



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

<b>Name of Project: OHV Ouray Trail Crew 2024</b>		<b>Date of Application: 11/22/2022</b>
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost: \$213,425.00</b>	<b>Grant Request: \$110,710.00</b>	
<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: <b>Ouray Ranger District (GMUG National Forest)</b>		
Mailing Address: <b>2505 S. Townsend Avenue Montrose, CO 81401</b>		
		Fax: <b>970-240-5367</b>
Telephone: <b>970-240-5414</b>		Email: <b>Joseph.Knob@usda.gov</b>

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

<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> 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: <b>Joe Knob</b>		Title: <b>Trails Coordinator</b>
Mailing Address: <b>2505 S. Townsend Avenue Montrose, CO 81401</b>		
Telephone: <b>970-240-5414</b>	Fax: <b>970-240-5367</b>	Email: <b>Joseph.Knob@usda.gov</b>
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: <b>YES</b> NO

<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> 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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<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
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**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: **Montrose**  
 County(ies): **Montrose, Ouray, Delta, Mesa, Gunnison, Hinsdale**  
 Township/Range/Section:  
 State Senate District #: **5, 6, 7**  
 State Representative District #: **54, 58, 61**

**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): **\_USFS\_**

**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Miles of Singletrack: 150 Miles of 50" or less: 160 Miles of Full-sized: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

<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 type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<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.)

<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.)
<b>80</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
<b>5</b>	<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.)
<b>10</b>	<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.)
<b>100</b>	<b>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: OHV Ouray Trail Crew 2024	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Ouray Ranger District (GMUG Natl Forest)	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Joe Knob	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$213,425.00	Grant Request: \$110,710.00

### **Project Description/Scope of Work**

Based out of Montrose, CO, The OHV Ouray Trail Crew is responsible for the maintenance and management of motorized trails on the Uncompahgre Plateau and Mountain Division on the GMUG. Through the years, the OHV Trail Crew has accomplished many outstanding achievements. Unfortunately, just like most agencies and businesses, hiring for this crew has been difficult. With the expectation that the crew will be fully staffed, these are the planned goals of the program.

- Continuing to work alongside WESTCORE, Thunder Mountain Wheelers, and the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders to identify needs, address issues, and maintain OHV trails.
- Assist the local volunteer clubs in obtaining trainings such as: CPR, First Aid, chainsaw, etc.
- Work with the Ouray Dozer Program to address trail corridor overgrowth, excessive debris on trails, and mitigate erosion.
- Partner with local volunteer groups to remove blowdown at the beginning of the year on single-track and 50in OHV trails.
- Work with volunteers and the dozer program to install 150 ft of grass paver on Parallel Trail.
- Continue to coordinate with BLM Uncompahgre Field Office on projects on USFS and BLM managed lands.
- In the early field season, assist BLM on trails lower in elevation in the Dry Creek Area and Peach Valley Area.
- In the summer, work on maintenance of Forest Service managed trails: Buck, Grays Creek, Powerline, Red Canyon, Clear Creek, Little Red, and Forest Fence on the Uncompahgre Plateau.
- Combine crews with the Norwood Ranger District to assist in maintenance of OHV trails on the district.
- Survey OHV trails and correct alignments and signage on trails.
- Address issues and preform maintenance in the Mountain Division on Alpine Trail, Nate Creek Trail, and OHV trails around Stealey Mountain.
- Patrol trails during the hunting seasons making contact with the public and explaining rules and regulations.
- Assist volunteer groups in obtaining required training such as: First Aid, CPR, chainsaw, and Forest Service equipment training.
- Continue to work with the Ouray Ranger District Range Program to identify, purchase, and install OHV cattleguards.
- Work on and improve OHV trailheads.
- Assist on improvement projects on OHV recreation sites on the Uncompahgre Plateau, Silver Jack, and Ouray areas.

