



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

Name of Project: Colorado River Valley Field Office OHV Crew		Date of Application: 11/12/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$120,000	Grant Request: \$100,000	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)		
Mailing Address: 2300 River Frontage RD, Silt CO 81652		
		Fax:
Telephone: 970-876-9000	Email: jejones@blm.gov	

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.		
Name: Justin Jones	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner	
Mailing Address: 2300 River Frontage Rd, Silt CO 81652		
Telephone: 970-876-9074	Fax:	Email:
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT 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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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)	
Name: Chalanne Harlow	Title: Budget Analyst
Mailing Address:	

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Telephone:970-244-3084	Fax:	Email: charlow@blm.gov
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PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Eagle, Gypsum, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Aspen, Basalt, Silt, Newcastle, Mcco, Wolcott, Parachute		
County(ies): Garfield, Eagle, Pitkin, Routt, Mesa		
Township/Range/Section:		
State Senate District #:8		
State Representative District #:57		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:		
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): Federal		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>108</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>638</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>732</u>
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
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 type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		
30	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	

10	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
30	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: CRVFO OHV Crew 2023-'24	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM CRVFO	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Justin Jones	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$120,000	Grant Request: \$100,000

Project Description:

The Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) will again hire an Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Crew to work on BLM public lands adjacent to 11 communities (Eagle, Gypsum, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Rifle, Aspen, Basalt, Silt, New Castle, McCoy, and Wolcott) within five counties (Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, Routt, and Mesa). The CRVFO has over 1500 miles of routes on 550,000 acres of public BLM lands. The OHV trail Crew will work from late May through November. In 2015 the CRVFO signed a new Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Travel Management Plan (TMP).

Our OHV crew continues manage our travel management plan this includes route designations, new OHV trails, trail maintenance, trailhead construction, work on parking and support facilities, educational work, work on facilities owned by the US Forest Service and BLM that are primarily used by OHV users, and to provide a field presence with visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement by authorized Good Management programs.

This grant will also be used to fund the summer season for our permanent park ranger to work with the recreation staff and the OHV crew on the ground. That position is funded during the winter season with BLM fee monies. We will be careful to maintain records of where his pay comes from and keep his duties separated by funding source. Also, two seasonal positions will be funded.

This grant money would outfit the OHV crew with proper riding and work gear, maintain OHVs and work equipment, purchase signs and signing materials for trailheads, directional, and travel management signs, and to produce map handouts and web based downloadable maps for popular riding areas. Although the work will be conducted throughout the field office there are six popular OHV riding areas that will see the majority of the attention as outlined in our RMP implementation strategy. These areas are:

- Bocco Mountain – 1,388 acres with 17 miles of motorized single-track trails

Bocco mountain is a high use single track riding area; the trails in this area are in a bentonite soil that is rutted out very easily. High use and erodible soil mean that continued trail maintenance on this trail system will be needed yearly. Annually we ride this trail system out working on taking out whoops and cutting back encroaching brush. We also have a kiosk and parking at the trail head that we continually make visitor contacts at throughout the riding system.

- Gypsum Hills – 16,930 acres with 104 miles of trails

Since the completion of the Dry Lakes Moto X track this area has seen a significant increase in dirt bike use and dispersed camping, the events area is directly adjacent to BLM land and has required increased management to maintain quality trails in the area. We keep in contact with CPW officer Brian Woodrich on routes and problems he notices in this and adjacent areas. We have biannual meetings with CPW, Rocky mountain Sport riders, Eagle County, and the town of gypsum to address status and concerns with the

moto-x park. We have a growing amount of hunting traffic in this area and we spend time contacting those users, educating and checking registrations.

- Hardscrabble – 20,000 acres with 131 miles of trails

Hardscrabble remains an area of high use, Our OHV crew spends most of its time here completing trail maintenance, replacing signage and making visitor contacts. We are hoping in the 2024 season to start a trail building process with the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders to add additional single-track trail to this SRMA as was stated in our 2015 RMP, currently we are internally scoping these new single track motorcycle routes and will likely finish the EA process after botanical and archeology surveys spring of 2023. I have had meetings with CPW officer Layton Stutsman, we will also do a field visit with him.

