



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

<b>Name of Project:</b> Uncompahgre OHV Crew 2024		<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/9/22
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$237,900	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$135,900	
<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 Uncompahgre Field Office		
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
		Fax: 970-240-5367
Telephone: 970-240-5310	Email: ckilbane@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>		
Name: Caroline Kilbane		Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
Telephone: 970-240-5310	Fax: 970-240-5367	Email: ckilbane@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>		
Name: Same as Project Contact- Caroline Kilbane		Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
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<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: Dawn Marrah		Title: District Budget Analyst
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
Telephone: (970) 240-5326	Fax:	Email: dmarah@blm.gov

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>		
Nearest Town or City: Montrose, Delta, Olathe, Norwood, Nucla, Naturita		
County(ies): Delta, San Miguel, Ouray, Mesa, Gunnison		
Township/Range/Section: Uncompahgre Field Office Boundary (multiple township/ranges)		
State Senate District #: 4 & 6		
State Representative District #: 54 and 58		
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: 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>Federal Lands</u>		
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>165</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>94</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>2884</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 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 type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input checked="" 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.)	
30%		
20%	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
40%	<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: Uncompahgre OHV Crew 2024	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Caroline Kilbane	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$237,900	Grant Request: \$135,900

**Project Description:** The BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office/Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (UFO/GGNCA) is a federal land manager for over a million acres of public land on the Western Slope based out of Montrose, CO. The UFO/GGNCA both provide unique riding experiences for motorized visitors of all skill levels and attracts visitors from local, regional, national, and international markets. Our maintenance, education, and construction activities are completed by our OHV Crew, which consists of two GS-7 Career-Seasonal OHV Park Rangers, and support from our GS-9 Trails Coordinator Park Ranger (new). The GS-9 Trails Coordinator position is a term position that will partially support the OHV Crew by bringing a higher depth of experience in being able to design and construct new trails and support more of the concept development in the Paradox Valley ERMA. The position would be partially funded through the GM grant, and partially from UFO Recreation funds. Our crew has lacked the leadership of a seasoned trail crew lead, and with these new construction needs, this support is essential. This team is led by the UFO Outdoor Recreation Planner Caroline Kilbane, the office trails lead.

The crew focuses on multiple use routes located on BLM/USFS lands within Montrose, Delta, San Miguel, Ouray, and Gunnison counties. The crew operates on the GGNCA (Peach Valley / Flat Top areas), the UFO (mainly the Dry Creek and Burn Canyon areas), and portions of the United States Forest Service (USFS) Uncompahgre National Forest. Additionally, work will be performed with partners, cooperators, local and county government agencies as well as clubs and organizations. A new focus area for FY24 is the Paradox Valley Extensive Recreation Management Area, which BLM is looking to design at least 20 miles of new motorized single-track, opportunities for rock crawling, and ATV/UTV trails for larger machines (50+ inches). The crew is also focusing on improving the North Delta Open OHV Area to provide a higher quality recreation experience.

The crew will be working on designing and constructing new trails in the Paradox Valley ERMA, while improving the existing primary trail on the West End of Montrose County- The Paradox Trail. The crew will also be working on providing front country recreation opportunities in North Delta OHV Open Area, by improving signage and highlighting trails. The UFO is also looking into creating a motocross style track at the primary staging area, due to the popularity of the enduro style track at Peach Valley Staging Area.

In addition to the new projects the Good Management OHV Crew will develop, maintain and improve existing 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 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 crew will be working on the projects listed above for an extended season from March-November. Having the two career seasonals will allow for more work to be continued into the shoulder seasons.

