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November 29, 2022

TOM METSA
OHV PROGRAM MANAGER
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
13787 HWY. 85
LITTLETON, CO. 80125

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is the Good OHV Management Program-Gunnison Ranger District 2024 Application, C-1 Form, map and attached budget. An annual work plan for the coming 2023 season is also enclosed. Copies of 2022 Trail Logs were sent earlier. Public Service Announcements (PSA's) and a 2022 Work Accomplishments summary is also included.

If you have questions please contact Greg Austin at greg.austin@usda.gov. We appreciate the program support and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,



GREG AUSTIN

Trails Manager, Gunnison Ranger District

Enclosures



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

Name of Project: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2024		Date of Application: 11/29/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$ 118,000.00	Grant Request: \$ 99,000.00	
<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: Gunnison Ranger District, USFS		
Mailing Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO. 81230		
		Fax: (970) 642-4425
Telephone: (970) 641-0471		Email: gregory.austin@usda.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: Greg Austin		Title: Trails Manager
Mailing Address: 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO. 81230		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:
(970) 641-0471	(970) 642-4425	Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES

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.		
Name: Same as project contact information above		Title:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Amanda Marr		Title: Agreements Specialist
Mailing Address: USDA Forest Service, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Building 17, Lakewood, CO. 80401		
Telephone: (308)432-0388	Fax:	Email: amanda.marr@usda.gov

PROJECT LOCATIONNearest Town or City: **Gunnison**County(ies): **Gunnison, Hinsdale, Saguache**Township/Range/Section: **Various**State Senate District #: **District #5**State Representative District #: **District #3****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: 401 Miles of 50" or less: 136 Miles of Full-sized: _____**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional environmental approvals)
miles / ft. added _____ Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education 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.)

% of Budget 80%	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.)
10%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
5%	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: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Gunnison Ranger District, USFS	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Greg Austin	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 118,000.00	Grant Request: \$ 99,000.00

Project Description: The *Gunnison* Good OHV Management TRAIL 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 that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement. ***Specifically, this work will take place on the Gunnison Ranger District, a 1.3 million unit on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG NF). The Gunnison Ranger District encompasses parts of Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties. Emphasis will be trail work accomplished on the ground. The Gunnison Ranger District prides itself in still being called a trail crew first. Even though various OHV's are used to accomplish and get to work, the emphasis is trail maintenance rather than riding OHV's.***

WHO?

The USDA Forest Service, Gunnison Ranger District would be responsible for the project. The project is located on Public Lands managed by the Forest Service. It is planned that work will be accomplished by U.S. Forest Service force account trail crew personnel with possible help from Western Colorado Conservation Corp. (WCCC). Volunteers may also help accomplish the project. The Gunnison Ranger District has been a member of the State's Good Management Program since the program's inception.

WHERE?

The project area is located on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison Ranger District within Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties, Colorado. This area is in west central Colorado. The Gunnison Ranger District manages 1.3 million acres on both the Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests. Work will be accomplished during the summer and fall of 2024. Trail maintenance will occur on the Ranger District's motorized trail system.

WHAT?

The money received from the Good OHV Management Program (GMP) fund will support a four-person crew in five primary areas. **First and as it's annual priority**, it will support routine maintenance of the district's motorized trails (both light and heavy maintenance). **Second**, will be continued maintenance and follow-up monitoring of our recently reconstructed trails. (i.e. Timberline, Block & Tackle, Italian Connector, Double Top, etc.) The work of our Good Management and our stand-alone grants just mentioned have been instrumental in increasing or improving OHV riding opportunities and/or experiences in our area. The most recently completed stand-alone reconstruction grant would be the **Grizzly Peak-Timberline Trail Reconstruction project**. **Third**, the crew will help implement sign plans and check or monitor trail signing and travel management signing on motorized trails. **Fourth**, the crew leader and crew will continue to