Hubbard Mesa Open OHV Area – 3,000 acres with 60 miles of trails

Hubbard Mesa is an Open OHV area on the North end of Rifle. We have a parking area, practice arena and a kid's single-track practice arena attached to the parking lot. We often ride the trails system here, fixing trail issues as they pop up and replacing signage. There has always been a dumping issue here, we have started to implement a Survey 123 program with our OHV rangers so they can report dump sites to be cleaned up by contracted hazmat companies. This has been a great success in Hubbard Mesa, this last spring in our annual Hubbard mesa clean up with High Country 4 Wheelers and White River 4x4 club, we had a record low amount of trash.

- McCoy – 6,300 acres with 22 miles of trails

This season we completed trail maintenance on the entirety of the trail system for the most part this consisted of Brushing out trails and the fixing of some whoops. In the 2020 NOHVCC report it was reported to them from the public there was concern about loops we'd closed in this area. Those loops were closed because they went into private land and were not part of our formal route for these reasons, they remain closed.

- Red Hills (near Gypsum) – 14,520 acres with 85 miles of trails

Red Hill Gypsum is an area of contention in our field office. In the past we have closed trail routes that were not in our Travel management plan, this upset some in our local riding community. We did a site visit with Rocky mountain sport riders in '21 to identify routes we could keep open or re-route without causing continued resource damage. This year working with CPW officer Layton Stutsman we identified routes that are not apart of our TMP that traveled into a section of State land we had closed these routes in the past but they had been opened back up. Our efforts as of the end of this season seem to be holding up. We will continue to work with our partners to manage this contentious area. At the beginning of the season we conducted an interagency public education day at the trail head that included the White River National Forest and Stay the Trail, after making many public contacts we visited some areas of concern for the USFS that are adjacent to BLM lands and helped them with some TMP implementation efforts. We are planning to add USFS kiosks to our trail head to give users better information about designated trail in the USFS lands in the area.

- Silt Mesa- 21 miles

Is an area North of Silt that gets a wide variety of use from locals, this year Garfield county allowed for OHV's to access Peach valley rd. This means that instead of trailering your OHV you could now ride it over. Our OHV crew increased their presence in this area we increased our directional signage on routes in our TMP and we had an added effort to mark non designated routes as such. We had very good adherence to designated routes because of these efforts.

Budget Form

Project Name: CRVFO 2024 OHV Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 12/25/2024

Project Sponsor:

*****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)	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<small>List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. BLM will be the other funding source, this will be spent predominantly on labor but also OHV crew Equipment maintenance costs and fuel.</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 120,000.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>			
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Eloy Nunez (lead ranger)	\$ 34.12	22 wks x 40hrs	\$ 26,012.80
crew member	\$ 29.56	22wks x 40 hrs	\$ 26,012.80
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	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,287.16	Category Total	\$ 78,038.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
carsonite signs, posts,nuts/bolts,timber locks, kiosk materials, printed signs	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 10,000.00

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
OHV Maintenance, various small equipment and parts	\$	Quantity	Total
	\$ 9,962.00	1	\$ 9,962.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 9,962.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		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>			
Volunteer PPE, Dumpster costs for Hubbard cleanup. Fencing supplies for Hubbard Cleanup, Water Bottles	\$	Quantity	Total
	\$ 2,000.00	1	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 2,000.00

VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
	\$	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only) <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
	\$	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

<small>* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request</small>			
<small>Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program</small>			
Total			\$ 100,000.00

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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 Colorado River Valley OHV Crew Project Sponsor BLM

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:

Colorado River Valley Field Office Approved RMP Date: June 2015

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

Date and title of document:

2015 Colorado River Valley RMP

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:

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2035.