An emphasis is placed on educating users about Tread Lightly, Stay the Trail, and other stewardship programs through personal contacts, UTV and motorcycle safety trainings, maps and brochure development, information, and signing. The crew will install signage and stickers showing that Colorado Registration Dollars at Work is the funding for these new projects and continued maintenance of the trails the public love to ride. The crew is also essential for customer service, working with local clubs, users and landowners, GPS/GIS work, inventorying trails and roads, trail maintenance, rehabilitation projects, signing, collecting use data, volunteer projects, implementing BLM and USFS travel management plans, assisting with permit compliance for events, and coordinating with BLM/USFS offices in Grand Junction, Gunnison, Montrose, Norwood and Delta on user information and joint trail maintenance and signing.

The Uncompahgre OHV Trail Crew is essential in working with local agencies, clubs, users, and landowners. They provide valuable feedback to the recreation planner on issues and opportunities that may exist in areas, as well as possible solutions or ideas on how to move forward. The UFO/GGNCA will also continue to support Al Griffin and Chad Greiner, MSF and ASI certified, with motorcycle and ATV educational trainings as well.

**DEFINITIONS:**

UTV	Utility Vehicle
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
USFS	United States Forest Service
GPS	Global Positioning System
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
UFO	Uncompahgre Field Office
GGNCA	Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ASI	ATV Safety Institute
MSF	Motorcycle Safety Foundation
ERMA	Extensive Recreation Management Areas
GS	General Schedule

# Budget Form

**Project Name: Uncompahgre GM OHV Crew 2024**

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

**Project Sponsor: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office**

**\*\*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)			<b>\$ 135,900.00</b>
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLM (OHV Truck and half Term Park Ranger salary)	\$ -	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000.00
USFS (dozer operation)	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 237,900.00</b>

<b>I. Personnel Costs</b> <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>			
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr	weeks	Total Cost
Career Seasonal (GS-7)	\$ 38.00	30	\$ 45,600.00
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Term Trails Park Ranger (half year salary)	\$ 45.00	22	\$ 39,600.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,442.11		<b>Category Total \$ 130,800.00</b>

<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Trail supplies and materials such as lumbar, hardware for repairs, mulch, etc	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ 1,500.00</b>

<b>III. Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
Fuel for UTV, ATV, Motorcycles, and other equipment			
	\$ -		\$ 600.00
Equipment Repairs/Safety Inspections	\$ -		\$ 3,000.00
			<b>Category Total \$ 3,600.00</b>

<b>III.A. FLEET Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>

<b>IV. Contracted Services</b> <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>

<b>V. Volunteer Support</b> <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>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>

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

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 135,900.00</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.**

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<b>Project Name</b>	<u>Uncompahgre OHV Crew 2024</u>	<b>Project Sponsor</b>	<u>BLM Uncompahgre Field Office</u>
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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:

<u>BLM Gunnison Gorge Resource Management Plan &amp; EIS</u>	Date: <u>November 2004</u>
<u>BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan</u>	<u>April 2020</u>

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

Date and title of document:

See above.

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.]

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For more information contact:

Caroline Kilbane

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Suzanne Copping, Uncompahgre Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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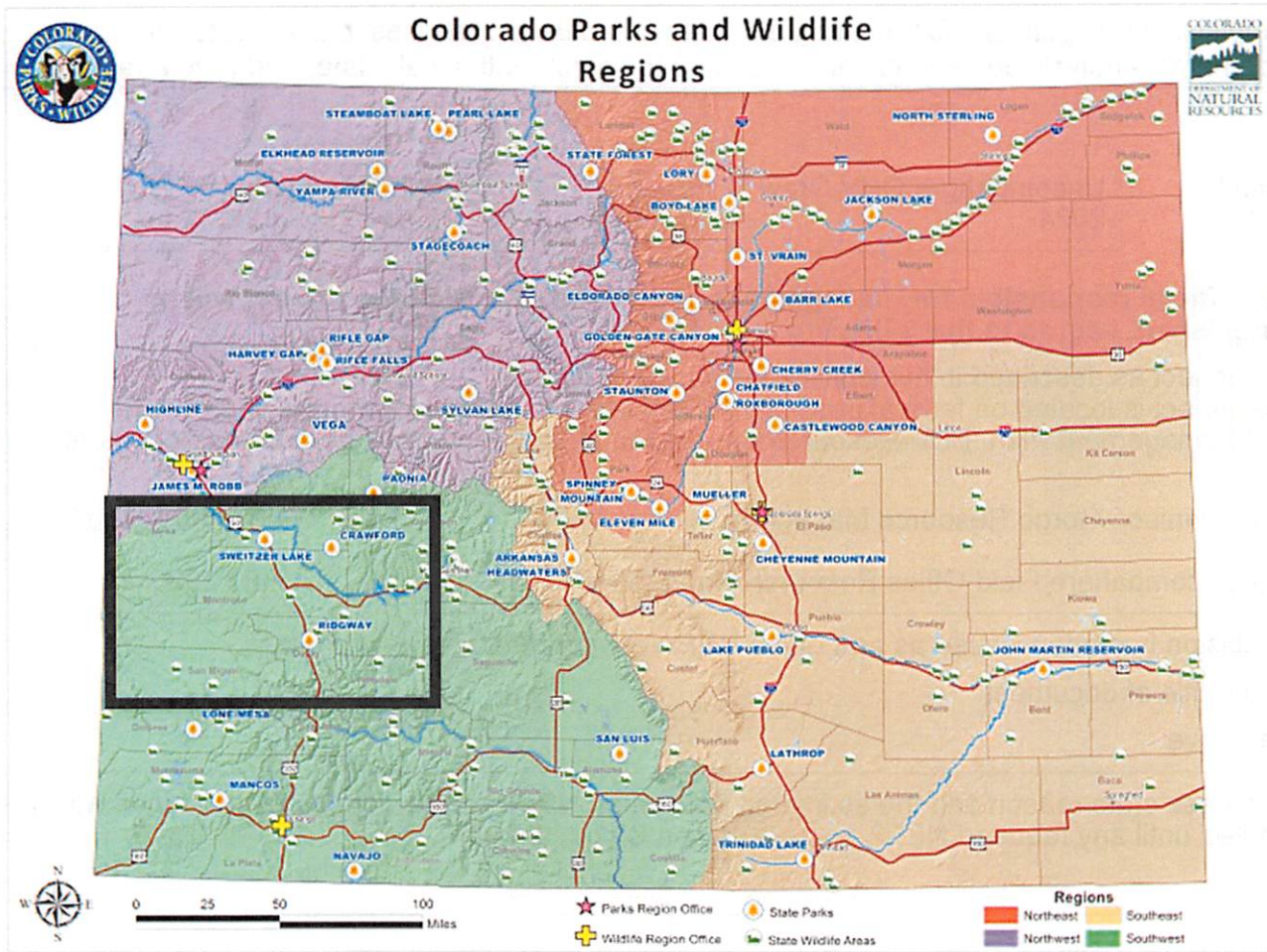
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Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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