implement and improve the district's motorized user education program. The crew has and will continue to provide motorized user education in Taylor Park or other locations such as the Cement Creek or Pitkin areas on both the 4th of July and Labor Day holiday weekends or in Taylor Park for the semi-annual Razor Rally in August. The Good Management Crew leader will also attend one of the Colorado 500 Charity Motorcycle Ride's breakfasts or dinners in August. Education Days will also occur near or during the primary fall big game hunting seasons. The crew will continue to work with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the 'Stay the Trail' trailer on those weekends or when otherwise possible. The crew will participate in sound testing of OHV's alongside Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff members. **Fifth, Training:** The Good Management Trail Crew leader and the Gunnison Ranger District Trails Manager annually teach two ATV Safety Institute/Forest Service ATV trainings to employees and partners. They both also teach an off-road motorcycle training to Forest Service and BLM employees. Supplies, materials and equipment are items that Good Management funding will also provide to implement work on the ground. (See budget). Also, the trail crew leader and at least one other trail crew member along with the District Trails Manager will perform Forest Protection Officer (FPO) duties when necessary or assigned. **The emphasis for this crew is accomplishing trail work on the ground and being visible to the public when doing so.** This will provide invaluable visibility to the value of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's OHV Trail Grant Program.

WHEN?

Work performed by the Gunnison OHV Good Management Trail Crew will occur from April 2024 into October of 2024. Trail work will be accomplished predominately May thru October. The Good Management Trail Crew leader will be performing pre-season work in April and post season work in November which includes hunter patrols and our annual Hunter Education days in the Gunnison, Crested Butte and Lake City areas.

HOW?

The Gunnison Ranger District works with a number of OHV clubs, trail users and work parties such as students from Colorado colleges and universities. OHV Clubs that have helped us include the Tomichi Trail Riders, Central Colorado Trail Riders and the Gunnison OHV Alliance of Trail Riders (GOATS). Colleges and universities include Colorado College and Western Colorado University. All of these groups have either helped us clear trails early in the season, held volunteer workdays, reported trail conditions to the district or give input to maintenance activities. An example in 2022: the Tomichi Trail Riders worked with the Gunnison Ranger District Good Management Crew on Timberline Trail #414. These groups often provide "Letters of Support" for the district's stand-alone OHV trail Grants as well.

The district proactively manages the motorized trail system to help solve problems via user education in the field, Public Service Announcements (PSA's) or at user education events conducted by the GM Trail Crew. The education emphasizes the use of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) either provided by hard-copy maps or Smart phone map applications. The district's number one priority of strong trail maintenance techniques in the field also proactively prevents future problems created by users. This strong trail maintenance emphasis of the Gunnison OHV Trail Crew and the district's very robust implementation of stand-alone OHV Trail Reconstruction grants such as the 424 Motorcycle Trail Reconstruction grant or the recently completed Grizzly Peak/Timberline Trail Reconstruction grant have increased or improved OHV riding opportunities and/or experiences in the Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache County areas.

The Gunnison OHV Trail Crew uses motorcycles, ATV's, power carriers, hand tools and chainsaws or other specialized equipment to accomplish work. However, the crew also hikes considerable miles to accomplish trail maintenance as less work is missed on foot. Also, camping or spiking out in the woods is also done when needed to be most efficient in working full days out in the field.

Project Funding Acknowledgement:

If funding is awarded the Good Management Crew's work will be acknowledged in a number of ways. On a daily basis "Trail Work Ahead" signs will be placed above and below the working trail crews that will be working on the motorized trails on the Gunnison Ranger District. The signs include the blue and white Colorado Parks and Wildlife "Colorado OHV Registration Dollars at Work" sticker as part of the sign. The signs state that the project is being funded by the Colorado State OHV Registration Fund. Also, the sticker will be prominent on some of the equipment used by the Good Management trail crew such as the motorized power carriers that are used by our trail crews. The sticker is displayed on the recently purchased Polaris UTV used by the Gunnison Good Management Crew, "Dollars at Work" stickers are also prominently displayed by the Ranger District's other trail crew. The Good Management Program is also often mentioned or covered in the local newspapers. This has occurred in the past. Lastly, credit to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife "OHV Registration Dollars at Work" is also featured at some of the Ranger District's informational kiosks and on recently reconstructed motorized trails such as Italian Connector Trail #648. The State's annual brochure covering funded projects would also acknowledge the project and the State OHV Grant Program.