Hilary Boyd Resource Assistant Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Date: 2022.11.30 16:16:09 -07'00'

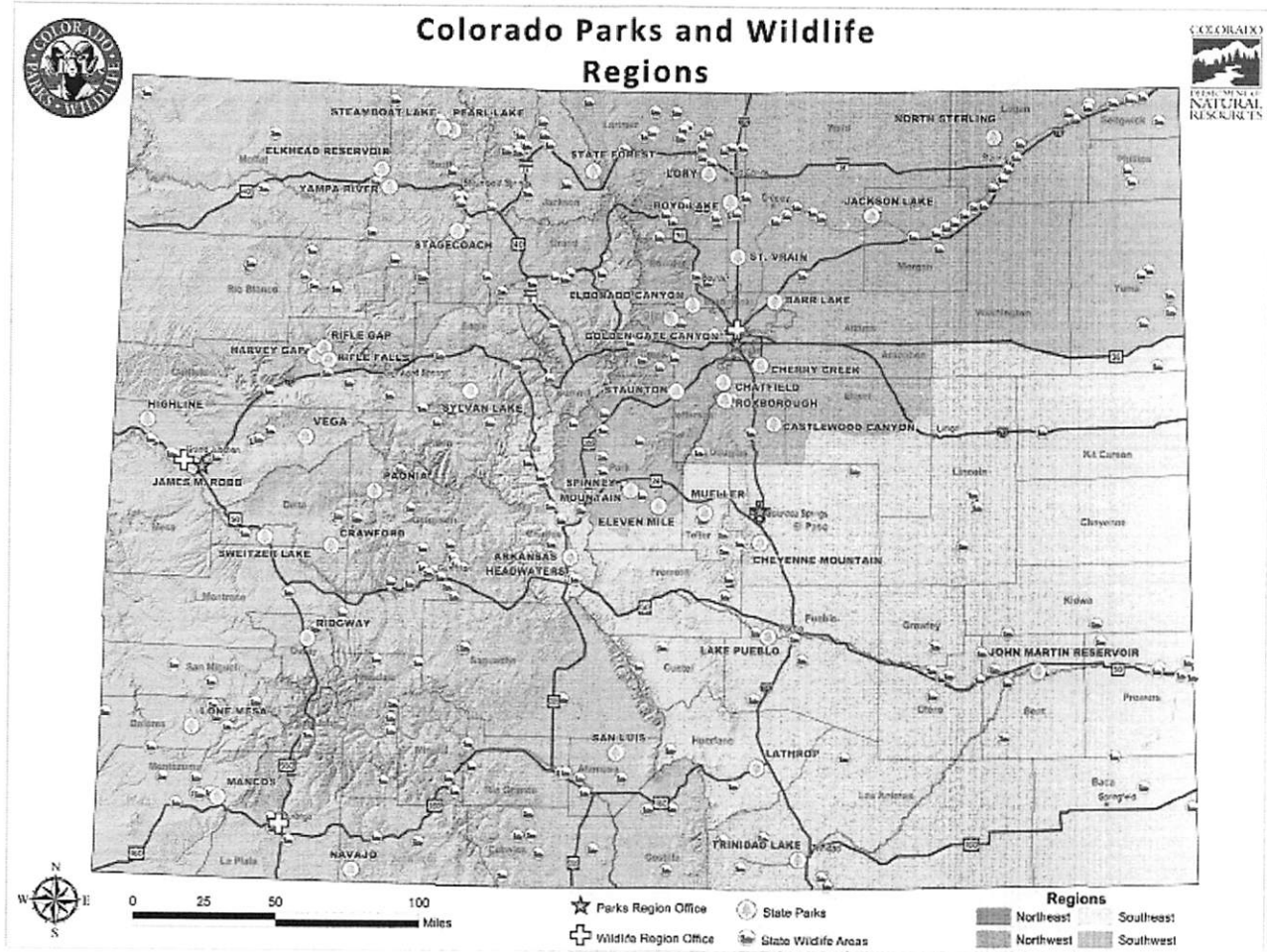
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/30/2022