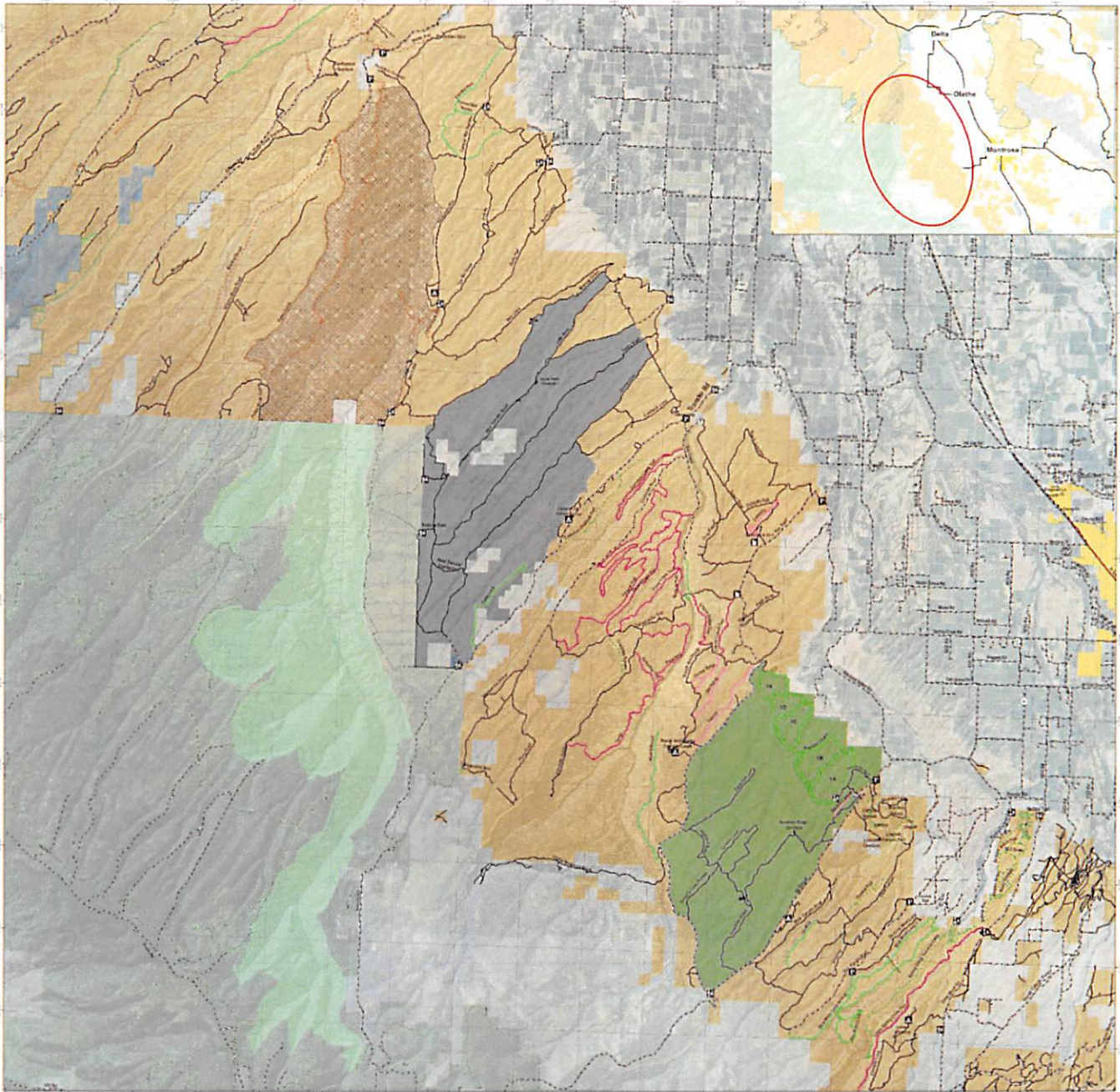
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



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.

