



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

Name of Project: North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2024		Date of Application: 2 Dec 22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$172,091.00	Grant Request: \$ 157,417.00	
<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: USDA / USFS South Platte Ranger District		
Mailing Address: 30403 Kings Valley Drive, Suite 2-115 Conifer, CO 80433		
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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.		
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		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
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PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Sedalia, CO
 County(ies): Douglas
 Township/Range/Section: 8-10S/69W/21-36
 State Senate District #: 30
 State Representative District #: CO-04

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: ~86 Miles of 50" or less: ~200 Miles of Full-sized: ~50

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 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.)

60	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.)
20	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
15	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
5	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: North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2024	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: USDA / USFS South Platte RD	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Marc Grandia	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 172,091.00	Grant Request: \$ 157,417.00

Project Description:

WHO? The USFS, South Platte Ranger District, North Rampart OHV Crew will be the responsible party for this project. The four-person crew will focus on trail maintenance, visitor contacts, education, and compliance primarily on the Rampart Range 50" trail system.

WHERE? The crew and equipment will be stationed at the Indian Creek Workstation near Sedalia, CO; all work will be within the Pike National Forest, South Platte RD, at the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area entirely within Douglas County. The crew's areas of patrol and maintenance consists of all the 50" trails on the North Rampart Range Trail System. The trail crew will cover nearly 200 miles of trail on the Rampart Range and all associated trail heads, kiosks, and practice areas.

WHAT? The trail crew will dedicate 60 percent of their time to maintenance of the Rampart Range 50" trails. Crew members not MSF Dirt Bike or ATV certified will complete training so they can utilize skills to safely negotiate the trail system. We will train one crew member as FPO and all crewmembers will be CPR certified. All the Rampart trails have regular tree blow down, drainage issues, and other hazards; this crew will be capable of maintaining the trail system and trail heads. The initial phase of work on the trails will be planned with the Statewide OHV crew to clear all 50" track from hazards that occurred over the winter season. Crucial drainage work will be done at this time and other needed work will be documented to plan future maintenance days and work parties. The crew will be required to wear uniforms that identify themselves as the OHV trail crew; dirt bikes, ATVs, and Side-by-sides will display the "Colorado OHV Registration Dollars at Work" logo.

Work projects for the season will be as follows:

1. Hazard and hazard tree removal
2. Bridge repair, installation, or removal
3. Tread hardening, drainage remediation
4. Trail braiding and user created trail ripping and rehab
5. Restrictor gate installation and repair
6. Volunteer work parties (6) and special events such as poker runs (2)
7. Sign installation, removal, and replacement
8. On/Off loading ramp repair

Feedback from the public and partner volunteer groups will be solicited to determine if completed work meets safe and sustainable riding standards.

WHEN? The Rampart crew will be onboarded as early as mid-April 2024 and begin trail work as soon as weather conditions permit. If weather and/or the mud-season closure are limiting factors planning, training, and maintenance will be priority. The project will be complete 30 November 2024. The crew will have the OHV program manager on for 14 pay periods, two permanent crewmembers that will be on for a minimum of 13 pay periods, and one additional 1039 trail crewmember.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – The trail crew will display “Colorado Registration Dollars at Work” on both uniforms and machines. Additionally, logos will be displayed at trail heads and kiosks. Educating the public of where their registration dollars go will be ongoing during both maintenance and patrol days.

DEFINITIONS?

MSF-Motorcycle Safety Foundation

FPO-Forest Protection Officer

Budget Form

Project Name: North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2024

Date Project will be Completed: 30-Nov-24

Project Sponsor: USDA Forest Service South Platte 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)			\$ 157,417.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GS-07 0462 OHV Grant Admin., Supervision & Vehicle (4 Pay Periods)	\$ -	\$ 11,434	\$ 11,434.00
GS-09 0462 OHV Grant Admin., Supervision & Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,240.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 172,091.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