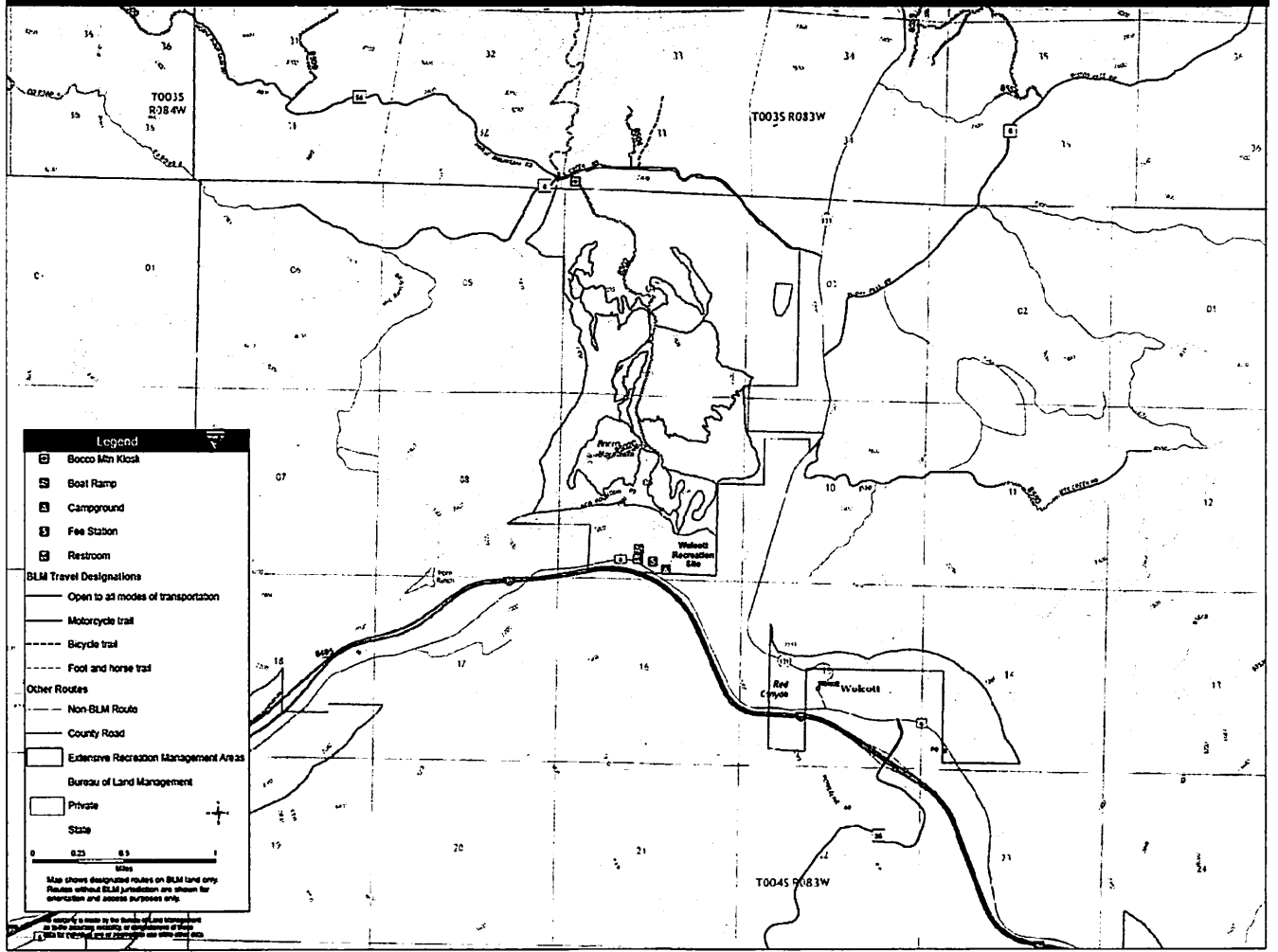
Date

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