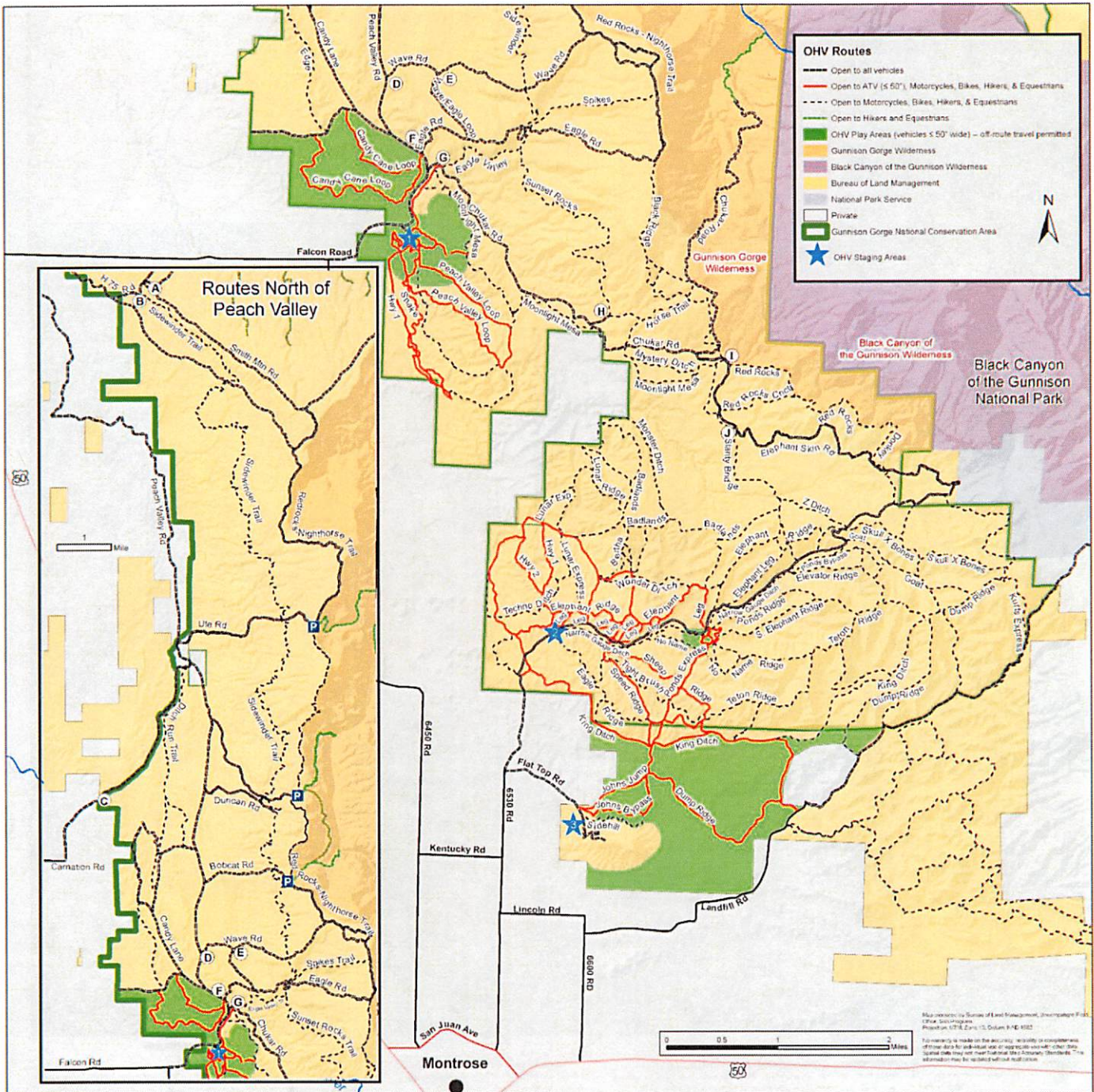
# Dry Creek



	<b>Recreation Sites (Existing or Proposed)</b> Camping Hardened Camping Area Treathead Kiosk/Information Staging Area	<b>Route Designation</b> Open to all Modes of Transportation Open Only to Technical Rock Crawling & Trail Bikes Open to ATV/UTV or less; Motorcycles, Bikes, Hikers, & Equestrians Open to Motorcycles, Bikes, Hikers, & Equestrians Open to Bikes, Hikers, Equestrians Open to Hikers and Equestrians Open to Foot Traffic Only Forest Service Roads & Trails	County Roads State Highways US Highways	<b>Land