I. Personnel Costs				
<small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
GS-07 0462 OHV Program Manager (18/8) 14 Pay Periods	\$ 35.73			\$ 40,017.00
GS-06 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (16 PPs)	\$ 32.16			\$ 41,164.00
GS-06 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (16 PPs)	\$ 32.16			\$ 41,164.00
GS-05 0462 Forestry Technician Trail Crew Member (1039)	\$ 20.81			\$ 21,622.00
FPO Certification x 1	\$ 1,100.00			\$ 1,100.00
Riding Gear, PPE	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 2,000.00
<small>For CPW use only. Approximate number of workhours</small>	4,116.06		Category Total	\$ 147,067.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
Signs, hardware, bridge decking, trail marker posts	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Grass seed for rehab	\$ 275.00	2	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Concrete	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 2,800.00
III. Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
ATV and Bike Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Chainsaw Maintenance/Replacement	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Powertool Replacement	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
			Category Total	\$ 6,200.00
III.A. FLEET Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services				
<small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
V. Volunteer Support				
<small>Identify as: <u>For Volunteers Only</u> Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>				
Sawyer Certs. RRMCC - 3 Students / Tuition, meals, lodging	\$ 675.00	2	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 1,350.00
			Total	\$ 157,417.00

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

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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	North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2024	Project Sponsor	USDA / USFS South Platte 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:

Pike National Forest Land Use Plan Date: 1984

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

Date and title of document:

July 2005 Rampart Range Recreation Area Motorized Roads Trail Plan

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.]

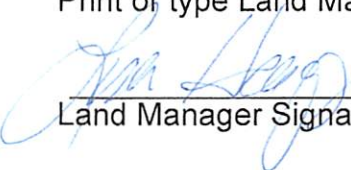
For more information contact:

Marc Grandia (303) 275-5626 marc.grandia@usda.gov

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

Lisa Heagley – District Ranger (Acting), South Platte Ranger District

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

 Acting District Ranger
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/23/2022
Date

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

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

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

The Good OHV Trail Crew has and will continue to develop, maintain, and improve or reconstruct OHV trails, trailheads, parking, and support facilities; produce, install, and maintain signage of OHV trails; 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; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement. They will respond to issues regarding resource damage and handle safety concerns; recognize areas where reroutes need to be considered as well as close off and rehabilitate non-system routes to protect the landscape.

The primary objective of the North Rampart Good OHV Trail Crew is to enhance the riding experience for 50" trail users by providing a safe and enjoyable trail system while protecting the resource from damage. These trails are used by not only OHV enthusiast, but also bikers, hikers, and equestrian riders. Providing regular trail maintenance of the entire network of trails is a key goal of the crew. The crew will spend sixty percent of its time maintaining the trails and trail heads. As the population of the front range and the Denver metro area increases, so does the number of people who visit the Rampart Range to recreate and ride. The increase in usage by OHV enthusiasts results in trails that are unsustainable and often unsafe; new illegal routes develop, and resource damage occurs. The crew will be able to identify, repair, and rehabilitate these areas. They will also identify areas of trail that need bridge installation or repair, conduct much needed tread hardening, rip braided and illegal routes, and rehabilitate old routes back to their original state.

Proper planning will begin early. It is our intent to partner with the State OHV crew early in the season to not only remove hazards but to identify future work and work projects with partners. The crew will spend fifteen percent of its time planning and resourcing work projects and identifying items to be purchased with grant dollars. Five percent of their time will be dedicated to maintaining equipment and materials.

The four-person crew will be responsible for providing a presence, distributing information, educating the public, and enforcing applicable forest rules and regulations. One crewmember will receive FPO training to issue warning or violation notices, but just as important, the entire crew will reinforce the importance of OHV registration to the public and what the dollars are being used for. This crew will have a positive impact to the thousands of OHV visitors that ride the Rampart trails every year by ensuring that riders have an enjoyable experience while fostering an environment of safe use in a challenging trail network.

2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):

For over 40 years the Forest Service and the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC) has worked together to maintain, improve, and develop the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area into one of the premier riding areas in Colorado. RRMMC's support includes volunteer participation, securing funds for maintenance efforts, utilizing the SUTTER & SWECO trail machine, hosting work parties, and educating riders on the proper way to enjoy OHV's. As part of this collaboration, volunteer projects will be dedicated to prioritized maintenance and enhancement projects. This includes the slashing in of closed trails, seeding of ripped trails, sign installation, fence repair and installation, and a variety of other trail maintenance projects. The OHV crew will be instrumental in identifying, planning, and coordinating more labor-intensive volunteer trail projects with the RRMMC. The heavy equipment operators can complete trail maintenance projects that may be too difficult to complete based on the complexity of the landscape. The work the OHV crew and the RRMMC complete together adds an additional level of sustainability.