The projects listed are important for the success of the OHV Program. Completing annual maintenance and addressing large issues are necessary for sustainable trails. With the hiring

issues, volunteer groups are crucial. In this program of work, much time will be spent relying on the help and support from these groups. Without the relationship the USFS has with volunteer groups and partner agencies, the goals of this program could not be accomplished. This program is committed to the success of our volunteer groups by assisting with trainings and resources.

OHV State Grant Funding is acknowledged through signing on the trails, all equipment has the blue and white State OHV Program decals on them, and crew shirts have the FS and the State OHV Crew logos on them. During contacts in the field, the crews always make sure that the public knows that their OHV registration dollars – through the grant process, is the funding behind the work that is being done by the crews in the field.

**Definitions:**

OHV- Off Highway Vehicle

GMUG- Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

FS- Forest Service





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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.

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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:

<b><u>Amended Land/Resource Mgt. Plan (GMUG Natl. Forest)</u></b>	Date: <b><u>1991</u></b>
<b><u>Uncompahgre Natl. Forest Travel Plan-Record of Decision</u></b>	<b><u>2002</u></b>

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.  
Date and title of document:

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.]

For more information contact:

Joe Knob- 970-240-5414, Joseph.Knob@usda.gov

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

Dana Gardunio District Ranger- Ouray RD

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

**DANA GARDUNIO** Digitally signed by DANA GARDUNIO  
Date: 2022.11.21 10:42:19 -07'00'

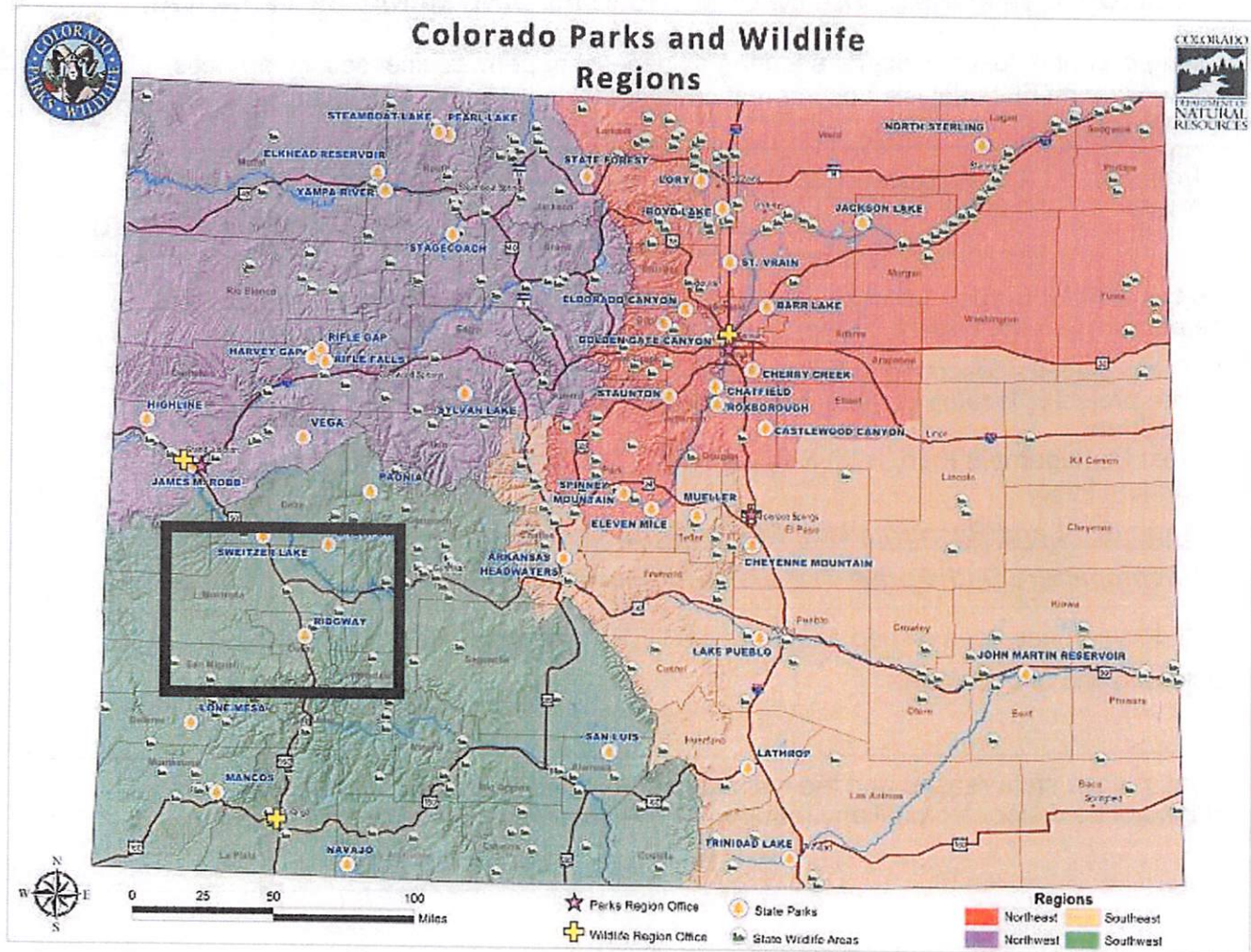
Land Manager Signature and Title

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)

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.

