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Gunnison, Colorado 81230

In Reply Refer To:  
8323 (LLCOS06000)

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Trails Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

Enclosed is the 2024 Good OHV Management Program grant application from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office for the BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew. It is my belief that the OHV Good Management Crew is an asset to the Gunnison Field Office and the OHV public.

Through this partnership, we are pleased to put our OHV dollars to work providing top notch recreation opportunities and services. The OHV Good Management Program allows the Gunnison Field Office to better retain crew members, invest in their training, and more accurately plan for future trail maintenance projects. This program has demonstrated a sound reinvestment of OHV dollars into maintaining and improving our multiple-use resource. This partnership has clear benefits not only to our larger landscape and individual recreators, but to our local economy as well. We hope to continue this opportunity.

If you have any questions, please contact Benny Harken (719-849-9441) or Megan Mast of my staff at (970) 642-4957.

Sincerely,

Jon F Kaminsky  
Field Manager

Enclosure(s)

- 1 - 2023 Annual Work Plan (1 p)
- 2 - Grant Application (9 p)





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

<b>Name of Project:</b> 2024 BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew		<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/18/22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$239,000	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$105,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office		
Mailing Address: 210 West Spencer Ave, Suite A, Gunnison, CO, 81230		
Megan Mast, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Silverton, CO	Fax: 970-642-4990	
Telephone: 970-749-8125	Email: mmast@blm.gov	

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):**

<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> <small>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 Project Contact changes.</small>		
Name: Benny Harken		Title: Park Ranger
Mailing Address: 210 West Spencer Ave, Suite A, Gunnison, CO 81230		
Telephone: 719-849-9441	Fax: 970-642-4990	Email: bharken@blm.gov
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: <u>YES</u> NO

<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> <small>This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if Project Contact changes.</small>		
Name: Benny Harken		Title: Park Ranger
Mailing Address: 210 West Spencer Ave, Suite A, Gunnison, CO 81230		
Telephone: 719-849-9441	Fax: 970-642-4990	Email: bharken@blm.gov

<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: Cynthia Horton		Title: Budget Officer
Mailing Address: 2850 Youngfield St, Lakewood, CO 80215		
Telephone: 720-320-1698	Fax:	Email: chorton@blm.gov

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	
Nearest Town or City: Gunnison, Lake City, Silverton	
County(ies): Gunnison, Hinsdale, San Juan,	
Township/Range/Section: Multiple	
State Senate District #: 5& 6	
State Representative District #: 59, 61, 62	
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: DOI, Bureau of Land Management	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): <u>BLM</u>	
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u>56</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>1.22</u> Miles of Full-sized: <u>990</u>
<b>TRAIL USER INFORMATION</b> (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input 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	
<b>TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY</b> (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)	
<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>Program maintenance</b> (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
75	
5	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
10	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
10	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100	<b>Total:</b> (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: 2024 BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM, Gunnison Field Office	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Benny Harken	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$239,000	Grant Request: \$105,000

**Project Description:** The Good OHV Management Crew will 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.

We are continuing to request an additional \$20,000.00 in grant funding to fund a permanent career-seasonal Crew Leader position for the 2024 season. The requested amount will cover 20 weeks of salary for a GS-07 Park Ranger and the BLM will cover the remaining weeks up to a 26-week season (6 months). This position is vital to the success of our OHV Trail Crew program. As our program has grown, so has our need to provide the crew with good direction and leadership from an experienced leader. This position is responsible for providing consistent on-the-ground crew leadership during the busiest months of the year. Also, with the additional team member we are able to contact more OHV users in the field, help coordinate additional education efforts like Stay the Trail events and allows the crew to complete larger trail and maintenance projects. The BLM Gunnison Field Office will continue to provide crew oversight, supervision, and planning by the Outdoor Recreation Planners on staff.

**WHO**

This proposal is being submitted by the BLM Gunnison Field Office located in Gunnison, Colorado. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a federal government agency under the Department of Interior. The BLM Gunnison Field Office will be the responsible party for this project. Four seasonal crew members will perform the field work and will be led by the career-seasonal crew leader and supervised by the Gunnison Field Office's Outdoor Recreation Planner.

