



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

Name of Project: Good Management Trail Crew 20		Date of Application: 11/1/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$110,000.00	Grant Request: \$ 90,000.00	
<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: San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District		
Mailing Address: 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores, CO 81323		
		Fax: NA
Telephone: 970 882 6843	Email: thomas.b.rice@usda.gov	

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: Tom Rice		Title: Recreation Staff Officer
Mailing Address: 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores, CO 81323		
Telephone: 970 882 6843	Fax: NA	Email: thomas.b.rice@usda.gov
		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: Tom Rice		Title: Recreation Staff Officer
Mailing Address: 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores, CO 81323		
Telephone: 970 882 6843	Fax: NA	Email: thomas.b.rice@usda.gov

GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Rebecca Cuthbertson		Title: Grants and Agreements Lead
Mailing Address: 1671 Cole Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80401 (note that this contact will likely change-contact Tom Rice for more info.)		
Telephone: 303 275 8040	Fax: NA	Email: rebecca.cuthbertson@usda.gov

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: DOLORES, CO		
County(ies): Montezuma, Dolores, La Plata		
Township/Range/Section: multiple		
State Senate District #:6		
State Representative District #:58 and 598		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:		
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): Public Lands		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>120</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>77.3</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>7.5</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 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 type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input 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.)		
% 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.)	
70%		
15%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
13%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
2%	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: Good Management Trail Crew 20	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: San Juan National Forest, Dolores RD	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Tom Rice	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 110,000.00	Grant Request: \$90,000.00

Project Description: The San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District’s Trail Crew 20 Good Management Crew will redevelop, 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 information to the OHV riding community; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement. The district is in southwest Colorado in Montezuma, Dolores and LaPlata counties.

The Dolores Ranger District Good Management OHV crew is responsible for the maintenance of over 200 miles of motorized Forest Service trails that includes nearly 120 miles of motorized single-track multi-use trail. These maintenance activities typically fall into four categories: Annual trail opening duties; maintenance, heavy maintenance and reconstruction; signing and visitor contacts / public education; and travel management implementation and enforcement. The Good Management OHV crew completes maintenance activities annually resulting in a comprehensive and sustainable maintenance program.

Annual trail opening tasks begin as early as late March of each spring and includes project planning and staff training. The crew then moves into clearing fallen trees from trails and maintaining trail features. The District’s OHV crew’s trail opening tasks compliment work done by our partners. The focus is on providing access to the public, addressing safety concerns and resource concerns by maintaining drainage or other trail features. In past years, with the support of the OHV Good Management program, the district has invested money in installing trail features to improve the sustainability of the district’s OHV trails. These annual maintenance activities are essential to ensure that money spent in past years on capital improvements to the trail system is not lost due to lack of maintenance. Our trail crew will end their season in late October where crews focus on travel management signing and enforcement tasks.

As conditions change from year to year it is difficult to predict what trails will require the most annual maintenance and therefore a comprehensive list of trails is not feasible. Priority is based on the level of resource concern and the amount of use a trail receives. The most popular trails receive priority maintenance. Beginning in the spring of 2024, crews will focus on trails such as the West Mancos Area trail system, BC Rim and arterial routes off the Calico trail. Work will also occur on other motorized trails within the system that require maintenance.

Heavy maintenance projects are identified by Forest staff while conducting annual maintenance or by trail users including local motorized trail groups. Many of these trail projects take a day to weeks to complete depending upon terrain, location or soils. Projects include switchback maintenance, intensive trail tread repair, and the protection of wet areas such as seeps or creek crossings. Wet sections and switchbacks are two areas that the Good Management crew will continue to focus on including maintaining many of the district’s high elevation trails.

Trail signage is critical and an ongoing responsibility of the Good Management crew. They identify signage needs, replace vandalized trail signs and ensure that our trail system is signed to Forest standards. Sign supplies, especially trail usage strips that show allowed trail uses, are stored in all trail crew vehicles. Trail signs are checked and repaired on every visit to system trails. Many of our travel signs and kiosks include stickers acknowledging the use of CPW’s OHV grant program for trail maintenance and construction.