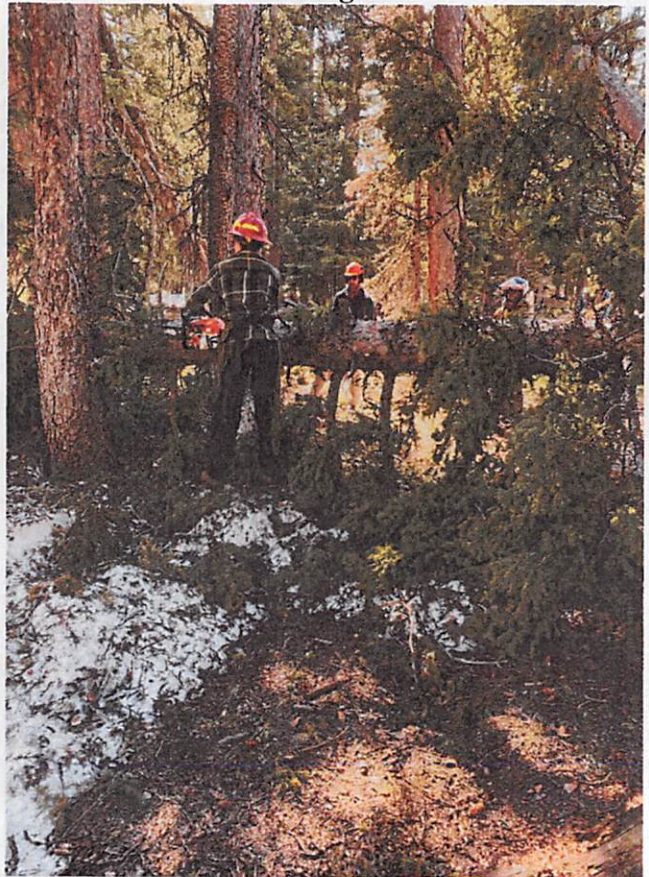


**(F) Project Illustration**

**Early Spring Trail Clearing**

**Before**