**WHERE**

The project will take place within the BLM Gunnison Field Office which includes Gunnison, Hinsdale, San Juan, Saguache, and Ouray Counties - The crew will spend May and part of June at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area (Gunnison) completing 50+ miles of trail maintenance on motorized single-track trails, sign maintenance, education and visitor contacts, facilities maintenance and dispersed campsite maintenance.

The crew will focus their efforts in July and August working on the Alpine Loop; conducting regular maintenance at 2 OHV staging areas, 25 toilets, and multiple interpretive pull-offs, parking areas and dispersed campsites. They will also conduct visitor information and education contacts and implement travel management work.

In September and October, the crew will split their time between the Lake City, Silverton and Gunnison areas conducting late season OHV trail maintenance at Hartman Rocks, routine facility maintenance, travel management plan implementation, and OHV visitor information and education with hunters. Travel management implementation will be focused in various areas of the field office.

**WHAT**

Hire 4 crew members for the 2024 season and continue Good Management Status. Continue to fund the crew leader for the 2024 season to lead the crew in meeting their objectives in the field.

- Goal and focus of the Gunnison BLM OHV Trail Crew:
  - To maintain 50+ miles of trails at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area.
  - To maintain numerous facilities for OHV users throughout the Gunnison Field Office.
  - To maintain and replace signage in popular OHV recreation areas.
  - To offer visitor information and educational messages to visitors concerning resource issues and responsible riding practices.
  - To continue implementing the 2010 Gunnison Basin Travel Management Plan decision on BLM lands and the 2020 Silverton Travel Management Plan.

The crew salary, travel for overnight work assignments or training, PPE, trailer maintenance, and UTV/motorcycle maintenance costs would be provided by the grant.

The Gunnison BLM Field Office will provide crew supervision and support, UTV and Motorcycle training, trails training, seasonal orientation training, Law Enforcement back-up, cleaning supplies, signs and tools.

**WHEN**

Season: May 2024 – October 2024 (6 months of Crew Work)

- May and June the crew will work primarily at Hartman Rocks near Gunnison and prepare facilities on the Alpine Loop for the busy season.
- July and August the crew will work on the Alpine Loop and divide their time between Silverton and Lake City.
- September and October the crew will be based out of Gunnison.

**Program Funding Acknowledgement**

The crew will wear "Your OHV Dollars at Work" T-shirts with the State CPW Logo. The crew trucks Motorcycles, and UTVs will have large "Your OHV Dollars at Work" magnet decals on their doors/hood. Additionally, crew members will make sure to mention the OHV Grant funding in all their public contacts and place "Your OHV Dollars at Work" stickers on signing where appropriate



## Budget Form

**Project Name:** 2024 BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew

**Date Project will be Completed:** 11/30/2024

**Project Sponsor:** BLM, Gunnison Field Office, Benny Harken (Park Ranger)

**\*\*\*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)			\$ 105,000.00
BLM In-Kind:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Salary not covered by grant for additional GS-07 Crew Leader position		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
OHV Crew Truck Costs for 2 Trucks		\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000.00
UTV/Motorcycle/Trailer Maintenance and Fuel	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000.00
Supplies Purchased by BLM: Signs, hardware, lumber, screws/bolts, power tools, toilet paper and maintenance supplies		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
Staff Salary Dedicated to Managing OHV Use on Public Lands		\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000.00
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 239,000.00</b>

### 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	Hrs/Week	Total Weeks	Total Cost
GS-07 OHV Trail Crew Leader	\$ 38.00	40	20	\$ 30,000.00
GS-05 Trail Crew Member 1	\$ 29.00	40	15	\$ 17,500.00
GS-05 Trail Crew Member 2	\$ 29.00	40	15	\$ 17,500.00
GS-05 Trail Crew Member 3	\$ 29.00	40	13	\$ 15,000.00
GS-05 Trail Crew Member 4	\$ 29.00	40	13	\$ 15,000.00
PPE, Per Diem, OT, Training	\$ -			\$ 10,000.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,763.16		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 105,000.00</b>