Authorized Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 11/29/2022
PROJECT MANAGER

Budget Form

Project Name: OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2024

Date Project will be Completed: Nov. 2024

Project Sponsor: Gunnison Ranger District, USFS

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)			\$99,000.00
U.S. Forest Service	\$ -	\$17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
Volunteer Workdays (Estimated)	\$ -	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 118,000.00

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>			
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr	Quantity	Total Cost
Forestry Technician, GS-7	\$26.00		\$29,120.00
Forestry Technician, GS-5	\$19.37		\$16,270.80
Forestry Technician, GS-4	\$16.87		\$14,170.80
Forestry Technician, GS-4	\$16.87		\$14,170.80
Other Salary/Packer/Overtime, etc.	\$ -		\$9,767.60
Field Per Diem	\$ -		\$1,000.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,250.00		
Category Total			\$ 84,500.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Materials, Supplies, Tools, Education Materials, equipment repairs, signs, etc.	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 3,500.00

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
Fuel and equipment repair	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 2,000.00

IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
Western Colorado Conservation Corp. (WCCC)	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$9,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 9,000.00

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 Support	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
Insurance	Price Per	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>			
Grant Administrative Costs	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

Total			\$99,000.00
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* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request

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

G. P. Austin 11/29/2022
PROJECT MANAGER

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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	OHV Gunnison Trail Crew 2024	Project Sponsor	Gunnison Ranger District, USFS
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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:

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Date: **9/23/1991**

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

Date and title of document:

6/30/2010 Gunnison National Forest Record of Decision, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest

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 (date).

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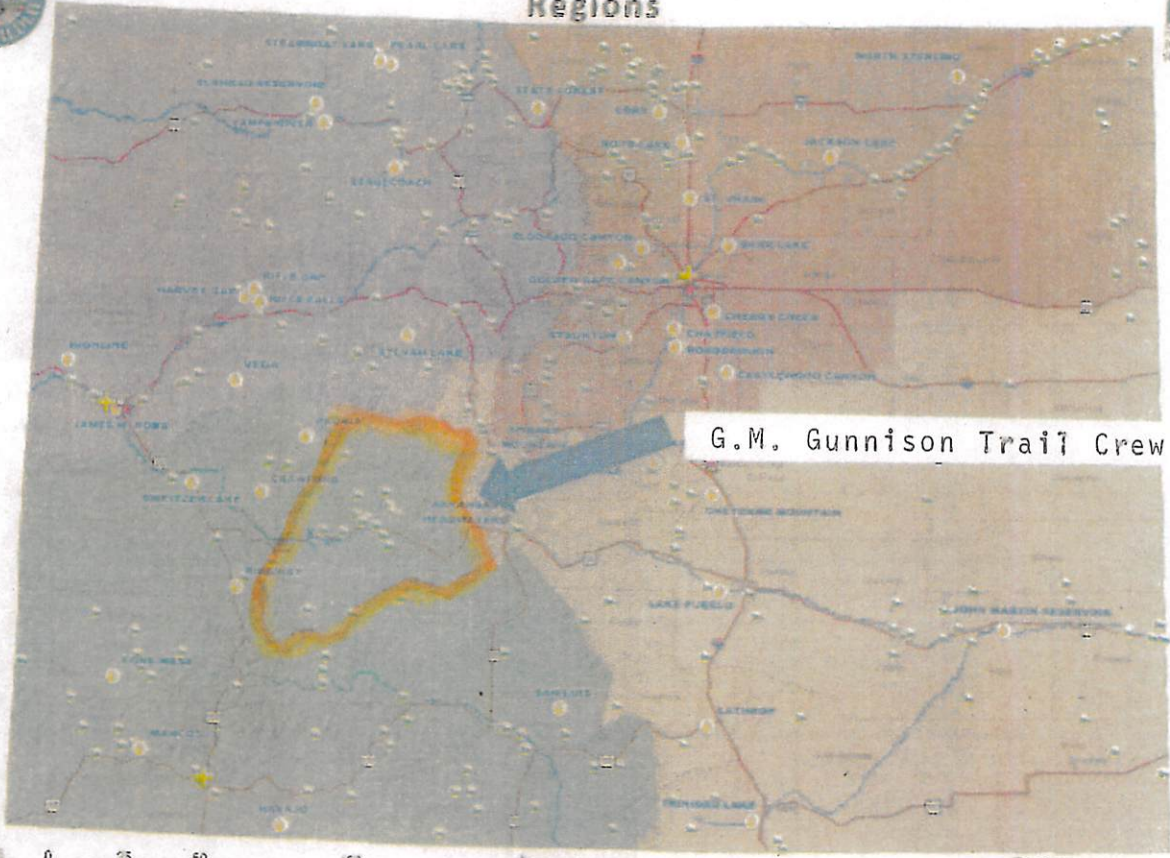
Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Dayle Funka, District Ranger