Status</b> Bureau of Land Management US Forest Service City/State Private	<b>Dry Creek Seasonal Closures</b> December 1 - April 15 December 1 - March 31 2.5 Miles 
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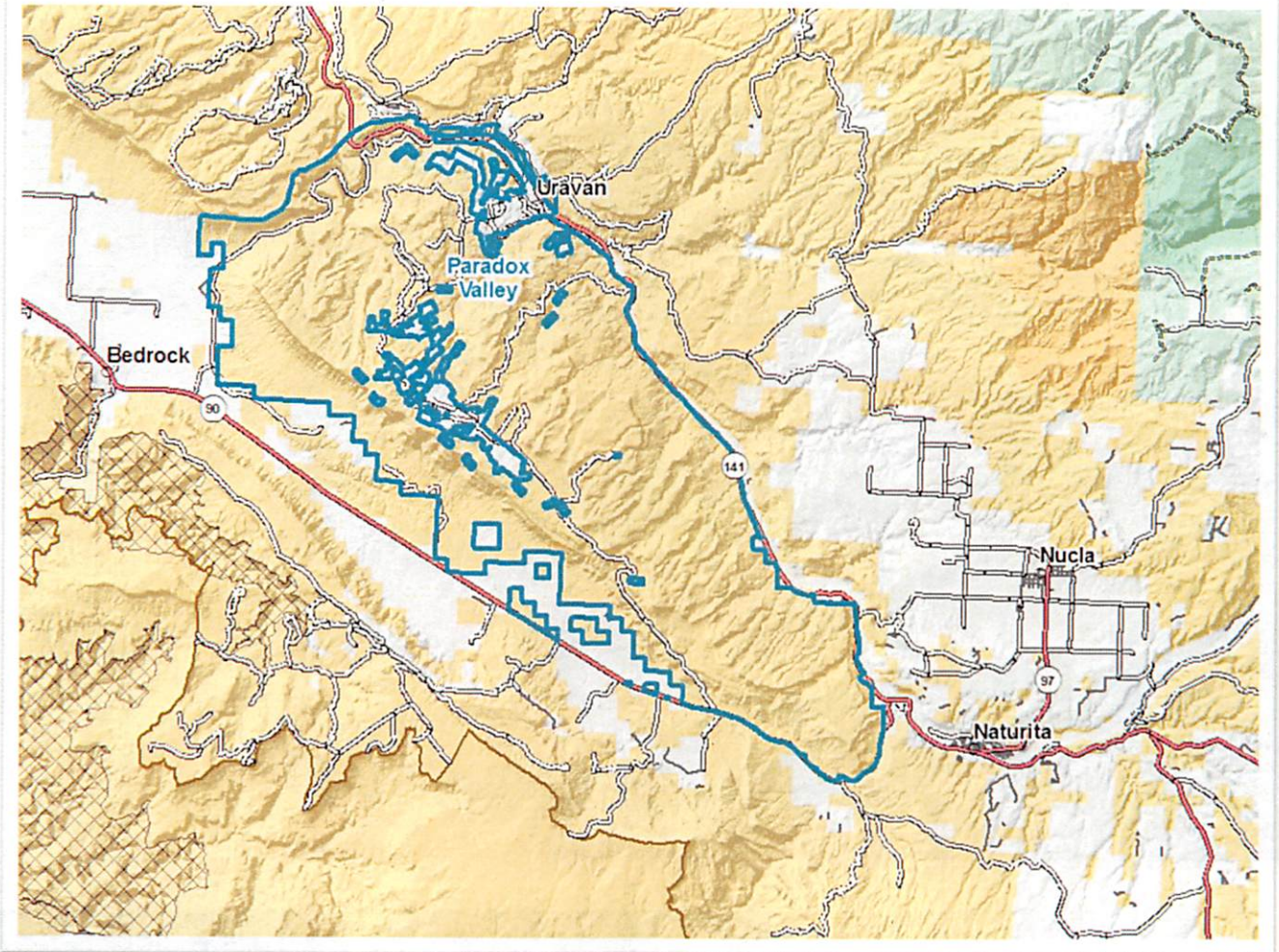


# Flat Top- Peach Valley



Map prepared by Bureau of Land Management, Montrose, CO  
 8/18/2010  
 Project 0702, Zone 15, Datum NAD 83  
 To ensure accuracy, users are encouraged to consult the Bureau of Land Management website for the most current information. This information may be updated without notice.