### II. Project Materials/Supplies

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

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### III. Equipment

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

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### III.A. FLEET Equipment

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

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### 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.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

### 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)

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* 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

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 105,000.00</b>
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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: BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew; Project Sponsor: BLM, Gunnison Field Office

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

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

BLM Gunnison Resource Management Plan Date: 1993

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

Date and title of document:

- Gunnison Basin Federal Lands Travel Management BLM Record of Decision - June 28, 2010
Gunnison Resource Management Plan - February 1993
Alpine Triangle Special Recreation Area Management Plan - September 30, 2010
Hartman Rocks Special Recreation Area Management Plan - July 28, 2014
Silverton Travel Management Plan - September 21, 2020

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
N/A
N/A

For more information contact:

Benny Harken

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for None planned.

Jon Kaminsky- Field manager, Gunnison Field Office

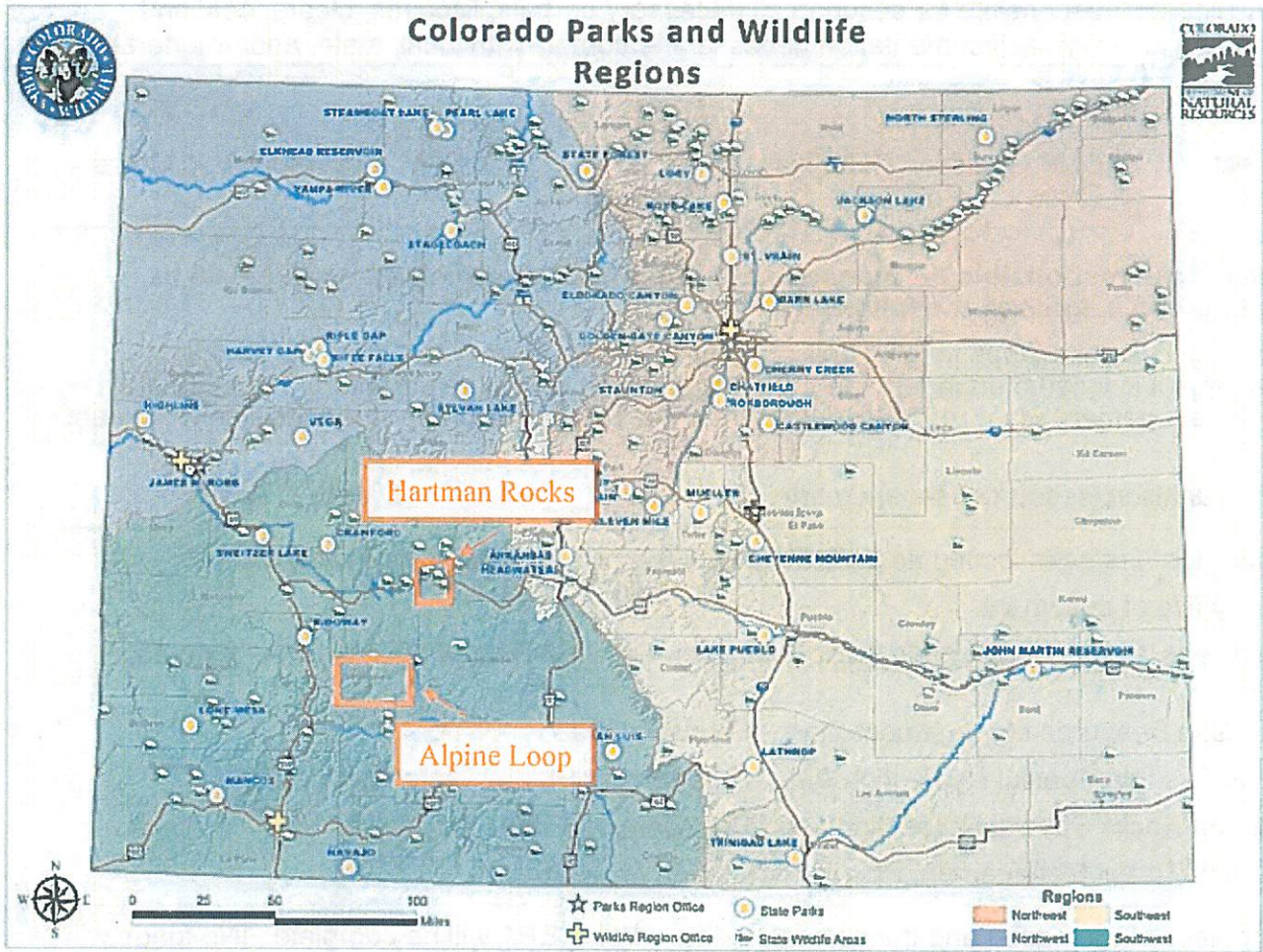
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Jon J. Kaminsky Field Manager 11/18/2022
Land Manager Signature and Title Date