In 2024, providing trail users public information, educational materials and conducting limited law enforcement activities will continue to be the Good Management crew’s focus. The Good Management crew will include access to one of the District Recreation program’s Forest Protection Officer (FPO) who can enforce Forest Service rules and regulations if necessary. Having this resource available to the trail crew is a very efficient way to provide additional patrol work and educational outreach on the district’s trails where they are most needed. The crew contacts visitors in the field and explains forest rules and regulations, gives directions, documents encounter and reports any issues that arise. The FPO can issue warnings and citations while also using education as the first tool in the toolbox. The focus of the crew’s public contacts is public education and the goal is to ensure that trail users understand the various regulations that relate to trail use including trail usage designations, OHV sound regulations and OHV sticker requirements.

Budget Form

Project Name: Good Management Trail Crew 20

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2024

Project Sponsor: San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District

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

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000.00
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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dolores RD In Kind support- fleet, administrative support, training, radio, LEO backup, benefits	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 110,000.00

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
GS3	\$ 13.88		\$ 12,214.40
GS3	\$ 13.88		\$ 12,659.20
GS4	\$ 15.38		\$ 13,919.20
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GS5	\$ 17.25		\$ 16,180.00
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<small>For CPW use only. Approximate number of workhours</small>	6,129.11	Category Total	\$ 85,072.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies

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

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, screws, hardhats; dozer maintenance, saws, gravels, boulders, bank fees associated with federal purchases, filter fabric, packs, PPE, bolts, posts, pavers, posts	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 4,928.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 4,928.00

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.

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

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)

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

* 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

Total	\$ 90,000.00
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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	Good Management Trail Crew 20	Project Sponsor	San Juan National Forest, Dolore Ranger District
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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:

San Juan National Forest Land Management Plan	Date: 9/2013
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3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.
Date and title of document: 4/1/08 Mancos Cortez Travel Management Plan; 12/5/12 Boggy Glade Travel Management Plan; 7/30/2018 Rico West Dolores Travel Management Plan; San Juan National Forest Land Management Plan 9/2013;9/29/83.

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.]

NA

For more information contact:

Emma Reinemann, NEPA Specialist
970-882-6822 emma.reinemann@usda.gov

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

Derek Padilla, District Ranger
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title



