

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

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Name of Project: Eagle Zon	ned OHV Crew	Date of Application: 11/17/22			
(Please limit ti	he project name to 5 wo	rds or less)			
Total Project Cost: \$156,0	60	Grant Request: \$ 108,060			
. (round off to the nea	arest \$1)	Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.			
PROJECT SPONSOR (Nan	ne and Address for er	ntity legally responsible for project)			
Organization Name: USDA F	orest Service, White	e River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross RD			
Mailing Address: PO Box 19	0 Minturn, CO 8164	15			
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Telephone: 970-274-	6267	Email: patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov			
OFFICIAL USE ONLY - DUI	NS # (IF REQUIRED)):			
PROJECT CONTACT 1		p-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the ll be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.			
Name: Trish Barrere		Title: Recreation Specialist			
Mailing Address: PO Box 190	0 Minturn, CO 8164	5			
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		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO			
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CO		rson responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and e-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.			
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS	SPECIALIST (USF	S only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)			
Name: Alex Specht	2 3 7 2	Title: Grants Management Specialist			
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Nearest Town or City: Minturn, CO							
County(ies): Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield							
Township/Range/Section: State Senate District #: 5 & 8							
State Senate District #: 5 & 8 State Representative District #: 56 & 61							
LAND OWNERSHIP							
Provide the name/s of the property owners: National Forest System Lands 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 Single	etrack: 30	Miles of 50" or I	less:	Miles of Full-sized: 450			
			at apply to the	work planned for this project)			
All-Terrain		Side x Side		Full Sized 4X4			
Motorcyclin	ng		g	Accessible Access			
PROJECT IN	FORMATION (Plea Include de	ase check all activi tailed information for					
	enance		☐ Travel Plan Implementation				
*New Trail Construction miles / ft(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)			□ Resource Protection & Improvement				
☐ *Major Re-	11111007 11.	closed	Signs				
(that will require additional enviro approvals	nmental	added	☐ Youth Corps				
□ Restoration	□ Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) □ Planning						
⊠ Education							
* 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.)							
30	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)						
Planning &Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)							
10	10 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: Eagle Zoned OHV Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)				
Project Sponsor: Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District	Application Year: 2023-2024				
Project Contact: Trish Barrere	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)				
Total Project Cost: \$ \$156,060	Grant Request: \$ \$108,060				

Project Description:

The Eagle Zoned OHV Good 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.

The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District (EHX) on the White River National Forest is seeking 2024 state grant funding for a four-person seasonal (May-October) Good Management OHV Crew. Our District has been a successful recipient of the State OHV Grant for the last eleven summers and are very grateful for the support we have received from State OHV Grant funds. The funding has allowed us to create a long-term OHV program to sustainably maintain OHV opportunities for both locals and visitors. The crew will be under the direction of the Recreation Staff and Recreation Specialist on the EHX and will work out of the Minturn Forest Service office. They will work four 10-hour days and utilize remote workstations to maximize their on-the-ground working time.

The zoned area consists of 450 miles of routes open to OHVs including 30 miles of motorized single-track, 25 miles of motorized trails open to vehicles 62" wide or less, and a variety of scenic, rugged mountain routes. The routes encompass Eagle, Garfield, and Pitkin counties and are adjacent to land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Colorado (Sylvan Lake). The proximity of the OHV areas to the I-70 corridor makes the riding areas easily accessible and very popular.