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

Portions of Gunnison, Hinsdale and Saguache Counties

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Regions



G.M. Gunnison Trail Crew



- ★ Parks Region Office
- State Parks
- ☆ Middle Region Office
- State Wildlife Areas
- Regions: Northwest, Southeast, Northeast, Southwest

(F) Project Illustrations



Gunnison Trail Crew Clearing Timberline Trail for Users, June 2022

CPW User Education Board near Tincup, Colorado



Texas Lakes Trail #589, Gunnison Ranger District



Gunnison Trail Crew working with Western Colorado Conservation Corp. (WCCC) on Double Top Trail #405



Project Plan-2023

Good OHV Management Program

Gunnison Ranger District

November 29, 2022

This project is based on the Gunnison Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forest. The Ranger District would be responsible for the project. **The Gunnison Ranger District is one of a handful of original members of the Good OHV Management Program and have had Good Management status since the program's inception.**

The money received from the Good Management Program (GMP) fund Intended for the Gunnison Ranger District in field season 2023 will support a four-person TRAIL crew in **five** primary areas. **First, and most importantly** the funds will support routine maintenance of the district's motorized trails (both light and heavy maintenance). The Gunnison still prides itself in being called a **TRAIL CREW FIRST**, maintaining OHV Trails as it's #1 priority. **Second**, will be continued maintenance and follow-up monitoring of our recently reconstructed trails. These trails include trails that were reconstructed with other Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant funded projects including Italian Connector Trail #648 and Carbon Trail #436. **In 2023 the crew will maintain and perform follow up trail maintenance to the recently completed Grizzly Peak-Timberline Trail Reconstruction grant that was recently finished in field season 2022.** **Third**, the crew will help implement sign plans and check or monitor trail signing and travel management signing on motorized trails. **Fourth**, the crew and crew leader will continue to

implement and improve the District's motorized user education and ethics program. Education days are usually held on or near the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends or during the annual or semi-annual Razor Rally held in August in Taylor Park, Colorado. Included in education will be sound testing of OHV's alongside Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff members. Education days for Hunters are also planned with CPW staff in Gunnison most likely between 1st and second rifle seasons. **Fifth**, the crew leader and one other crew leader will perform Forest Protection Officer (FPO) duties when necessary or assigned.

The crew leader will work 18 pay periods (36 weeks) from approximately **April 10th 2023** through **November 17th 2023** performing pre-season work, field season work and post season work. The seasonal crew members will work a field season up to 10 pay periods (20 weeks) from approximately **May 15th 2023** through mid-**October 2023**. The crew leader and crew may also charge salary to Forest Service appropriated trail funds or other grant funds. This may or may not lengthen the crew's seasonal tour beyond the planned 10 pay periods. The District Trails Manager will work with the OHV Trail Crew but will not charge to the GMP; his salary will be charged to Forest Service appropriated trail funding.