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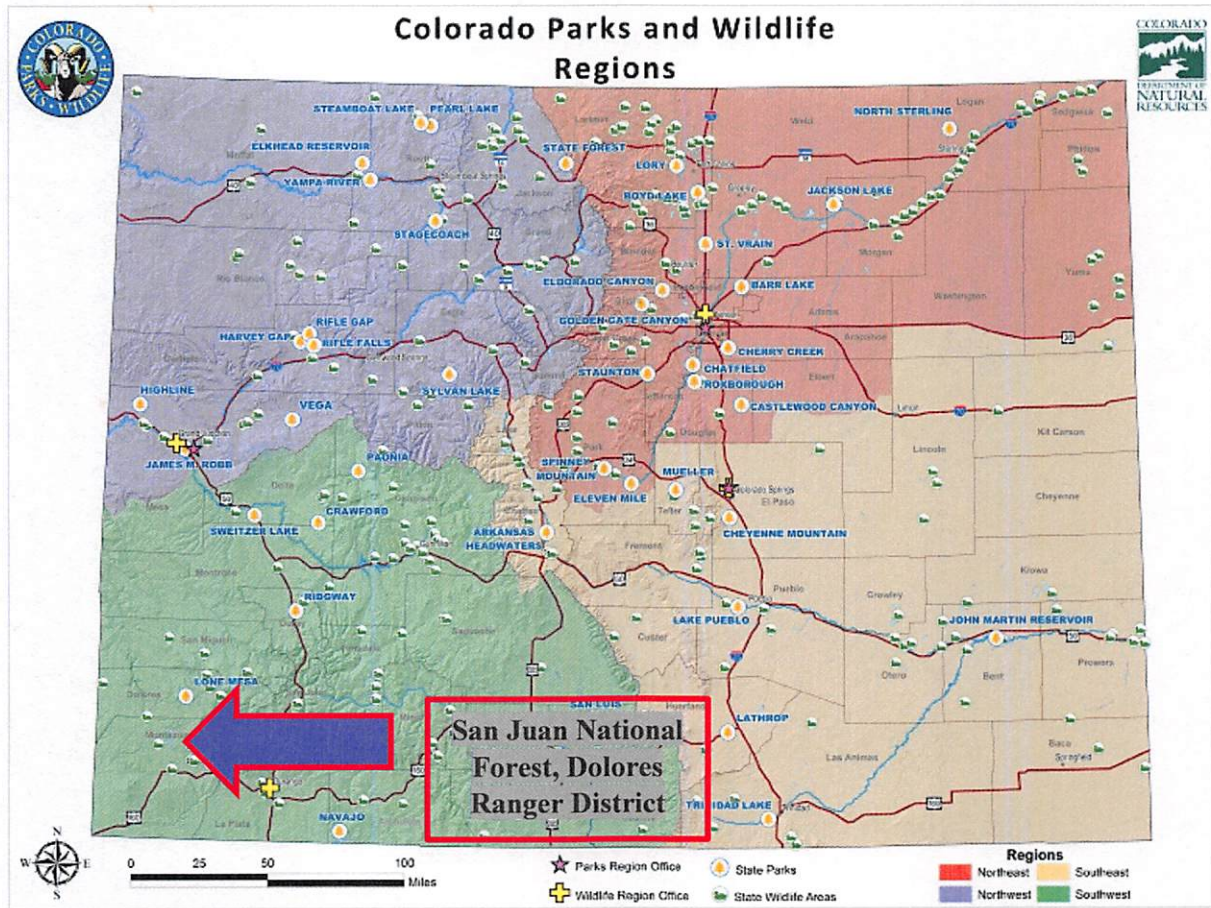
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Land Manager Signature and Title