The zoned area includes five main OHV riding areas, which provide diverse OHV experiences. The Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument and connecting areas provide OHV riders with views of Mount of the Holy Cross, access to 10th Mountain Division huts, high-elevation mountain passes, and the extremely popular and challenging Holy Cross City Jeep Road. With the new National Monument designation, it is imperative that the Eagle Zoned OHV crew maintains a high level of management in the area to provide a quality OHV experience for new and old visitors alike. The Red & White / Muddy Pass area provides rugged OHV riding opportunities with spectacular views of the Gore Range, Vail valley, and OHV access for hunters with ease of access. The Coffeepot / Flattops area provides 62 miles of OHV routes in the zoned area in a remote setting with alpine lakes, aspen groves, plenty of wildlife, access to the Deep Creek Overlook and Deep Lake Campground and connects to over 100 additional OHV miles. The Derby Mesa area provides craggy isolated terrain, at the foothills of the Flattops. This area provides not only challenging motorized terrain but also quality motorized hunting opportunities. The South Eagle / Basalt to Gypsum area provides motorized single-track opportunities linking the Roaring Fork Valley to the OHV routes on the BLM land near Gypsum. It also encompasses motorized single-track opportunities in the Woody Creek / Triangle Peak area. All these areas include dispersed camping and developed campgrounds accessible by OHVs.

The main goals of the Eagle OHV Crew are to maintain OHV routes to provide long-term sustainable riding opportunities, protect sensitive high alpine, meadow, and riparian environments, continue to implement the Forest Travel Management Plan, and maintain and grow partnerships with motorized groups. This will be done through road and trail maintenance, including reconstruction and clearing, maintenance of trailhead facilities, installation of kiosks and bulletin boards for user education, installation of carsonites, gates, fences, and natural barriers for travel management purposes to prevent resource damage. Additionally, the crew will patrol and visit OHV riding areas, OHV camping areas, distribute Motor Vehicle Use Maps and Tread Lightly / Stay the Trail educational materials, and have a field presence during high use times (weekends, holidays, hunting season, special events) to provide information, education, assistance, and ensure compliance with forest regulations, Tread Lightly / Stay the Trail standards, and state regulations (OHV registration compliance).

The crew will continue to host trail work and project days with local clubs to grow relationships and encourage user investment in their OHV riding opportunities. The Eagle Zoned crew will partner with adjacent land managers in solving OHV issues across boundaries. Partnerships have remained an essential piece of the Eagle Zoned Crew's management.

In 2022 work accomplished by the crew includes:

- Cutting 779 trees that were blocking OHV routes
- Installing 79 signs to enhance OHV riders experience
- Contacting 865 users on OHV routes
- Engaging volunteers for 66 hours

Through the previous eleven years of State funding, the Eagle OHV Crew has made significant progress with the implementation of the Travel Management Plan and has seen an increase in OHV user awareness. A 2024 State OHV Grant will ensure the preservation of a sustainable OHV program allowing the crew to continue to foster and promote enjoyable and challenging riding opportunities on behalf of the OHV community.

The Eagle-Holy Cross District continually credits the benefits that the State OHV grant funds have contributed to our forest and to managing sustainable recreation. We place Colorado Registration Dollars at Work stickers on the motorized trail signage, trail head kiosks, motorized equipment, trailer, and continually educate the public on how their registration dollars directly benefit their OHV riding opportunities through state OHV grants funding motorized trail crews.

Budget Form

Project Name: Eagle Zoned OHV Crew

Date Project will be Completed: FY 24

Project Sponsor: Eagle-Holy Cross 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 List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)		CASH		(Non	Kind -Cash) butions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)						\$ 108,060.00
USFS Support(Recreation Managers)	\$	- 1	-	\$	40,000	\$ 40,000.00
OHV Volunteers	\$, 45	-	\$	8,000	\$ 8,000.00
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$		-	\$	-	\$ -
	\$		-	\$	-	\$ -
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USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of grant funding (only) below

TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT

I. Personnel Costs Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment,						
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Employee Name or Title/Grade	5	Per Hr	Weeks	Hrs/Wk		otal Cost
GS-6, step 4, Crew Lead- Chris Walsh	\$	34.00	2	24	40 \$	32,640.00
GS-5 Crew Member	\$	22.00	1 2	20	40 \$	17,600.00
GS-5 Crew Member	\$	22.00	2	20	40 \$	17,600.00
GS-5 Crew Member	\$	22.00	1	20	40 \$	17,600.00
GS-7 Trails Foreman	\$	34.00	1 - 1 - 1	2	40 \$	2,720.00
Overtime/ Lump Sum		ts 1	- 1-1-		9	3,500.00
Travel, PPE, Training	1					\$3,500.00
For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhour		2,798.82		Category Total	al \$	95,160.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.	Pric	e Per	Quantity	Total		
Misc Materials and Supplies	\$	-		\$ -	1	3,000.00
Signs, education materials	\$			\$ -	1 9	1,000.00
Travel Management Gate	\$	-		\$ -	1 9	2,000.00
				Category Total	al \$	6,000.00
III. Equipment Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.		20	,			
Equipment accessories	\$	-		\$ -	1	
Equipment fuel, maintenance, and repairs						
Chainsaw	\$			\$ -		
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III.A. FLEET Equipment Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE; Fleet Equipment monthly USE.				3		<u> </u>
2 Fleet Trucks	\$	-		\$ -	1	on the second second second
				Category To	tal \$	3,000.00
IV. Contracted Services Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs			1		-	
	\$	-			9	-
	1 +			Category Total	al \$	-
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.			n t			e ¹
Volunteer PPE	\$	-		7 1 2	1	
Volunteer Recognition	\$				3	
		25		Category Total	al \$	900.00
				Total	-	108,060.00

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	Eagle Zoned OHV Crew	Project Sponsor	White River NF, Eagle-Holy Cross RD					
As the official accomplishe	As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:							
2. The project	as described in this application is located on federal public lan gement Plan, BLM Resource A	ds and is in con	val. Iformance with the appropriate If Plan or other decision document					
White River	Land and Resource Managem	ent Plan	Date: 2002					
3. A decision	has been issued as part of the	NEPA environm	ental review process.					
Date and title	of document:							
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If not, please a	state reason and the estimated til any required NEPA documer	date when NEF	PA will be complete. [No funds will beted.]					
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For more info	rmation contact:							
	e, <u>patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov</u>	, 970-274-6267	•					
4. The next pl	anning process that may affect	this project is pl	lanned for <u>(date)</u> .					
Lean	ne Veldhuis, District Ranger							
Print or type L	and Manager's Name and Title							
LEANNE	Digitally signed by LEANNE VELDHUIS							
VELDHUIS Land Manage	r Signature and Title		Date					

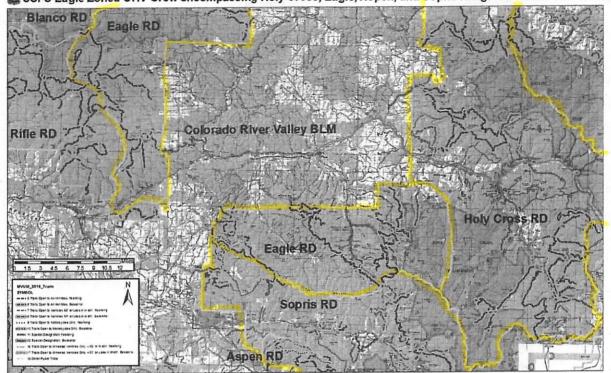
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



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.

USFS Eagle Zoned OHV Crew encompassing Holy Cross, Eagle, Aspen, and Sopris Ranger District's OHV routes.



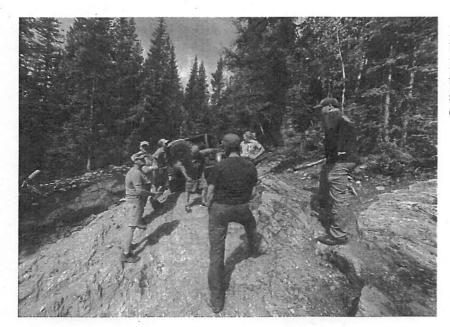
(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will
 do for this project
- · Engineering drawings of the project
- · Diagrams/plans of the project