**During**



**After**

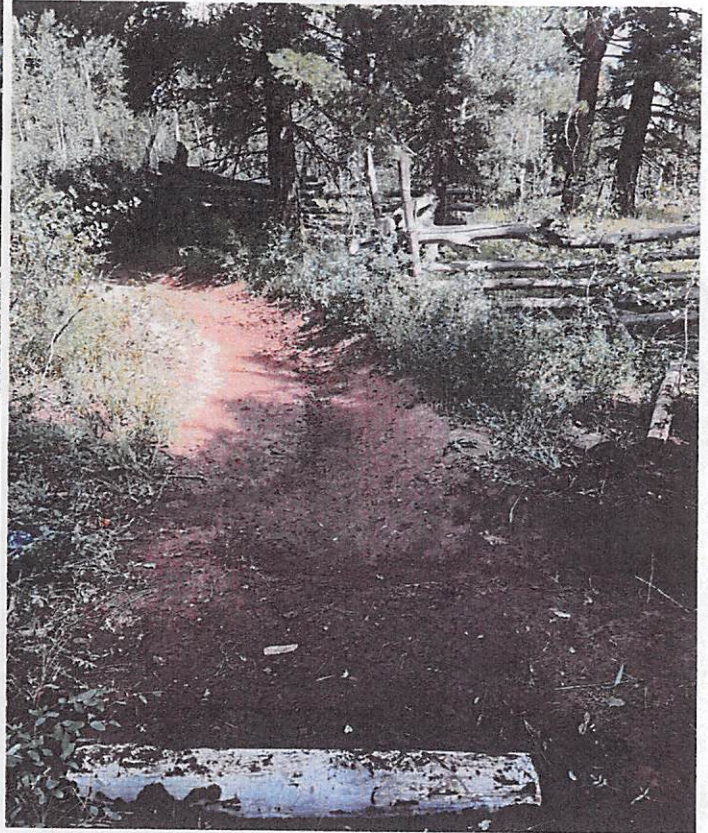
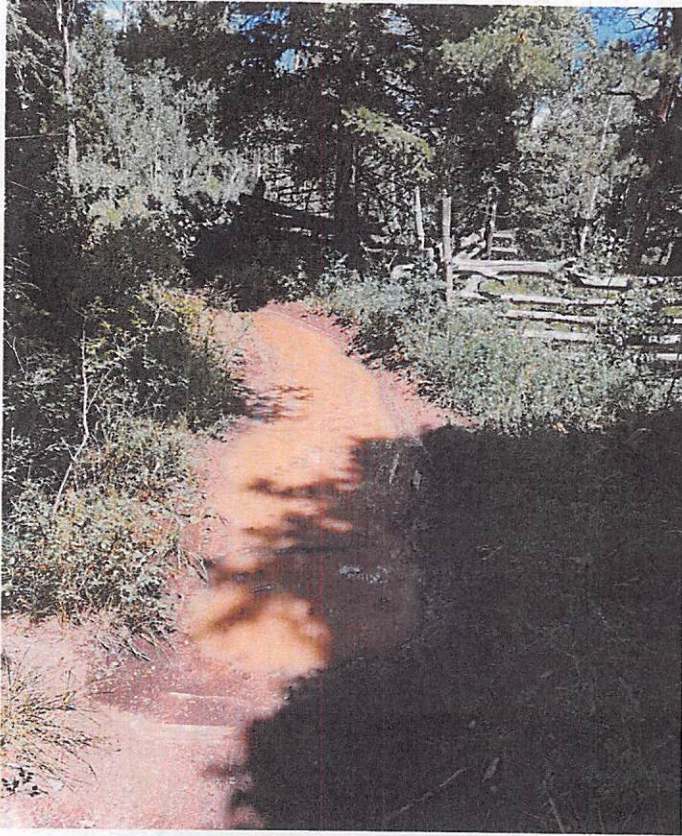