The primary and annual job for this crew will be the continued routine maintenance of the District's motorized trails both light and heavy maintenance. The crew may also at times perform heavy trail maintenance working with the state funded SWECO trail dozer based on the Ouray Ranger District. The crew will continue to work in partnership with volunteer groups such as the Gunnison OHV Alliance of Trailriders (GOATs), Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (CBMBA), Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA), Gunnison Trails, Snotrackers Snowmobile Club, High Country Conservation Advocates (HCCA), Colorado College, Tomichi Trail Riders and Western Colorado University (WCU). The crew will also work at times with the Gunnison Backcountry Trail crew which works on many of our stand-alone OHV trail grants such as the **424 Motorcycle Trail Reconstruction Grant** or the **Star Trail Heavy Maintenance Grant**. The crew will also continue to foster partnerships with other government agencies such as Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), etc. and local businesses.

The crew will continue to monitor and perform follow-up maintenance on trails that have recently received large Capital Improvement Project (CIP) investments from both grants and Forest Service funds.

The crew will implement sign plans as needed and will monitor trail sign conditions. This will include both trail directional signing and travel management signing. Daily/Weekly Trail Logs will be completed by trail crew members and checked by the Good Management Trail Crew leader and the Trails Manager. Photos will also be taken by trail crew members to document trail work.

The crew leader will continue to implement and improve the user education and ethics training geared towards motorized users on public lands. The crew leader will continue to make contacts, foster partnerships and make presentations across the District. These include presentations or user education booths in Taylor Park on long holiday weekends such as Fourth of July or Labor Day weekend. User education may also increase in the Pitkin and Lake City areas continuing in **2023**. The crew will continue to work with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the 'Stay the Trail' trailer on those busy holiday weekends or when the trailer is available. The Good Management crew will also participate in Hunter Education activities at the Gunnison Colorado Parks and Wildlife office in the fall of **2023** like they did in the fall of 2019 and 2022. This did not happen in 2020 because of the pandemic. Both crew and crew leader will make contacts in the field with forest users and will educate the public about motorized recreation on public lands. The crew leader is qualified under the **'Tread Lightly' Tread Trainer Program**. Various media including newspapers, radio, local cable television, public service announcements (PSA's) and public presentations will be used to educate the public. This has been demonstrated in previous years on the Gunnison Ranger District. The crew leader will also perform Forest Protection Officer (FPO) law enforcement public contacts as they relate to OHV use (i.e. State OHV registration, and travel

management compliance). An additional crew member is also an FPO and will perform those duties as needed.

For **2023** the district will provide support to include supervision and training of the crew, motorcycles, a vehicle, OHV trailer, ATV use and trail maintenance equipment. The Ranger District will also fund and provide grant administration, documentation and grant closeout working closely with Colorado Parks and Wildlife personnel. **Primarily, the GMP will fund crew salary and field per diem to accomplish work on the ground.**

Some District trails that the Gunnison Good OHV Management Trail Crew may work on in 2023 include: (Other trails to be maintained are determined in the spring of 2023)

- Carbon #436
- Italian Connector Trail #648
- Razor Creek #487
- Cannibal Plateau #457
- Timberline #414 (Grizzly Peak section)
- Horseshoe Creek #482
- Brush Creek #400
- Double Top #405
- Left Hand #495
- Summit #486 (Project in cooperation with Salida OHV Trail Crew and user groups)
- Deadman Gulch #420
- Rosebud #423
- Cement Mountain #553





GUNNISON GOOD OHV MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL TRAIL CREW SUMMARY 2022

GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT

PREPARED NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Work Accomplished

Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction: Total project cost of \$119,000. Total Good Management funds requested were **\$100,000**. The Gunnison Ranger District received grant amounting to **\$100,000**. Please see attached trail log summary for work accomplished in 2022 trail season. Grant expires November 30, 2022.