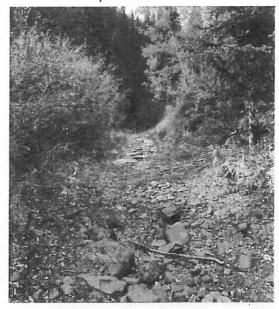


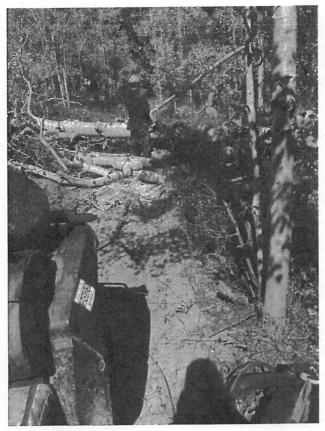
In 2023, winch anchors will be installed along FSR 759, Holy Cross City Jeep Road, that were identified with FS staff, Mile Hi Jeep Club and CORE in 2022.

Travel management and route signage needs consistent maintenance, replacement, and installation across the zone.



Several OHV routes need corridor clearing to maintain route to standard and enhance OHV users experience.



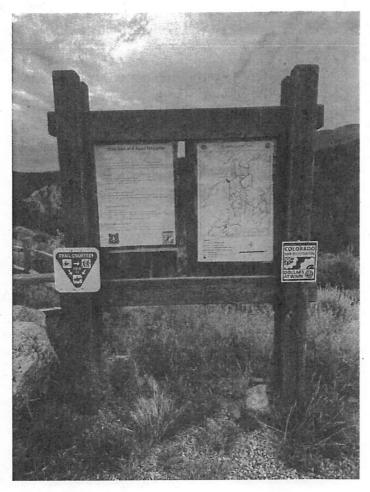


Early season log out performed by the Good Management Crew is essential for OHV access, as well as, removing timber that falls throughout the riding season.





Trail tread improvement is a constant focus for the good management crew along the 30 miles of motorized singletrack across the zone.



Currently, the district is working with Stay the Trail, the BLM, and moto clubs on new panel design for motorized singletrack system.

Connecting and educating OHV users on OHV opportunities, regulations, and stewardship is an important piece of the wholistic approach the Good Management Crew takes while in the field.



Eagle Zoned 2023 Plan of Work

Scope of Work

The Eagle Zoned crew will perform standard maintenance of drainage structures and tread, ensure routes are properly signed, clear corridor of debris, and early season log out on the 480 miles of open OHV routes. We will be maintaining relationships with Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Association, Rocky Mountain Sport Riders, Mile Hi Jeep club, Bighorn Jeep club, Wildridge Trail Coalition and other partners that benefit motorized recreation. Several projects will enhance the motorized users' experience, connect local clubs through volunteer days, and ensure sustainable motorized recreation opportunities within the White River National Forest.

Early Season

- S212, ATV/UTV, Motorcycle, and FPO trainings
- Restoration course with Volunteers for Outdoors Colorado
- Service OHV fleet for summer season
- Perform early season log out of district roads and trails and report any major safety concerns (blown culverts, excessive road/trail erosion damage)

Focus Areas:

Fitzpatrick/Cottonwood Pass

- Heavy corridor clearing along OHV routes to improve line of sight and enhance rider experience
- Rehab non-system routes and focus on travel management signing to make navigation easier in the area for OHV users

Holy Cross City Jeep Road

- Host 2-day volunteer weekend to rebuild buck-n-rail to protect historical town site and tread improvement along the section of route that crosses a wetland
- Support club in winch anchor installation

Cottonwood/Sheephorn

- Route tread definition, rehab road braids, and sign OHV routes
- Close non-system routes in partnership with adjacent landowners to protect sensitive wildlife habitat and encourage restoration

Motorized Singletrack Systems

- Basalt to Gypsum- If awarded, host two weeks of Rocky Mountain Youth Corps on the system to perform corridor clearing
- Triangle Peak- Build turnpike on Red Canyon

Outreach

- Continue work with Stay the Trail and BLM on enhanced signage for the Basalt to Gypsum System
- The OHV crew will continue to have a presence at community events that include the GoPro Games, Wild West Days, and Crawlin' For a Cure or similar truck rally.
- The crew will host 1 2 outreach days in coordination with Stay the Trail and BLM
- Continue to grow the Motorized Trail Ambassador program to include new areas and longer dates
- Coordinate with moto clubs 3 trail workdays on motorized singletrack

(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

Please find attached three letters of support from Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Alliance, Wildridge Trail Coalition, and Mile-Hi Jeep Club.