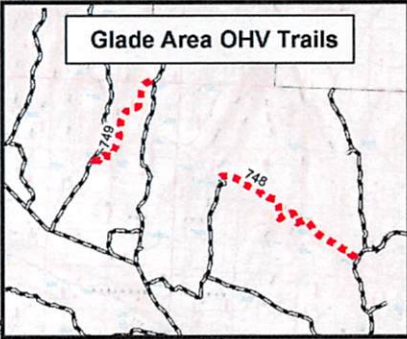
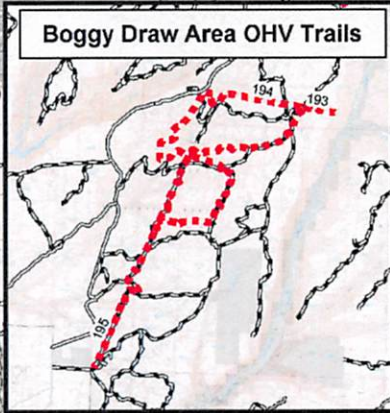
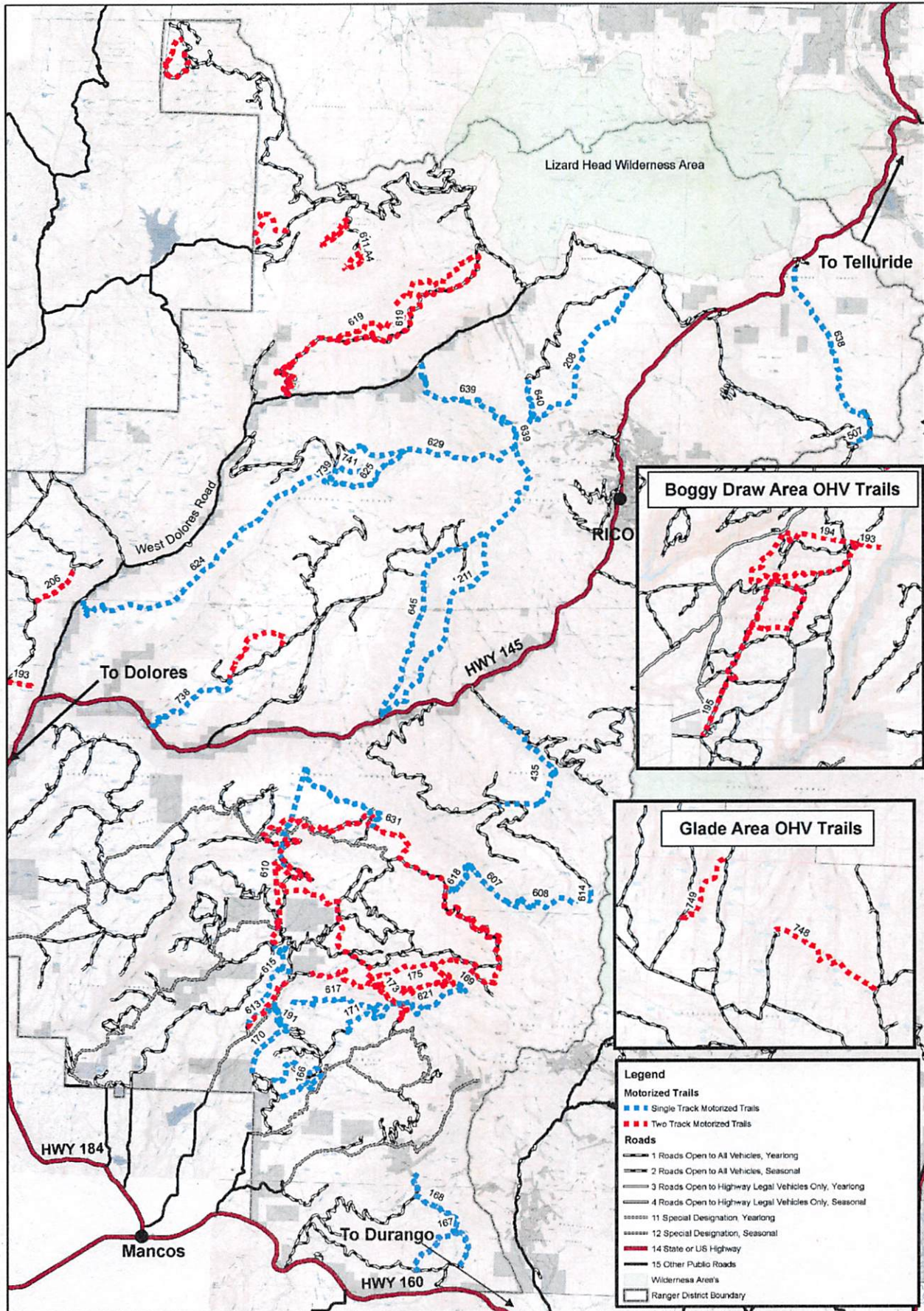
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E. 1. Vicinity Map

San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District Good Management Grant location map Trail Crew 20



Dolores Ranger District Motorized Trail System



Legend

Motorized Trails

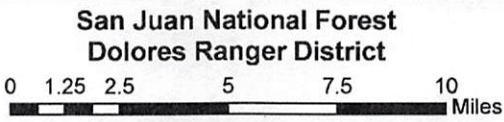
- Single Track Motorized Trails
- Two Track Motorized Trails

Roads

- 1 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Yearlong
- 2 Roads Open to All Vehicles, Seasonal
- 3 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Yearlong
- 4 Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only, Seasonal
- 11 Special Designation Yearlong
- 12 Special Designation Seasonal
- 14 State or US Highway
- 15 Other Public Roads

Wilderness Area's

Ranger District Boundary



Dolores Good Management OHV Crew Project 2023 Work Plan

Each year, the chief of the Forest Service establishes national priorities for the agency that allows us to focus our resources and accomplish on-the-ground projects. One of this year's priorities is to promote shared stewardship by increasing partnerships, such as the program we share with CPW and our trail riding friends.