As part of the process to get where we are today, the Forest Service has collected and analyzed data that went into the decision to build these trails and where to locate them. We have gone to extraordinary lengths to involve all interested parties and seek their input. During the scoping phase conducted for the Environmental Assessment, we held four public meetings that were attended by over 500 people. These public meetings were attended by a wide variety of individuals and groups. We have incorporated this input into a plan that considers the needs of all interested parties, including concerns for resource sustainability and habitat protection. This proposed project is a result of that process. While it is impossible to meet the expectations of all interested parties, this project will provide more opportunities for the users, minimize negative impacts to the environment, and provide a basis for sound, comprehensive management of the area.

This proposed project is in accord with the plan approved in 2005. Since that time the Forest Service has partnered with several groups, clubs, and organizations with a shared objective to see this project implemented. In addition to the RRMMC, other partners include:

Douglas County -The County maintains all the roads located within the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation area including those open to unlicensed motor vehicles. They grade the main Rampart Road at least three times a year and to a lesser degree the three major trailheads as well as our higher clearance roads open to unlicensed motor vehicles. In addition, they were heavily involved with the construction of the primary Rampart Trailhead and entrance a couple years ago and completed a new trailhead near the forest boundary on Dakan road. This facility has proved to be very popular with users in the Castle Rock and Colorado Springs area. It includes a toilet, kiosk, and year-round parking for approximately 25 vehicles.

CUSP - Coalition for the Upper South Platte. This group has organized several volunteer projects over the years in support of the area. Some of these include fence building, rip rap work to decrease erosion, and revegetation efforts.

Stay The Trail has been an invaluable resource to the Rampart Range for many years. Their approach to responsible OHV use has cultivated a culture of responsible OHV riders across the state; their presence during work parties and poker runs has helped educate riders on being good stewards to public lands. During the 2022 season, they provided the South Platte OHV program with \$1400 worth of additional sign funding.

\$2800 is being requested to go towards the purchase of sign material for installation or replacement, construction hardware, concrete, and grass seed for rehabilitation areas.

All personnel associated with this project will display or inform the public that they are funded as a direct result of Colorado OHV registration dollars. In-kind services include overall supervision of the program which involves approximately 30 percent of the district Travel Management Supervisor's time, engineering support and contracting preparation for the rehabilitation effort. The total project cost is \$172,091.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities (25 points):

The main benefit of this project is to emphasize resource protection, enhancement, and restoration. By responding timely to weather events along with regular maintenance, habitat will improve, erosion will be controlled, and over time the visual impacts will fade. The presence provided by the crew will ensure that closed routes remain closed and be restored to their natural condition. The dedicated trail crew will keep the trails clear and maintained.

The project area includes steep slopes, highly erosive soils, sensitive riparian habitats, and populations of federally threatened species such as the Preble's meadow jumping mouse, Pawnee Montane Skipper, and Mexican Spotted owl. Like many trails that have been user created, the sections of trail that are unsustainable have been identified for minor rerouting. These trails are difficult to maintain and have a negative effect on the resource. This damage is primarily the result of trails located too close to riparian or on excessively steep slopes with highly erodible soils. Re-routing trails out of riparian zones and off steep slopes minimizes erosion and keeps sediment on the upper slopes which will substantially improve water quality, improve stream bank stability, and promote enhanced riparian vegetation growth. It is essential that the closed sections of these trails be stabilized and put in a condition that allows for habitat improvement.

Resource Protection – All rerouted trail construction has been approved in accordance with the signed Environmental Assessment and subsequent environmental analysis and archeological and biological surveys. Based on these results the original layout has been adjusted to avoid any biological concerns or cultural resources. The crew will help ensure that riders are staying on designated routes and replacing route designation signs as well as educating riders on responsible OHV recreation.

Trail braiding is a significant concern throughout the Rampart Range. The crew will identify these problem sites, close off, and rehab them. Native grass seed will be planted once these trails are ripped to bring the area back to a natural state. The trail system is constantly being monitored with resource concerns in mind. Sections of trail that are determined to be unsustainable will be evaluated. Any closed sections will be rehabilitated as to minimize any further impacts. This is also the case with trails that may interfere with critical habitat (riparian areas), in sensitive nesting areas (Goshawk), or slopes that are too steep and are contributing sediment to streams. Eliminating the source of erosion and sediment transports can improve fish habitat miles downstream.

Enhancement – This project will not only enhance the experience for OHV riders but other trail and forest users as well. The Trail crew will clear trail on a regular basis and respond to needed repairs in a timely fashion. They will be able to respond to any change in the system with short notice.

Restoration – The trail system is constantly monitored and evaluated. Maintenance projects are prioritized based on their resource impacts and safety concerns. This project will ensure that resource impacts are addressed, and restoration actions are planned and executed. If a trail is rerouted, closed sections will be rehabilitated by ripping the old trail, followed by slashing in forest debris, and planting of native grass seeds.