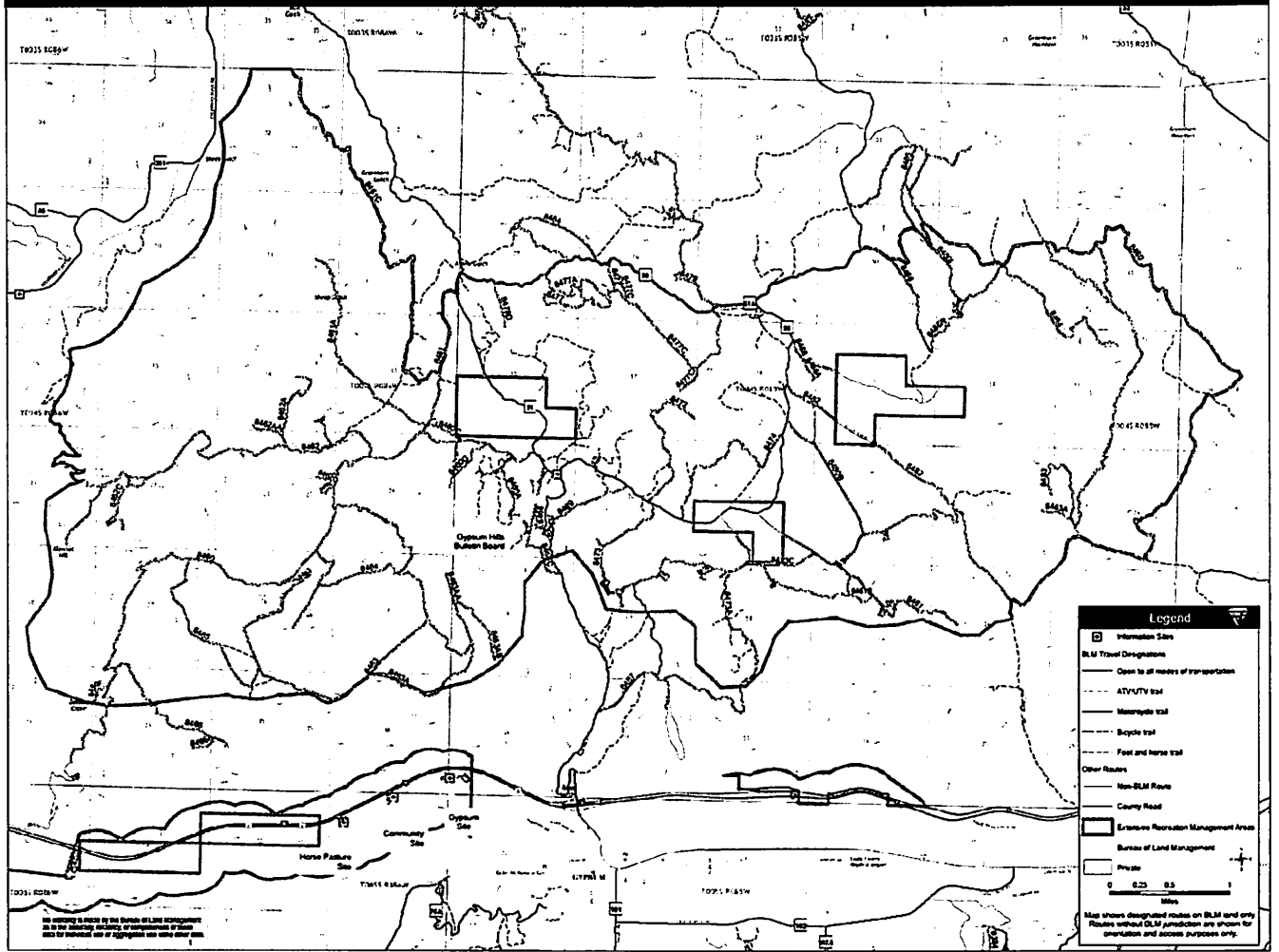
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