The Dolores Ranger District Good Management OHV crew will continue to maintain nearly half of the over 200 miles of motorized Forest Service trails during the 2023 field season while prioritizing crew time to complete project work on high use system trails. This work is needed to adequately address maintenance needs on those trails. Routine trail maintenance activities typically fall into four categories: Annual trail opening duties, maintenance, heavy maintenance and reconstruction, signing and visitor contacts / public education.

In the spring of 2023, the crew will focus on annual trail openings tasks including clearing fallen trees from trails in coordination with our partners and maintaining trail features. This is done with the goal of providing access to the public, addressing safety issues and addressing resource concerns by maintaining drainage or other trail features. In past years, with the support of the OHV Good Management program, the district has invested money in installing trail features to improve the sustainability of the district's OHV trails. These annual maintenance activities are essential to ensure that money spent in past years on capital improvements to the trail system is not lost due to lack of maintenance.

As conditions change from year to year it is difficult to predict what trails will require the most annual maintenance. Priority is based on the type of resource concern and the amount of use a trail receives. The most popular trails receive priority maintenance. In 2023, the trail crew will focus on motorized trails including the Priest Gulch, Eagle Peak, East Fork and Grindstone Connector Trails as well as other high use trails. Work will also occur on other motorized trails within the system that require maintenance.

Each season, heavy maintenance projects are identified by Forest staff often while conducting annual maintenance or by reports from trail users including local motorized trail groups. Many of these trail projects take a day to weeks to complete depending upon terrain, location or soils. Projects include switchback maintenance, intensive trail tread repair, and the protection of wet areas such as seeps or creek crossings. Wet sections and switchbacks are two areas that the Good Management crew will continue to focus on including maintaining many of the district's high elevation trails in 2023.

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In addition to maintenance activities, providing trail users public information, educational materials and conducting limited law enforcement activities will continue to be one of the Good Management crew's focus areas. The Good Management crew will have access to Forest Protection Officer (FPO) who can enforce Forest Service rules and regulations if necessary. Having this resource available to the trail crew is a very efficient way to provide additional patrol work and educational outreach on the District's trails where they are most needed. The crew contacts visitors in the field and explains forest rules and regulations, gives directions, documents encounters and reports any issues that arise. The FPO can issue warnings and citations but uses education as the first tool in order to gain compliance. The focus of the crew's public contacts is on public education and the goal is to ensure that trail users understand the various regulations that relate to trail use including trail usage designations, OHV sound regulations and OHV sticker requirements.



October 12, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
13787 US Hwy 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Dolores Ranger District Motorized Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Metsa:

The Town of Mancos offers our highest support to the grant proposal from Dolores Ranger District. Recreational tourism has become increasingly important to the Mancos economy.

Approximately 1/4 of our overall economy is tourism oriented. Due to our climate in SW Colorado, we not only attract local outdoor enthusiasts but many tourists as well who take advantage of our geography and multitude of activities that our area provides. This increased interest is due in part to the public accessibility to areas located on public lands.

The Town of Mancos is currently in the process of updating our Parks & Trails Master Plan. Our recent public visioning meeting attracted over 100 attendees, with many being students at the Mancos School District. Mancos students are largely rural kids that spend the majority of their time outdoors. Many of the comments we received requested expanded access to trails and new trail construction in the surrounding areas.

The proposed project will significantly improve the access to public lands, and is essential for meeting the type of holistic experience many recreational tourists are looking for.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Alvarez".