**Paradox Valley Extensive Recreation Area**



## (F) Project Illustration

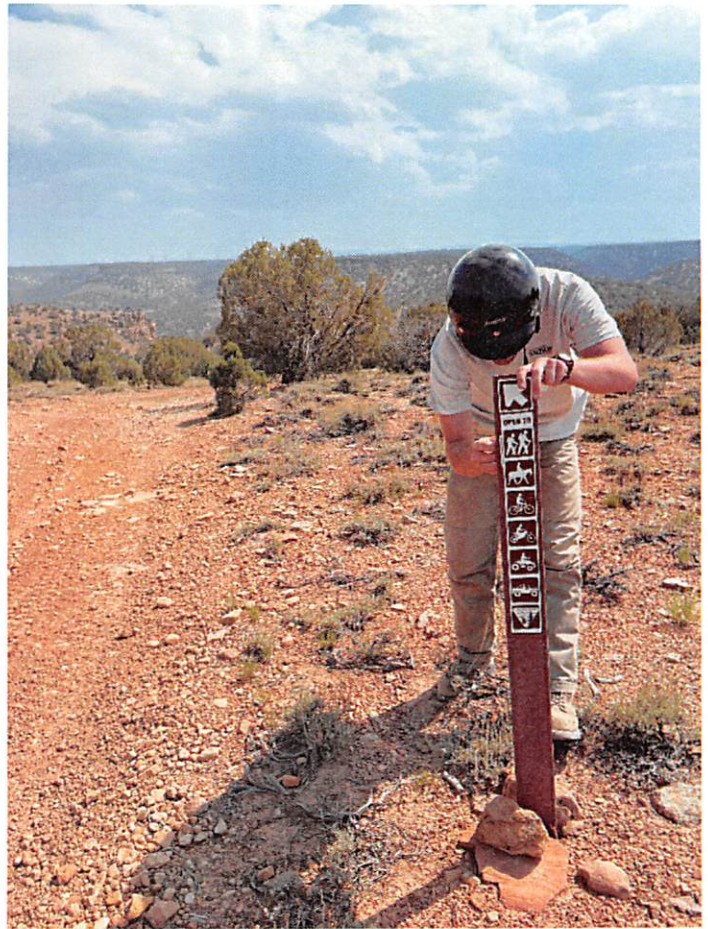
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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





## **Annual Work Plan for 2023 Uncompahgre OHV Crew**

The BLM, UFO/GGNCA is a federal land manager for over a million acres of public land on the Western Slope. The Western Slope has numerous opportunities for all types of motorized recreation for all skill levels and attracts visitors from local, regional, national and international markets.

The following is the anticipated workload for 2023:

- Sign and establish a new trail network within the North Delta OHV Open Area which currently has no encouraged or defined routes or any staging area infrastructure
- Begin process to propose a new motocross track in North Delta OHV Open Area
- Major trail maintenance and signage on the Paradox Trail a mixed use motorized trail from the Uncompahgre Plateau to Moab, Utah
- Continue GPS inventory of roads and trails in the Paradox Valley ERMA
- Sign and maintain signage on trails that have been designated in travel plans within the GGNCA, Dry Creek, and Burn Canyon Area, as well as Limited to Existing areas
- Incorporate the *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo on kiosks and route markers
- Maintain and construct trail and stream crossings and maintain trail limiters
- Continue to work with the USFS trail crew to maintain trails on both UFO and USFS, including 50 inch trails
- Continue to connect with and acquire feedback from users, organizations, and local business owners
- Work to develop, improve, and print kiosks, brochures, and maps on motorized opportunities within the Dry Creek Area, Burn Canyon, and GGNCA
- Provide trail monitoring
- Begin layout and design of Paradox Valley ERMA new motorized trails
- Continue to check, replace, and install new traffx counters where needed
- Maintain Peach Valley Recreation Training, Beginner Loop, and Skills Course site
- Work to upkeep existing staging areas and trailheads as well as possibly construct new sites to implement travel plans (if all necessary NEPA documentation is complete).
- Continue to work with local clubs on trail maintenance and construction