Mitigating Erosion Issues and Tread Reconstruction

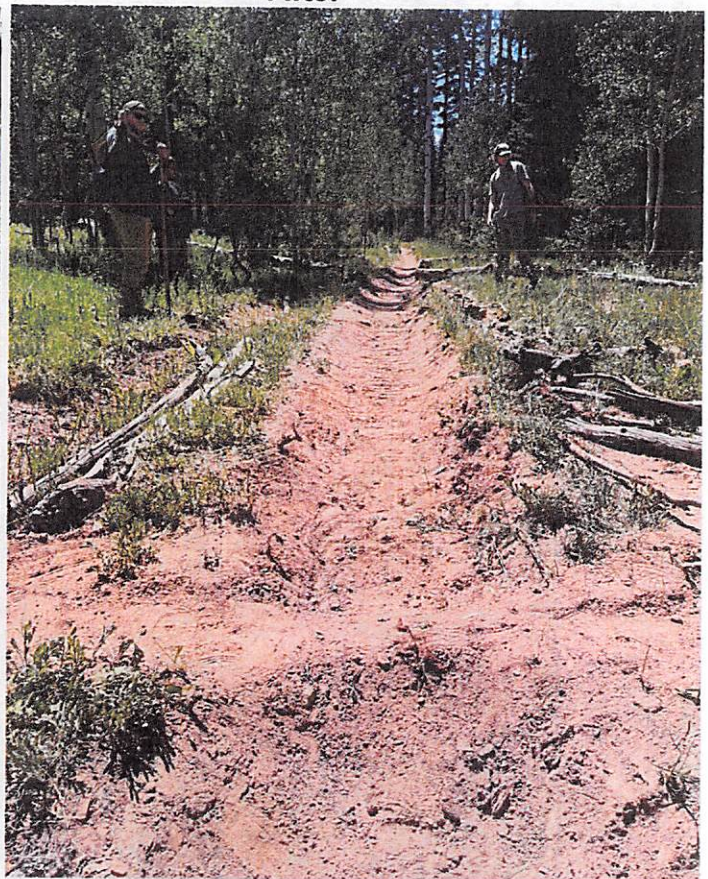
Before

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Before

After





November 3, 2022

Tom Metsa  
Colorado State Parks  
Trails Program, OHV Grants  
13878 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

## **2022 Accomplishment Report for the Ouray Trail Crew**

Here is a brief summary of the accomplishments completed to date by the OHV Ouray Trail Crew 2022 for Grant #22LL.

### Trail Maintenance on Forest Service managed lands

- Inspected and maintained over 226 miles of OHV trails
- Cut and removed 275 trees from trails
- Cleared 268 drainages
- Built 68 new drainages
- Installed 615 ft. of reroute on BLM managed trails
- Reconstructed 700 ft of trail tread
- Removed 24,070 ft of debris
- Cleared 23,415 ft of trail corridor
- Installed and maintained 188 signs
- Contacted 125 members of the public about the CPW OHV Program and Forest Service Policies
- Maintained 31 motorized Forest Service system trails.

The Ouray Trail Crew also collaborated with BLM Uncompahgre Field Office to maintain Colorado OHV trails. The relationship that the two agencies have is a huge success of the OHV Grant Program. This relationship demonstrates what can be accomplished with successful partnerships. While on BLM, the Ouray Trail Crew assisted in:

- 36 miles of trail maintained
- 28 trees cut and removed from OHV trails
- 52 drainages cleared
- Installed 615 ft of reroute on Ewok Village Trail
- Removed 2,076 ft of debris
- Cleared 323 ft of trail corridor
- Installed and maintained 26 signs

In a year that saw an unusual number of downed trees, the local OHV clubs were instrumental in making sure that OHV trails were open. Thanks to local clubs, Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders, WESTCORE, and Thunder Mountain Wheelers, the public was able to enjoy their OHV trails



clear of downed trees.