Currently there are no new plans for new trail construction or major re-routes. As conditions change on the ground minor re-routes will be considered to protect non-sustainable trails; specifically, where deep cut routes consisting of decomposing granite is causing difficult negotiation of trails and user created bypasses.

Large equipment maintenance – Currently, the Rampart OHV crew has one grant purchased mini-excavator. It recently underwent its 500-hour service and operator level maintenance is conducted monthly. The mini excavator is used for projects such as digging hole for post and cable installation and minor grading operations.

As of now, there is no plan for turn-in or replace the machine as it is in great working condition and used frequently on the Rampart.

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement (25 points):

Travel Management:

This project will implement and be in compliance with applicable portions of the decision made in the 2005 Rampart Range Recreation Area Motorized Roads and Trails Plan. This travel management plan is the result of an extensive process that looked at an area over 92,000 acres in size. All of the existing motorized routes were evaluated for sustainability, resource concerns, and forest plan compliance. Other considerations include user satisfaction and reducing conflicts, and how well the network of trails worked in providing connectivity and loops. This plan identified trails that were to be closed and rehabilitated, trails that are targeted for rerouting, and acknowledged the need for new trails for both 50 inch wide ATV's and UTV's, and single track. By incorporating these recommendations new routes were added to improve loop opportunities, reduce conflicts between users, and provide trail access to areas where there was previously only road access open to licensed OHV's only. The crew will patrol and monitor the "roadless area" east of Dakan Road and to the west of Perry Park. This habitat has seen illegal routes develop near multiple campsites. The crew will slash in and rehab these routes to protect the area. The patrol crew requested in this grant proposal will help to ensure that the decisions made in this travel plan are maintained and adhered to.

Education:

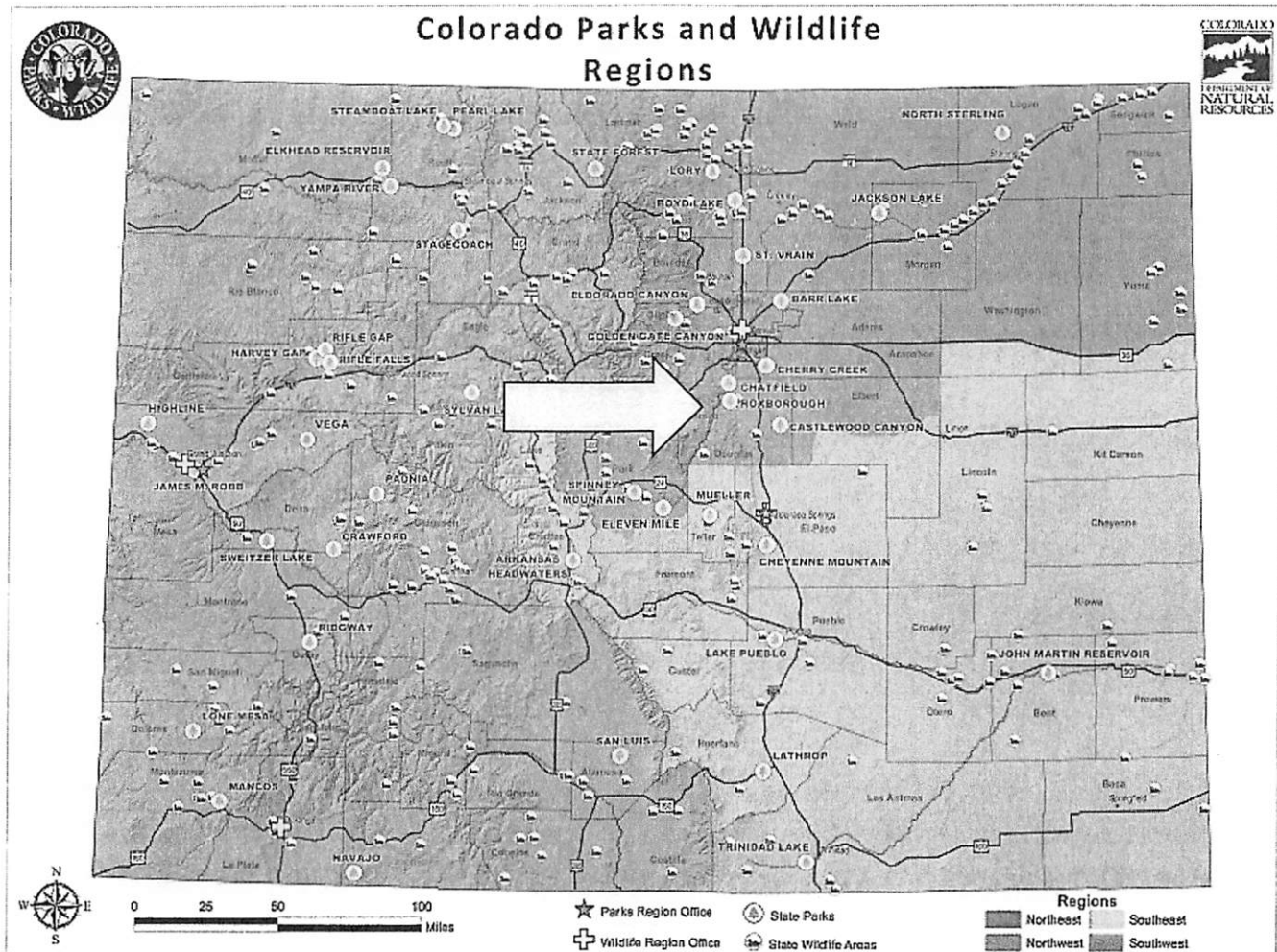
A principle objective of the four person patrol crew is to make as many contacts as possible and educate users on a variety of topics. Every season, this crew makes thousands of visitor contacts which are recorded in the daily diaries. With tens of thousands of visitors each year engaged in a variety of activities it is essential that education play an important role. All trails will be clearly signed and are displayed on the South Platte Ranger District MVUM. MVUMs will be provided at trailhead kiosks and offered as part of every contact. Educating the public on the importance of OHV registration will be a part of the contact conversation and environmental concerns and habitat protection will be discussed. Riders who are not compliant with OHV registration will be asked to register as soon as convenient. The message that OHV dollars go back into the trail system will be important for all visitors to understand. Additionally, educating riders on safe practices will be a key point; the use of Forest Service approved spark arrestors will be at the forefront to visitor contact conversation. Those not in compliance with the use of spark arrestors will be asked to not ride that machine.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