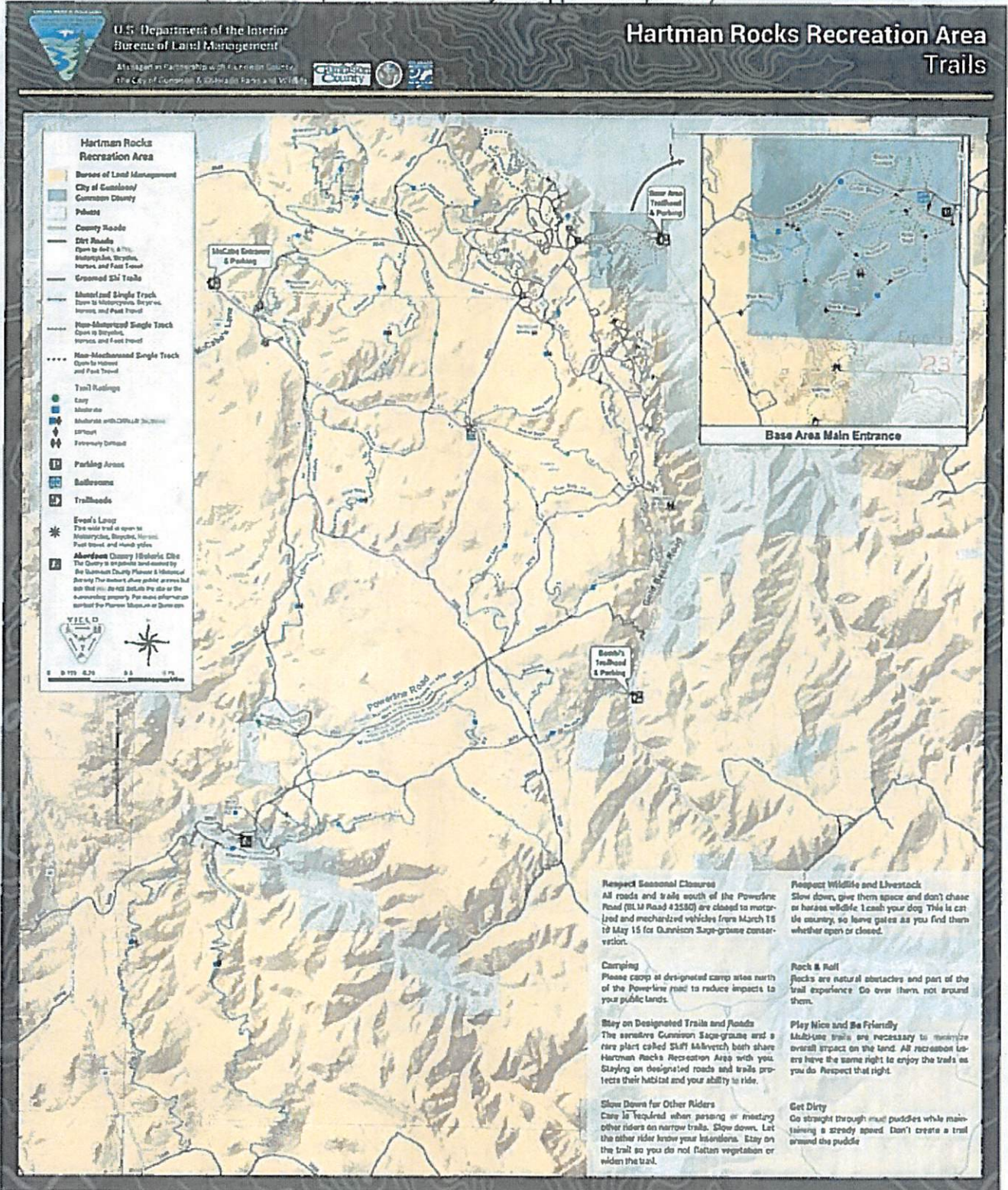
# E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