Heather Alvarez
Town Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer
On behalf of the Mancos Board of Trustees



*Promoting outstanding trail
experiences in the Mancos Valley*

2022.10.17

State Trails Committee
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
State Trails Program
13787 US Hwy. 85 N
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Dolores Ranger District Motorized grant proposal

Dear Trails Committee,

The San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District (RD) will once again be submitting grant proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails program for projects on the district. The Mancos Trails Group (MTG) is a diverse group of volunteers working to promote trail stewardship and etiquette for all trail users within the Mancos Valley in Montezuma County, Colorado.

We have an ongoing close relationship and work with the Dolores RD on several trail projects. This past year MTG's group of volunteers donated 1,190 hours of time working on trails projects on the Dolores RD and our "workforce" was comprised of 81 different Volunteers! We are excited to submit this letter of support for the District's grant application.

Funds that come to the District help to provide jobs including staffing a trail crew that works on the district's 220+ miles of motorized trails. In particular, the West Mancos River drainage where MTG focuses much of our trail maintenance efforts, would benefit from grant funding. These trails tie into a number of other motorized trails such as the Aspen OHV loop, West Mancos and Chicken Creek trails, as well as a number of Forest Service roads and single track motorized routes. Work includes brushing, stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread and drainage repair as well new drainage construction.

As a local organization with most of our members being local residents we fully endorse and support Dolores RD in their effort to secure funding. Thank you for taking our letter of support into consideration.

DK Hoffheins

Donald K Hoffheins
MTG Board Chair
Cell: (541) 892-8207
Email: dhoffheins54@gmail.com

For more information, see Mancos Trails Group website at: <http://www.mancostrails.org>



October 17, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
13787 South Hwy 85
Littleton, Colorado 80125

RE: Colorado State Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant

Dear Mr. Metsa:

The Town of Dolores Supports the efforts of the Dolores Ranger District to pursue grant funding from the Colorado State Parks and Wildlife OHV Program to fund projects for the maintenance of motorized trails on the San Juan National Forest. The Town of Dolores supports the grant requests for the following three grant proposals:

The Calico Trail Project- The District proposes to hire a Southwest Conservation Corp crew for up to 8 weeks of work on the Calico Trail located north of Rico, Colorado near the Lizard Head Wilderness area. The trail is a popular motorized route that ties into a number of other motorized trails such as the Eagle Peak, Stoner Mesa, and Priest Gulch trails as well as a number of Forest Service roads and other single-track routes. This section of trail was rerouted over 3 years ago and now requires some focused maintenance. Work includes stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread, and drainage repair.

Dozer 24 Project- This year our Dozer crew completed heavy maintenance on a variety of trails near the communities of Mancos, Dolores, and Rico. The district is requesting funds that will pay the salaries of a returning dozer operator and a swamper. This crew will focus on heavy maintenance of our motorized trail system using the district's trail dozer.

Good Management Trail Crew 20- Beginning in 2003, the district has staffed a trail crew who works on the San Juan Forest's motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program.

The Dolores Ranger District has successfully partnered with the Good Management Program trail crew and the Southwest Conservation Corp on trail maintenance projects for the last decade. This relationship and much needed support have helped to maintain popular trails such as the Calico, Aspen Loop, Boggy Draw ATV loop and Stoner Mesa trails. The accomplishments of these crews could not have been done without the assistance from the State OHV Program.

We appreciate your consideration and ongoing support of our great regional motorized trail system and the Dolores Ranger District's trail program.

Respectfully,

Leigh Reeves, Mayor

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November 1, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Rico Trails Alliance (RTA) was founded in 2017 to steward the local and regional trail systems in and around Rico, Colorado, focusing on user education and the access, development, and use of non-motorized trails.

RTA fully supports the US Forest Service Dolores Ranger District's efforts to continue work on the Calico Trail Project, continue the Dozer 24 project, and to continue supporting the Good Management Trail Crew 20.