This already busy area is growing significantly in popularity every year. In addition to safe and positive recreation activities, there is a portion of the public that visits the area with nefarious intent. Illegal activities include vandalism, resource damage, graffiti, improper trash disposal, occupancy infringements, irresponsible shooting, drug use, assaults, fire violations, and other violations covered under to Forest Service Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). These activities have a negative effect for those that wish to visit the area for other recreation opportunities. The trail crew will be trained to respond to these incidents either directly or with the assistance of Forest Service or county law enforcement officers to ensure that their own safety as well as the public's is looked after. This crew will inform users of forest rules & regulations and the importance of OHV registration. Forest Protection Officers will write necessary warnings and violation notices. These statistics are tracked for grant administration purposes as well as internally in our law enforcement and investigation management activity reporting system (LEIMARS). Twenty percent of the crew's time will be spent doing visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement activities.

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

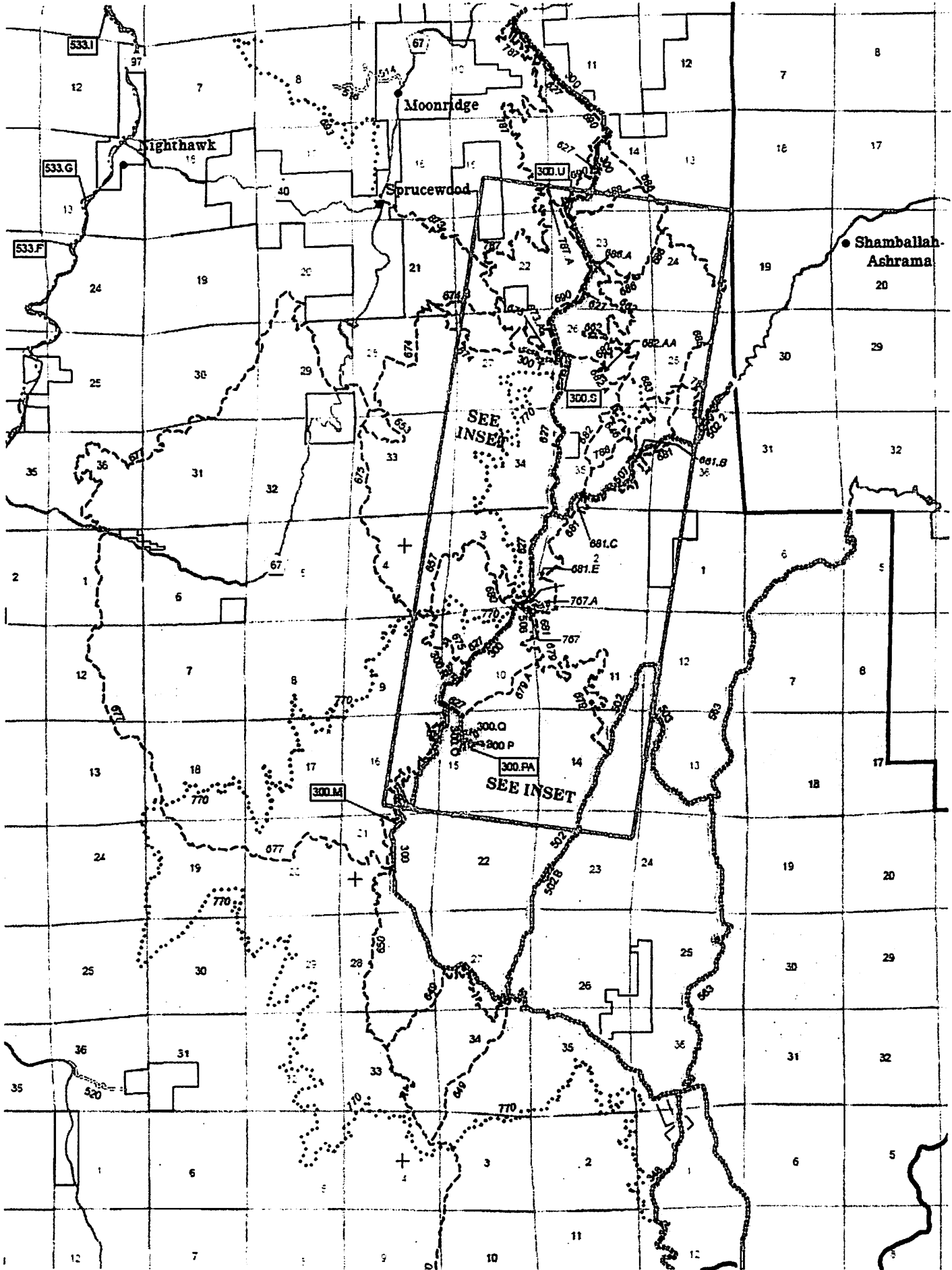
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



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.

Area of responsibility includes all 50" trails on the Rampart Range



(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Fence construction to protect rehab areas



Typical drainage work needed



Post and cable install to minimize trail width



Work Plan for the North Rampart Good OHV Crew 2023