Accomplishments of the Clubs:

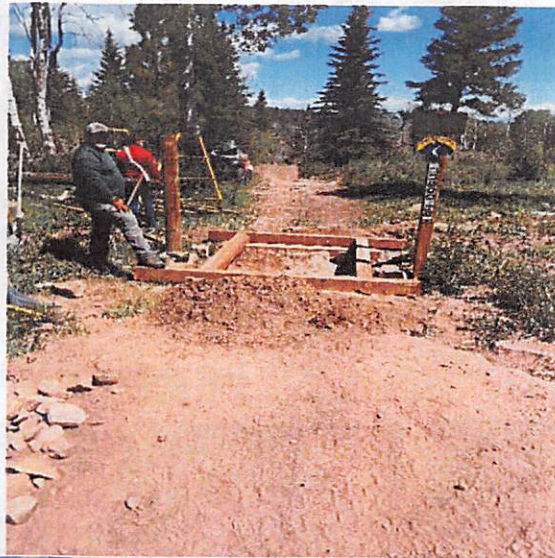
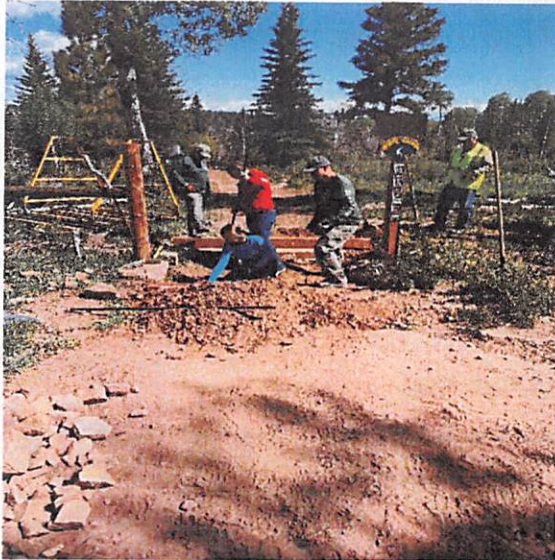
- Cut and removed 1294 trees
- More than 380 volunteer hours on OHV trails

Budget:

50% - Program Maintenance, 20% - Enforcement, Education, and Visitor Contacts, 10% - Planning and Travel Plan Implementation, 20% - Equipment and Materials

**Thank you for supporting the OHV Ouray Trail Crew 2022!!**

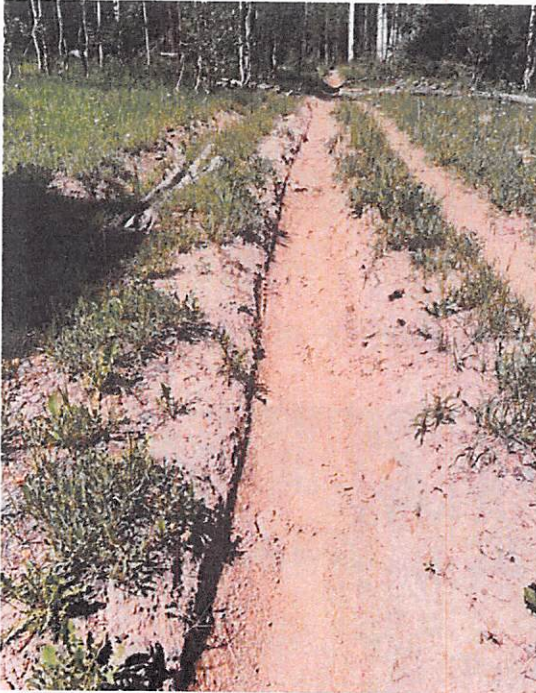
**Working with Thunder Mountain Wheelers to install an OHV cattleguard**