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)



**Respect Seasonal Closures**  
 All roads and trails south of the Powerline Road (BLM Road 43530) are closed to motorized and mechanized vehicles from March 15 to May 15 for Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation.

**Camping**  
 Please camp at designated camp sites north of the Powerline road to reduce impacts to your public lands.

**Stay on Designated Trails and Roads**  
 The sensitive Gunnison Sage-grouse and a rare plant called Skiff Milkweeds both share Hartman Rocks Recreation Area with you. Staying on designated roads and trails protects their habitat and your ability to ride.

**Slow Down for Other Riders**  
 Care is required when passing or meeting other riders on narrow trails. Slow down. Let the other rider know your intentions. Stay on the trail so you do not flatten vegetation or widen the trail.

**Respect Wildlife and Livestock**  
 Slow down, give them space and don't chase or harass wildlife. Fetch your dog. This is cat's country, so leave gates as you find them whether open or closed.

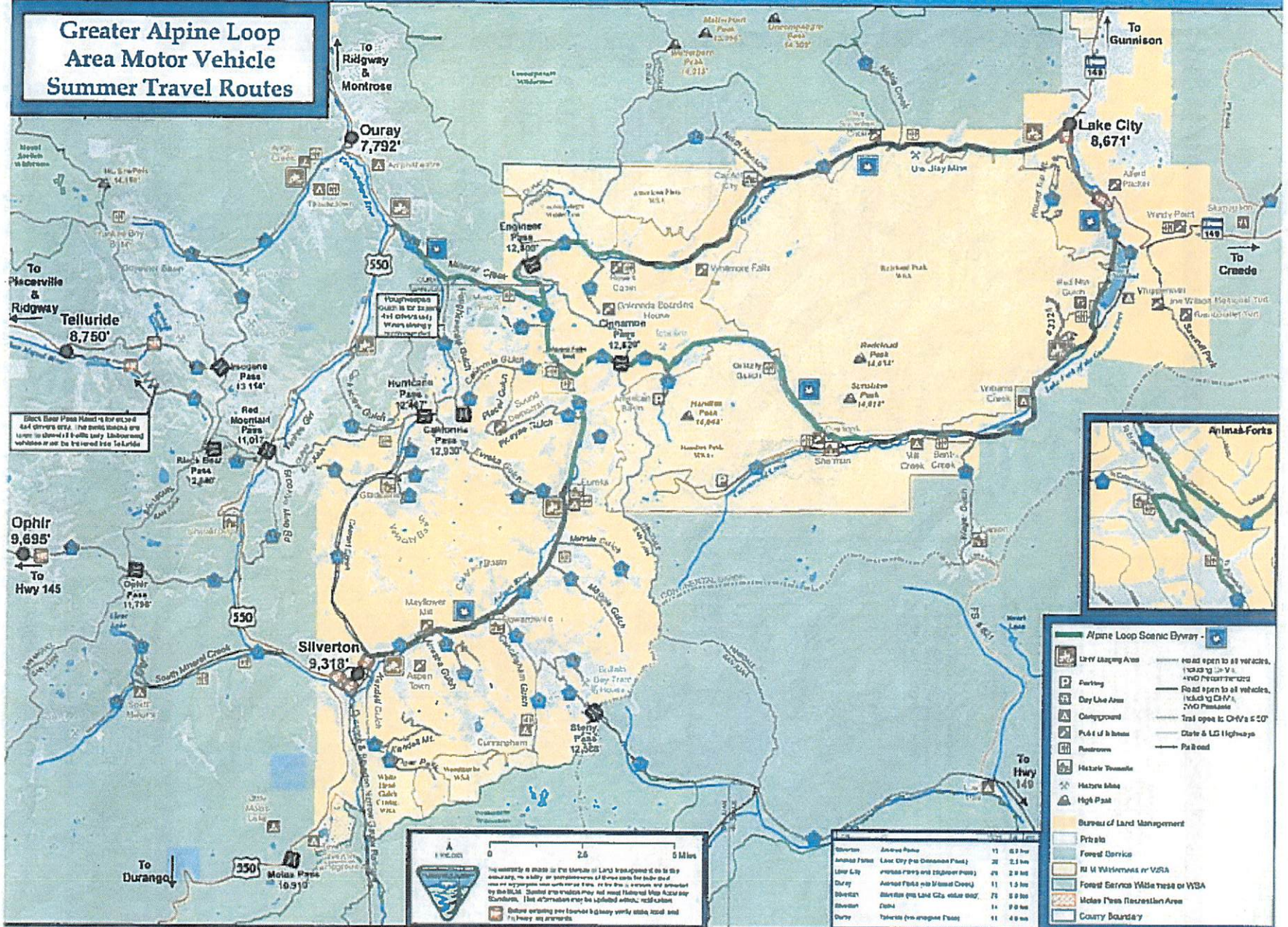
**Rock & Roll**  
 Rocks are natural obstacles and part of the trail experience. Go over them, not around them.

