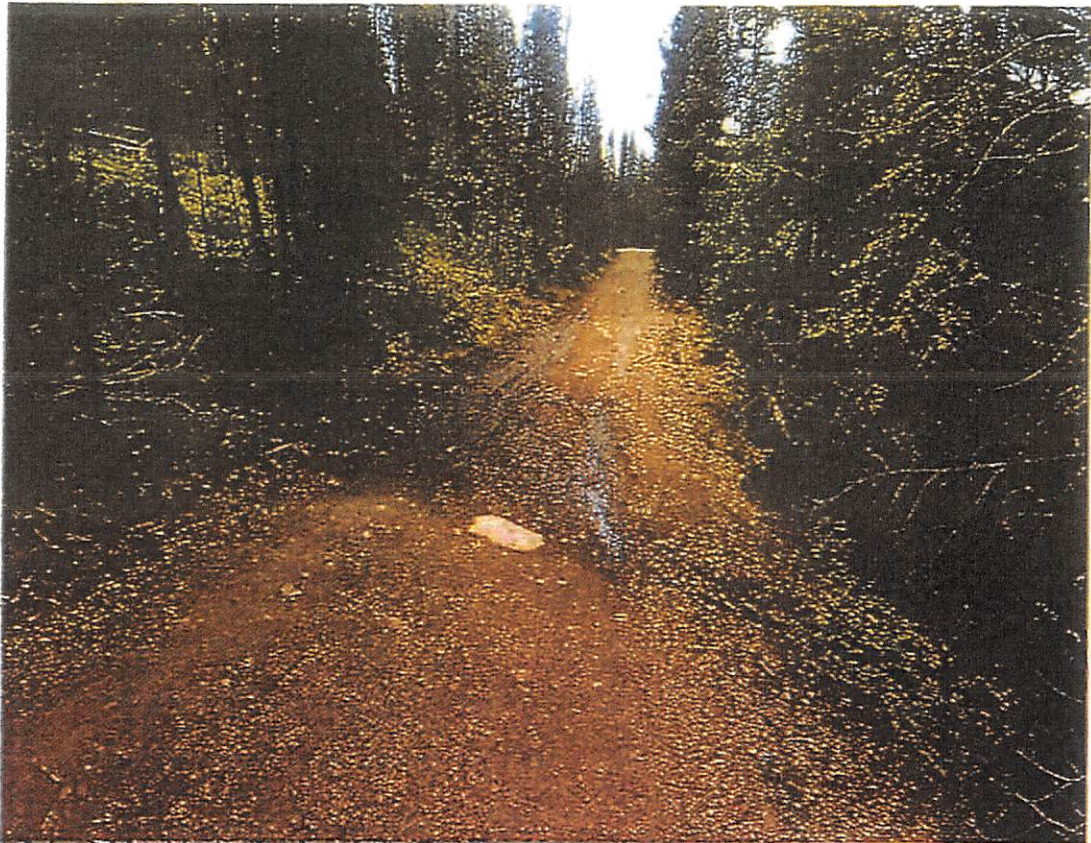
1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.