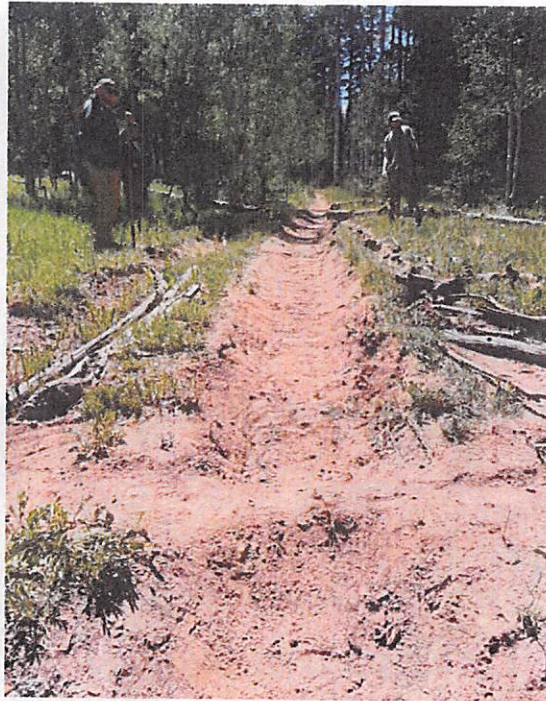


**Tread reconstruction and drainage installation on Buck Trail**

**Before**

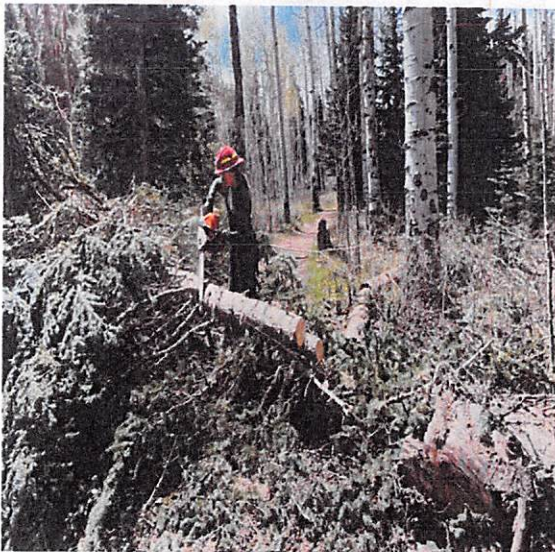


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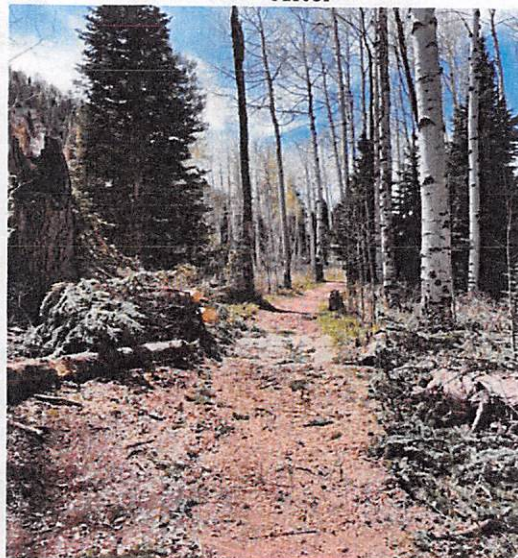