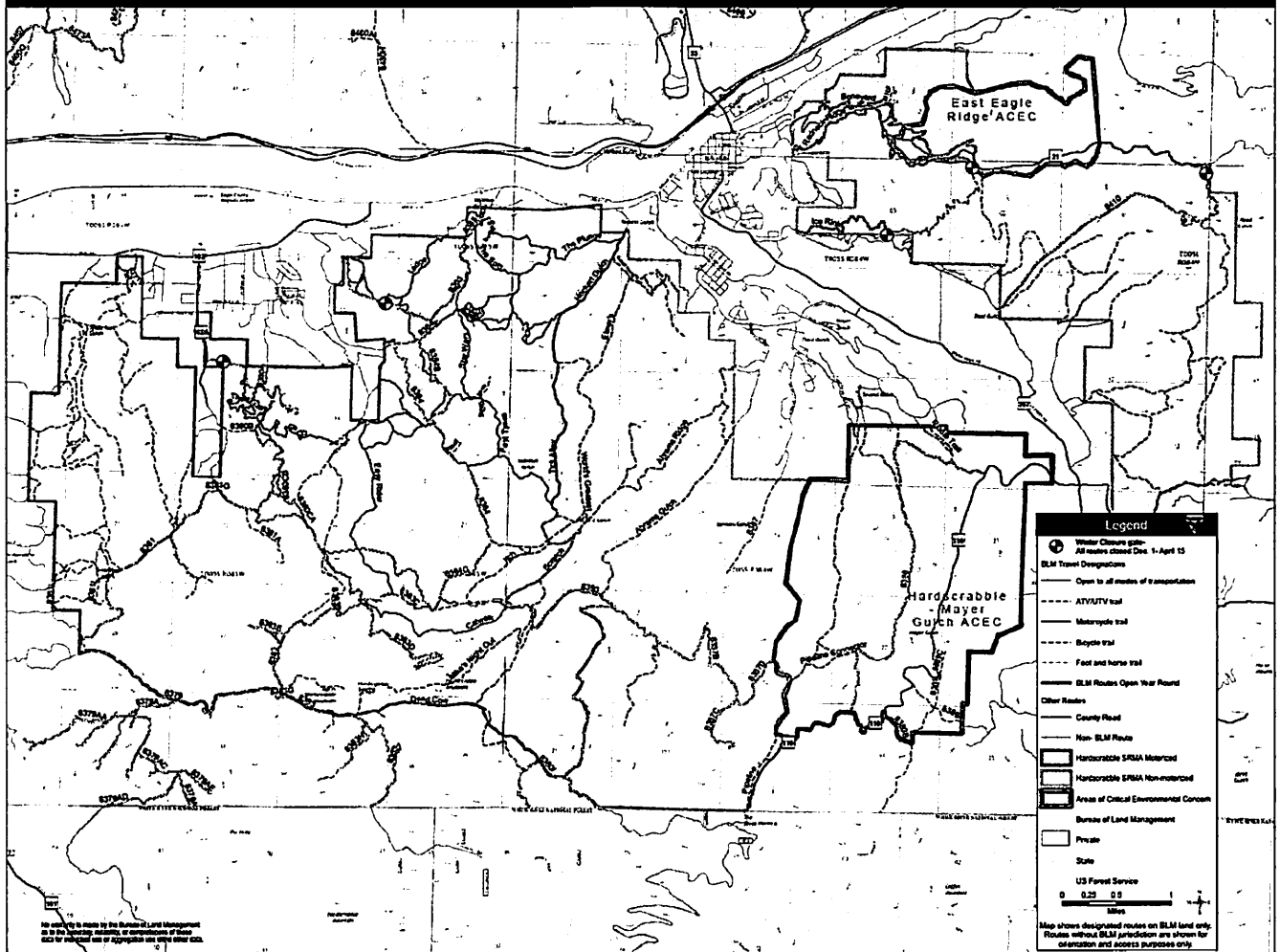
Bocco Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area



Gypsum Hills Extensive Recreation Management Area



Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area



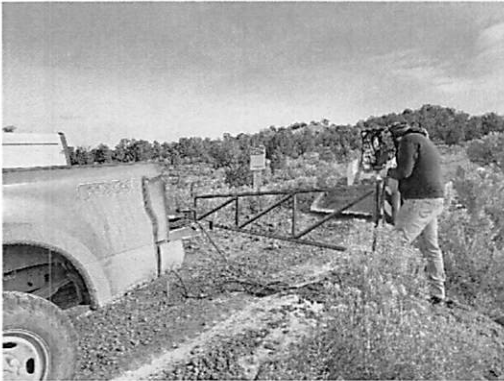
E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

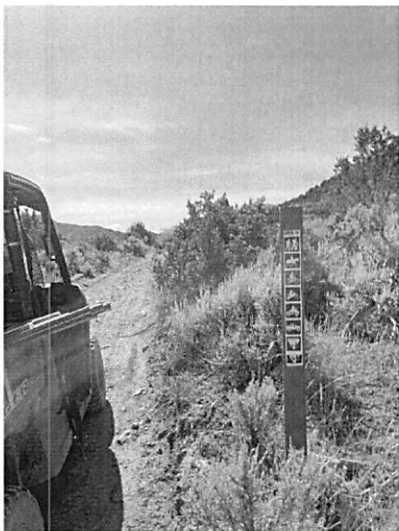
Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.