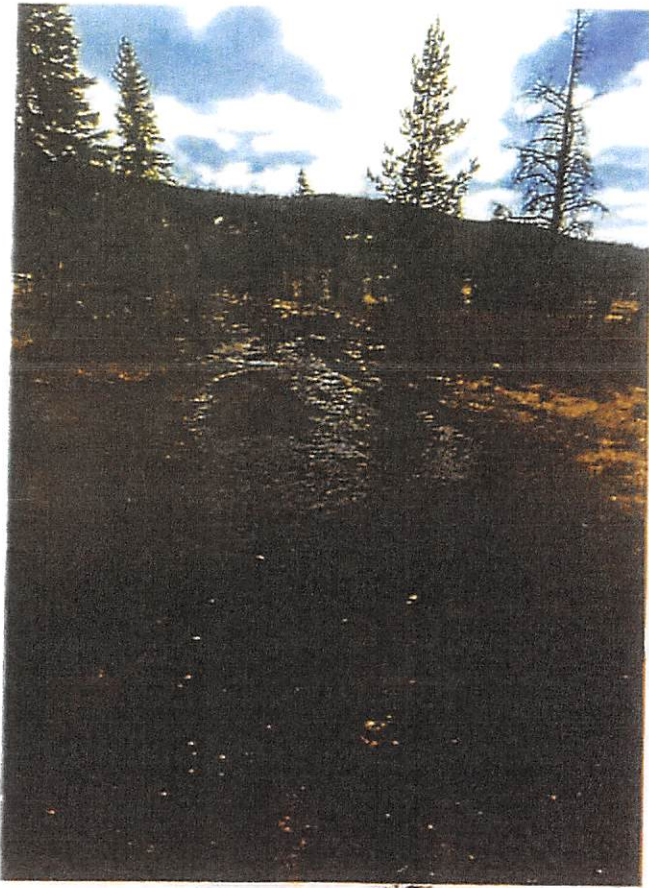
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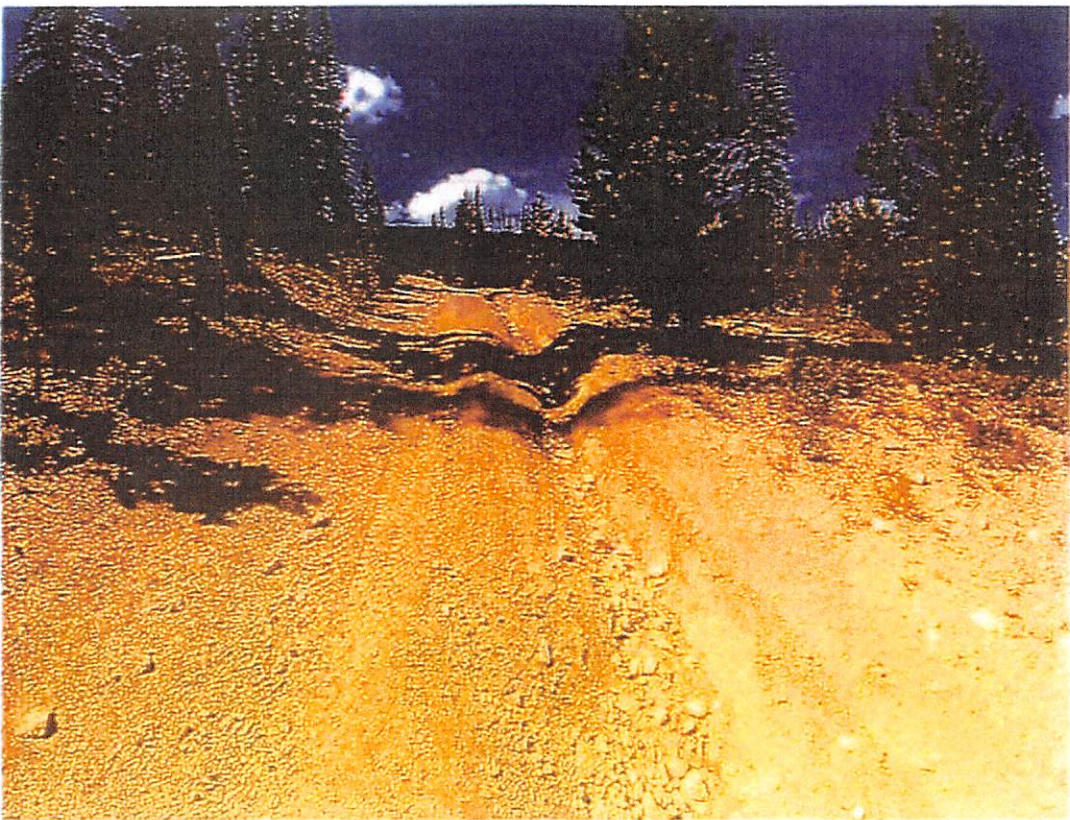
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Please see the project photos below to further demonstrate the needs of the project. These photos include the Pennock Trail, Ruby Jewel and Bockman.