- The South Platte Ranger District plans to have a 4–6-person Good OHV crew in 2023. The crew will cover nearly 200 miles of 50” trails on the north end of the Rampart Range motorized trail system. They will complete a variety of tasks that will include, clearing trails of downfall, brushing overgrown trails, rehabbing user created trails, drainage work, fence building/maintenance to protect fragile areas from resource damage, work parties with local businesses and committees, public education on responsible motorized use on public lands, and enforcing regulations. The crew will also be responsible for maintaining OHV vehicles, sign maintenance/replacement, and monitoring for resource damage.
- The Rampart Range Recreation area crew will start their season in April or May of 2023 and finish their season in October or November (weather permitting). They will be provided with proper training for safely operating OHVs, work tools, and equipment. Veteran crew members will provide new employees with knowledge of the area and help them get up to speed with the Rampart Range OHV program.
- The Rampart Range motorized area sees an extremely high number of recreation users being in such proximity to a major metropolitan area. With that in mind the trail crew will make the most out of their time by working 60 percent of the time on 50” trails, 20 percent will be dedicated to regulation enforcement, visitor contacts, and education, 15 percent of their time will be focused on planning and traveling, and 5 percent will be miscellaneous tasks such as OHV maintenance and safety training.
- Specific work projects for 2023 include completing the Dakan connector trail that will provide trail riders with much easier access to the longest singletrack trail on the Rampart Range motorized trail system; trail #770, re-routing unsustainable sections of trail #627 that run along Rampart Range Rd, installing restrictor gates to keep oversized OHVs on the correct trail systems for their size, planning for 6 volunteer work parties throughout the season, and working special events like the poker runs that bring in around 200-300 people.

11.29.2022