11/02/2022 Trish Barrere Recreation Specialist White River National Forest Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District PO Box 190 Minturn, CO 81645 Patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

CBTRA fully supports Eagle-Holy Cross's request for a 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Program OHV Grant to continuing funding for the Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew.

The Good Management grant is essential in enhancing the OHV experience by ensuring system routes and trails are accessible and up to standard and properly signed across the zone for a satisfactory riding experience. Hundreds of OHV users are contacted by the crew in which they educate users on responsible OHV use, the importance of state registrations, and OHV opportunities within in the zone and throughout Colorado. This all equates to a better experience for the OHV user and keeps OHV recreation dollars coming into our counties. The work completed by the crew and the user outreach helps to sustain OHV recreation opportunities into the future in our area.

OHV recreation across the zoned area is an economic driver for our local communities. Families explore the mountains on their UTV's, hunters access game management units, and motorcycles ride the designated single-track system between Basalt and Gypsum which all generate dollars coming into the economy. It is our hope, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will continue funding trail maintenance, information and route signage, and user education programs in the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District via a Good Management Grant in 2021.

CBTRA respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.

Dave Fond CBTRA President November 28, 2022

OHV Grant Committee Colorado State Parks OHV Program 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80125

To whom it may concern,

Mile-Hi Jeep Club fully supports state funding of the 2024 Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew grant request by the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District. This grant would allow the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District to properly maintain all OHV routes within their district and ensure a good, reliable, and safe riding experience.

Mile-Hi Jeep Club has worked closely with the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District for many years. We share mutual goals of promoting responsible use and recreation and thus know and understand how important this grant opportunity is for the continued success of OHV recreation experiences within the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District.

One critical component of this grant is the education and enforcement aspect. It's in everyone's interest that riders know the best trail practices as this leads to a higher level of safety for the trail users. Another critical component is an economic for the local communities. Families explore the mountains on their UTV's, hunters access game management units, and motorcycles ride the designated single-track system between Basalt and Gypsum which all generate dollars coming into the economy. It is our hope, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will continue funding trail maintenance, information and route signage, and user education programs in the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District via a Good Management Grant.

Sincerely,

Ryan Boudreau Mile-Hi Jeep Club Land Advocacy Trail Maintenance Crew Leader





November 6, 2022

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program Colorado Parks and Wildlife 13787 S. Highway 85 Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and Members of the OHV Subcommittee,

Wildridge Trail Coalition fully supports Eagle-Holy Cross's, request for a 2024 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Program OHV Grant to continue funding for the Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew.

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OHV recreation across the zoned area is not only an economic driver for our local communities but also supports the health and well-being of our residents. Families explore the mountains on their UTV's, hunters access game management units, and motorcycles ride the roads in the Red and White Mountain area as well as the designated single-track system between Basalt and Gypsum. These activities all generate dollars coming into the local and state-wide economy. It is our hope, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will continue funding trail maintenance, information and route signage, and user education programs in the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District via the Good Management Grant.

Wildridge Trail Coalition respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Devon DeCrausaz, President

Wildridge Trail Coalition

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Wildridge Trail Coalition is a Colorado nonprofit corporation and public charity approved under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Federal Tax ID #85-4214696.

Wildridge Trail Coalition's mission is to collaborate with and provide direction to key stakeholders to ensure all user groups, machine or muscle powered, have sustainable access to designated trails in Eagle County, Colorado.