**Play Nice and Be Friendly**  
 Multi-use trails are necessary to minimize overall impact on the land. All recreation users have the same right to enjoy the trails as you do. Respect that right.

**Get Dirty**  
 Go straight through mud puddles while maintaining a steady speed. Don't create a trail around the puddle.



# Greater Alpine Loop Area Motor Vehicle Summer Travel Routes





# **Upcoming Work Season Project List for the 2023 BLM Gunnison OHV Trail Crew**

## **May-June**

- Maintain 48 miles of trail at Hartman Rocks Recreation Area. This includes clearing/maintaining drainages, new drainage construction, debris removal from trail tread, corridor clearing, reconstruction, armoring tread and landing surfaces, constructing retaining walls, and re-berming turns to enhance experience and increase flow for motorized riders.
- Work with local OHV club to maintain the Motorcycle Terrain Park and the new skills course trail.
- On-going at Hartman Rocks, litter and campsite clean-up.
- Road and trail sign maintenance/installation at Hartman Rocks.
- Assist with Hartman Rocks Spring Clean-up (volunteer work day) and work with Gunnison Trails Tuesday work nights.
- Conduct visitor contacts at Hartman Rocks.
- Open road/trail gates on May 15.
- Maintain facilities on the Alpine Loop.
- Install and fix signs on the Alpine Loop.

## **June-July-August**

- Fix and replace damaged signs and barriers at Hartman Rocks and on the Alpine Loop
- Deferred maintenance on facilities related to OHV recreation.
- Conduct visitor contacts on the Alpine Loop Backcountry Scenic Byway.
- Maintain 25 restroom facilities, 2 staging areas, and numerous interpretive pull-outs on the Alpine Loop Backcountry Scenic Byway.
- Install and maintain travel management signs, barriers and other directional signing on the Alpine Loop.
- Clean-up dispersed campsites and litter on the Alpine Loop.
- Convey information about condition on the Alpine Loop to the Lake City and Silverton Visitor Centers.
- Patrol the Alpine Loop by truck, UTV and motorcycle.
- Address parking issues through a coordinated effort with county partners and BLM staff on the Alpine Loop.
- Host "Stay the Trail" trailer on the Alpine Loop at various locations.

## **September-October**

- Conduct late season trail maintenance at Hartman Rocks as needed.
- Install travel management signing as needed.
- Conduct maintenance on travel management kiosks.
- Facilities maintenance as needed on the Alpine Loop and at Hartman Rocks.
- Conduct hunter patrols.