For the 2023 season, the crew will focus on beginning to develop some new recreational motorized trail opportunities, as we have heard from our clubs and the public that they are looking to explore new areas. These areas are North Delta Open OHV Area, the Paradox Trail, and the Paradox Valley ERMA. We will also continue to maintain trails within the high use systems of Peach Valley and Dry Creek. The work will entail sign maintenance/installation, installing/maintaining drainages, tread reconstruction, debris removal, and corridor clearing. The crew will be focusing on Black Ridge Trail specifically to repair impacts from the rains in 2022.

The project timeline for most actions associated with this grant application are on-going. It is not anticipated that all the actions will be accomplished within the 12 month period, as the scope of the project is field office wide with multiple moving parts. UFO recreation staff will work with internal staff, partners and cooperators to define priorities and work on the accomplishment of those priorities.

**PROJECT DEFINITIONS**

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**(G) Letters of Project Support**  
See attached Letters of Support

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**WEST END VISITORS CENTER**  
UNAWEEP – TABEGUACHE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

November 29, 2022

RE: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, and their grant request for a Trails Coordinator. The communities of Nucla, Naturita, and Norwood (the West End) encompass acres and acres of public lands with trails that may be utilized for various outdoor recreation activities.

The West End area with its incredible open spaces is well suited for the outdoor and nature-focused adventurer. This proposal is well rounded and looks to serve multiply user groups. Our residents will love the added trails & amenities, since outdoor activities is what draws many to the West End and is what has kept others here for generations.

The Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce (NNACC) & the West End Visitors Center wholeheartedly support this project & look forward to its positive impact to our local recreation opportunities. Trail design, development & maintenance would certainly be an investment in a sustainable environment and economy for the incredible area of Colorado's West End.

Sincerely,

*Paula Brown*

Paula Brown  
West End Visitor Center Director/Event Coordinator  
NNACC Executive Director

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**File Code:** 1580; 2350  
**Date:** November 21, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
OHV Grants Program  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Off Highway Vehicle Grants Committee:

The United States Forest Service (USFS), Ouray Ranger District fully supports the Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) in their efforts to acquire OHV grant funding through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Ouray Ranger District and the BLM UFO have and continue to work closely together to benefit motorized trails across public lands on the western slope, especially where are boundaries meet.

These funds will continue to support OHV users by providing the necessary resources to maintain and improve motorized recreation opportunities on public lands. The two agencies have created a system that maximizes CPW funds by joining crews to work OHV trails on both BLM and USFS managed lands. As the two agencies look to expand projects and trail maintenance on public lands, this partnership is central to the success of the programs. By maintaining and accomplishing projects, the BLM UFO provides the public with quality recreation opportunities and effective management of the surrounding natural resources across different landscapes and trail systems.

We hope that you will look favorably upon our request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ouray District Ranger



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Montrose, CO 81401  
www.westcore.co



westcore@yahoo.com

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jamie Nance, I'm president of westcore, a 501c3 non profit based out of montrose colorado with 1200 members.

The intent of this letter is to show support from our club to an upcoming grant cycle for the 2023 season for a BLM OHV Ranger. Caroline Kilbane with the Montrose, Co BLM office has been an instrumental part of the agency and has done nothing but good for the BLM lands in the surrounding area.

We hope that you can approve her grant request for the 2023 season and to continue the upkeep and maintenance of our local trail systems.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Nance  
Montrose, CO  
970-275-5095  
westcore@yahoo.com