The Calico Trail near Rico, Colorado is a very popular alpine motorized route that serves as the backbone of the trails system to the west of Rico. The Calico Trail ties into a number of other motorized singletrack trails such as Priest Gulch, Eagle Peak, and Stoner Mesa as well as a number of Forest Service roads and non-motorized singletrack trails. In addition to providing unique and challenging motorized singletrack, the Calico Trail is also used by non-motorized users including hunters, mountain bikers, hikers, and equestrians. Keeping the Calico Trail maintained and functional for all uses contributes to the local economy and quality of life in Rico. Motorized and non-motorized users alike travel great distances specifically to experience the Calico Trail, and in doing so purchase gas, food, and lodging in Rico. The Dolores Ranger District's ongoing work on this trail via the Southwest Conservation Corps has resulted in great improvement for all users and for the sustainability of the trail. The high quality of work completed is long-lasting and a great investment by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

The Dozer 24 project provides heavy equipment support that is integral to efficiently maintaining the regional trail system and has provided critical reroutes and realignments on the North Calico Trail.

Since 2003, the Good Management Trail Crew 20 has kept and maintained the District's 220+ miles of multi-use motorized trails.

Having seen, utilized, and enjoyed the quality work that the Dolores Ranger District has completed using CPW funds, RTA fully supports the District's requests for additional State funding.

Sincerely,


Alex Wing, President

Rico Trails Alliance

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17 October 2022

Tom Rice, Recreation Staff Officer
San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District
29211 Hwy 184
Dolores, CO 81323

RE: Letter of Support for Grant Proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails Program

Dear Tom:

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners (DCBOCC) is happy to write this letter of support for the upcoming grant proposals to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trails Program. We've seen the good working relationship between the San Juan Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife through these grants and the improvements it has brought to the trail systems that exist within Dolores County and our neighboring counties.

We support the 3 projects that are being planned on the Dolores Ranger District.

The Calico Trail Project- this is a major artery to several other localized heavily used trails in the Rico area. After being rerouted to prevent further damage, it now needs maintenance to improve drainage and stabilization. We know this is a highly used and favorite trail of many and are encouraged to hear the work efforts for this area.

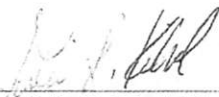
Dozer 24 Project- the district is requesting funds for the continuation of heavy maintenance that will pay the salaries of returning dozer operator and a swamper being used for heavy maintenance of the motorized trail system.
Good Management Trail Crew 20- this crew has existed since 2003 working on motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program. They are responsible for the district's 220+ miles of motorized routes.

The DCBOCC has supported the requests of grant proposals from the San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District utilizing the funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife Motorized Trail Programs for many years. With the increase of OHV usage and the number of people visiting and enjoying our public lands we see the need for continued maintenance and protection of these natural resources. It is good to see our local federal agencies working together to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

Dolores County Board of County Commissioners


Floyd J. Cook, Chair


Julie R. Kibel, Vice Chair


Steve Garchar



County Commissioners:

Jim Candelaria
Gerald Koppenhafer
Kent Lindsay

County Administrator:

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October 18, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
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Littleton, Colorado 80125

RE: CPW Motorized Trail Grants

Dear Mr. Metsa;

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners is again pleased to support the Dolores Ranger Districts' motorized grant request to Colorado Parks and Wildlife. This year the San Juan National Forest Dolores Ranger District Motorized Trails Program will focus on three significant projects within the District.

- The Calico Trail Project- The Dolores District proposes to hire a Southwest Conservation Corp crew for up to 8 weeks of work on the Calico Trail located north of Rico, Colorado, near the Lizard Head Wilderness area. The trail is a popular motorized route that ties into several other motorized trails, such as the Eagle Peak, Stoner Mesa, and Priest Gulch trails, as well as many Forest Service roads and different single-track routes. After rerouting the trail segment three years ago, focused maintenance is to keep the path in good shape. Work includes stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread, and improved drainage structures.
- Dozer 24 Project- Our Dozer crew completed heavy maintenance on various trails near Mancos, Dolores, and Rico communities this year. The District is requesting funds to pay the salaries of a returning dozer operator and a swamper. This crew will focus on heavy maintenance of our motorized trail system using the District's trail dozer.
- Good Management Trail Crew 20- Beginning in 2003, the District has staffed a trail crew who works on our motorized trails using funds from the motorized trail program. They are the core of our trail program, focusing on maintaining the District's 220+ miles of motorized routes.