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October 26th, 2022

Dear OHV Committee,

As State Forest Manager at the Colorado State Forest Service, I am writing to express my support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) proposal to improve their existing trail maintenance capabilities.

Maintaining the Colorado State Forest road and trail system is increasingly difficult. Current staffing at the State Forest is inadequate to address problems arising from natural disturbances like recent western bark beetle outbreaks, heavy early summer snows, and wind events. Our agency and CPW have a long history of joint maintenance of the State Forest road system. But the work required for addressing backlogged maintenance and clearing downed trees is greater than existing capacity. Current State Forest State Park CPW staff are equipped with the knowledge and skill set to address these challenges, what they lack are resources.

Colorado State Forest Service is very happy to support a request that will dramatically improve road and trail infrastructure on the State Forest. Since COVID, visitor use has spiked. And given our agencies joint goal of providing visitors to the State Forest with safe access to our roads and trails system, the CPW request for additional staffing is more than warranted.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Blair Rynearson

Blair Rynearson
State Forest Manager
Colorado State Forest Field Office, Colorado State Forest Service
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November 3, 2022

Dear Colorado State Trails OHV Grant Committee,

The State Forest State Park has our support for their State Forest OHV Trail Maintenance Grant for 2-3 summer trail crew.

The North Park Snow Snakes Snowmobile Club works closely with the Colorado Parks & Wildlife here to keep and maintain motorized recreation opportunities in the North Park area. We are a destination for both motorized and non motorized recreation; and our club, together with the State Forest/State Park, the U.S. Forest Service, the BLM, and the Colorado Parks & Wildlife work towards keeping well marked and maintained motorized trails in our area.

Our club members, local residents, and destination vacationers use many of these trails on our snowmobiles in the winter and on our OHVs in the summer. We want to see them open, well maintained and marked.

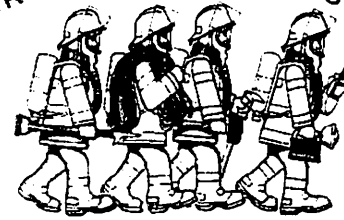
The State Forest OHV maintenance grant will help to keep the riding opportunities in the area open, accessible and a desired destination. Thank you for your support to keep these trails open!

Respectfully,



Jason Sjoberg
President, North Park Snow Snakes Snowmobile Club

NORTH PARK FIRE RESCUE



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November 5, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of support for improvements to the Colorado State Forest State Park.

As the fire chief of North Park Fire Rescue Authority and Jackson County Commissioner I have been involved in numerous responses and trips to the park. I support any opportunity for improvements to the park. The Colorado State Forest State Park is one of the busiest portions of Jackson County year round. Grants and/or budget increases enabling new development or change would be beneficial to the emergency agencies through-out the county as well as those individuals that hunt, fish, camp, use motor vehicles or hike. Upkeep and improvements are necessary for the continual use of this great outdoor opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Benson', written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Benson
North Park Fire Rescue Authority Chief
Jackson County Commissioner



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Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Committee,

As the Sheriff of Jackson County Colorado. I want to say thank you for the opportunity to assist the Colorado State Parks in applying for this grant. My office works hand in hand with the Moose Visitor Center Staff. Without the staff and use of their equipment we would not have the successes we have had in Jackson County with Search and Rescues, Wildfire suppression and response and general law enforcement actions in State Park and surrounding County lands. Anything you guys can do to help the Moose State Park through grant funding would be very much appreciated as we are a very remote area with limited staffing and resources. Thank you for your consideration and time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jarrod D. Poley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sheriff Jarrod D. Poley 11/08/2022