Unfortunately, we had a lot of closure gate violations this year we were able to fix them in a timely manner and prevent further resource damage. Pictured I am welding a large steel gate back on after the previous had been rammed with large equipment. We also welded camera holders to put in at some of these gates.



Our crews worked hard this year to create signage that clearly shows the correct routes to take



5 years ago, we put in a large amount of signage. using our survey 123 we were able to find and focus on those signs. we updated and replaced them. legible signage was a priority and will continue to be



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Colorado River Valley Field Office 2023 Work Plan

We are very excited for our season next year. We will continue to implement our travel management plan that was laid out within the 2015 RMP in our six ERMA and SRMA's that support OHV use. This work includes tread maintenance, signage and Kiosk map maintenance, and identifying non designated routes within the field office. Aside from the travel management aspect our crew will continue to make visitor contacts and having a consistent presence at trail heads during peak use times. During contacts they will check for current OHV registrations, answer questions and get an account of the users riding experience that day. We will also continue to work with our neighboring field offices and other state and federal agencies operating within our field office to provide the best riding opportunities while also protecting Natural resources. We will have our two seasonal staff Eloy and Scott returning to work on the crew. Eloy is from this area, we hired him out of high school four years ago, he spent his first three years as our maintenance worker, we were excited to get him on our OHV crew this year. Scott had worked for a couple of OHV crews in other states before being hired here. His long-time riding experience helped to train Eloy this year. We look forward to having this crew return. Hopefully we will be filling the permanent OHV ranger position this winter. This position is funded from the OHV grant for roughly half a year and acts as the Lead Ranger. We will also likely have a Rocky mountain youth corps to work on single track maintenance in the Hardscrabble SRMA.

A project we will have in the works for the 2023 season is with the town of Gypsum to add signage and kiosk maps in the Silt Mesa area, this is in response to the county allowing OHV travel on Peach Valley road and the town of Gypsum recognizing and wanting to capitalize on the opportunity to provide a quality experience for the local community and visitors. Like our 2020 project with the town of gypsum they will provide high quality directional signage leading to the Silt Mesa ERMA and also route signage with-in the ERMA. This will have the Town's logo and motif the town has in other recreational areas in the area. Our crew will provide input on signage placement and verbiage.

Currently we have two ohv trial projects being internally scoped for NEPA. The first is a single-track proposal for the Hardscrabble SRMA in Eagle county over all it will be roughly 10 miles of trail. This trial proposal has been brought forward by Rocky Mountain Sport Riders. We recognized in the 2015 RMP that we would add 12- 15 miles of new motorcycle trail to this SRMA following the 3 miles added in 2020 this proposal will mostly complete the trial milage promised. This trail system will be completed in phases with the first phase possibly being started later in the 2023 year assuming they are able to complete any surveys needed and a site visit this spring with Layton Stutsman the local DWM. The second trial proposal was brought from High country 4 Wheelers to add a rock crawling route in the Silt Mesa ERMA this route is about 1.2 miles and is a down and back trail. Our NEPA team has done a site visit but still has some internal scoping that needs completed, as well as a site visit from Brian Greys

replacement this spring. Our OHV crews part in these projects will be some final route alignment, some construction and construction over sight, as well as signage on these trails once completed.

As you can see we have a very busy season ahead of us and are very appreciative of the resources Colorado Parks and Wildlife provide us each year so we can continue to offer a quality riding experience for the OHV community while providing protection to the natural resources that inhabit the same areas. Again, thank you very much for your time and resources

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