Many of our communities in southwest Colorado benefit from motorized access to public lands adjacent to our towns. Community members recreate on these lands daily and continue to advocate for reasonable and responsible motorized recreational opportunities.

Recreational OHV opportunities are significant to our local economy and lifestyle. Moreover, it is open to visitors from all regions of our country. It is critically important to us to protect motorized use as a valued recreational resource. Montezuma County's interest is to ensure that Motorized/OHV use will be integrated into plans equally, responsibly, and sustainably for generations to come.

The USFS Dolores Ranger District has effectively tapped into grant opportunities to help sustain the Motorized Trail program. More importantly, the USFS Dolores Ranger District has been especially adept at converting funding opportunities into successful trail maintenance projects on the ground.

Rural communities with limited tax bases need help maintaining the recreational network vital to the state. CPW's partnership in keeping an outstanding recreational network is critical. In the face of declining federal recreational budgets and increased recreational use, CPW's financial commitment to the community is vital and appreciated.

Montezuma County strongly supports the Dolores Ranger District's Motorized Trail program and the grant request to CPW. The Dolores Ranger District has consistently demonstrated sound project management and delivered outstanding results. We strongly encourage CPW's continued investment in the Dolores Ranger District's trails program with this proven track record and high community value.

Montezuma County strongly supports all of the proposed trail maintenance activities and the involvement of the Southwest Conservation Corps crew to perform the work. The Southwest Couth Corps builds capacity in youth while getting an important job done.

Montezuma County supports trails of all kinds. With this grant proposal, we are pleased to support work focused on motorized trail improvements. The proposed maintenance will help maintain a sustainable trail system long into the future.

Sincerely,

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners

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October 26, 2022

Dear Grant Review Committee Members:

Please accept this letter as strong support for the San Juan National Forest's (SJNF) request for funding from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grants for the **Good Management Crew, the Dozer 24 Project** and the **Calico Trail Project**.

The **Good Management** grant supports the Dolores District's trail crew. The Good Management crew program has been an integral part of not only the Dolores RD's trail capacity since 2003 but has also supported and mentored many SCC crews over the years as well as well as provided a local place for the best and brightest of SCC alumni to get a job and start a career path with afterwards.

The Dozer 24 Project supports an efficient use of resources, placing machinery along trails where it can be more efficient and effective than hand crews. In some cases, machinery help establish or reestablish a bench that can be buffed by SCC or agency hand crews.

The **Calico Trail Project** is a collaborative trail program partnering the Dolores Ranger District and the Southwest Conservation Corps. The trail is a popular alpine motorized route that ties into several other motorized single-track trails such as Priest Gulch, Eagle Peak, and Stoner Mesa as well as a number of Forest Service roads. This section of trail was rerouted over three years ago and now requires some focused maintenance. Work includes stabilization of drainage crossings, signage, tread and drainage repair, work which SCC is well positioned to complete.

SCC employs a diverse group of young women and men and completes important conservation projects for the public benefit. Founded as a non-profit organization in 1998 to continue the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, SCCs employment and educational projects are sponsored primarily by land management agencies and municipalities throughout the southwest region of the U.S. Each year over 550 young adults are provided paid opportunities to perform valuable service on public lands while learning about natural resources, land management agencies, and themselves.

By partnering with the Dolores Ranger District, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and other community partners, SCC believes that this project would fully realize the mission of our program which is, "To empower individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities, and their environment." This project represents a great opportunity to invest young adults with paid national service opportunities to engage in local resource and community development while developing personal and professional skills to help develop the next generation of conservation leaders and natural resource managers. SCC strongly supports this project and is proud to be involved in a project that promotes collaboration and the importance of putting youth to work in service of our public lands.



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