**Tree removal on Spring Creek Trail**

**Before**

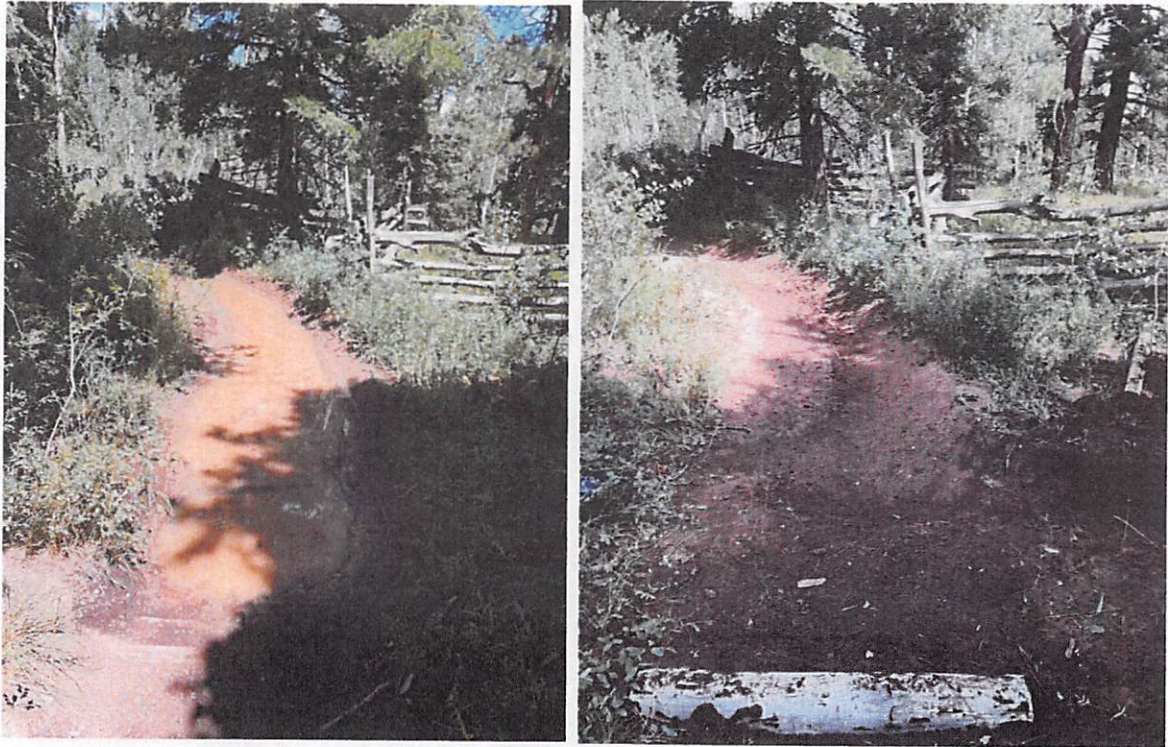


**After**





Erosion control on Buck Trail



ATV/UTV training for Thunder Mountain Wheelers and Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders.  
Trained 17 members from both clubs.



## **2023 Field Season Scope of Work for the OHV Ouray Trail Crew**

The OHV Ouray Trail Crew has accomplished many outstanding projects and assignments. Working with our partners (WESTCORE, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Thunder Mountain Wheelers, and Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders), the crew is able to complete projects and objectives. Projects that the OHV Ouray Trail Crew plan to accomplish are:

- Work with the Ouray Dozer Program on corridor clearing and tread reconstruction on Spring Creek Trail
- Assist in the installation of trail stabilization material with Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders on Parallel Trail
- Partner with WESTCORE to clear single-track trails of blowdown
- Coordinate and combine crews with the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office OHV Trail Crew to accomplish more work efficiently
- In the spring, spend time repairing and maintaining BLM managed trails (Ewok Village, Fingers, and Donkey)
- In the summer, work on repairing and maintaining Forest Service managed trails (Nate Creek, Alpine, Clear Creek, Red Canyon, Powerline, and Hornet) with BLM and the Norwood Ranger District
- Improve signage for trails on the Uncompahgre Plateau as well as in the Mountain Division
- Coordinate and work with WESTCORE on installation of trail stabilization of sections of Buck Trail
- Move to BLM managed trails in the late fall to work on their trail maintenance, trail reconstruction, and signage priorities within the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area and the Dry Creek Recreational Area
- Work within the Ouray Ranger District with the Range Program to repair and install cattle guards on OHV trails

Completing these projects and working alongside our partners build valuable relationships and trust as well as produce effective results. The focus and intent of the Good Management Crew is to provide quality trails and to maintain them to a high degree of sustainable. With general maintenance and focusing on a higher degree of construction and reconstruction, problem areas are eliminated producing longer lasting trails that can be enjoyed by the public. By combining crews for most of the season with BLM, we are utilizing our resources to better serve the public and their lands.