*Funds were used to maintain and improve the Gunnison Ranger District's motorized trail system. The trail system includes ATV trails, single-track motorcycle trails and 4-wheel drive jeep trails. ***Particular attention was placed on where previous investments in trail reconstruction took place or where heavy***

use has required trail armoring or more frequent maintenance intervals. Some examples in 2022 include sections of Timberline Trail #414 and Block & Tackle #545. These are trails where previous Colorado Parks and Wildlife funding or Forest Service CIP funding went towards major trail reconstruction projects or heavy maintenance. Through this trail maintenance, the overall character of many motorized trails improved, and user's experiences became more positive.

*Of particular importance was that **Good Management Funds were spent towards trail work on the ground or user education that was presented in the field** or to users who actually recreate on Gunnison Basin Public Lands. These activities were performed in portions of Gunnison, Saguache and Hinsdale Counties. Funds were primarily used towards crew salary which accomplished work on the ground. Salary funds were not spent towards the District Trails Manager's salary, only field personnel salary. Trail work included both light and heavy trail maintenance. Miles of trail maintained was not the priority. However, the crew in 2022 maintained nearly 60 miles of motorized trail which was an accomplishment considering a shortage of temporary staff and losing someone mid-season. However, Western Colorado Conservation Corp. (WCCC) helped in 2022 towards accomplishing Good Management Trail Crew work on the district.

Also of note was the district was able to replace an older Polaris RZR UTV on the district in 2022 with a newer and more reliable **2022 Polaris UTV**. (See photo).

The quality and sustainability of maintenance was the trail crew's primary goal. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant Program was also acknowledged via various media, signing or education efforts.

Trails maintained with Good Management 2021 Program funds:

See attached 2022 Trail Log Summary, Logs/Photos

***Trail work emphasized heavy maintenance of drainage structures, trail clearing, maintenance of trail armoring, turnpike maintenance and installation, construction of check dams, trail armoring, construction of rock water bars, rolling dips, sign replacement and trail braid elimination.**

Photos of Trail Projects and User Education days, etc.:



New UTV with "Dollars at Work Sticker

COLORADO OHV DOLLARS AT WORK, Trail Work Ahead Signage



Clearing Double Top Trail #405



“Stay the Trail” Education Day, Taylor Park, July 4th 2022



Quakey Mountain Trail #537 Rock Armor and Trail Braid Restoration

GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT
GOOD MANAGEMENT OHV TRAIL CREW



TRAIL LOG SUMMARY
2022 SEASON



Block & Tackle #545 – North towards Brush Creek, 1.6 miles, South 2.7 miles

9 drains cleared, cleared corridor and removed rocks from tread, covered grid, cleared creek crossing, 1 tree bucked

Big Bend #488 – 5.7 miles

9 tree's bucked, 48 drains cleaned, 2 rd's & 3 RWB's built, 14 feet de-bermed, rock removal, cleared corridor, closed braids in trail

Canyon Creek #481 – 9.4 miles

35 tree's bucked, 69 drains cleaned, 9 rd's built, 45 feet de-bermed, removed rocks & cleared corridor

Double Top #405, Block & Tackle to Hunter Creek Section, 1.5 miles

Crowned 1 Turnpike, 15 trees bucked, cleaned 4 drains, 2 grid block sections crowned

Double Top #405, From Hunter Creek#410 junction North: .25 miles

7 drains cleaned, 6 drains built, 70' debermed, rebuilt 7 RWB's, & reset grid block in two sections

Dr. Park #424 – 1.25 miles

Closed 10 braids, bucked out 14 tree's, cleared corridor and removed rocks from tread.

Flag Creek #422, 3.6 miles

built 1 rolling dip, armored & banked a climbing turn, removed rocks from tread, cleared corridor and two stream crossings

Italian OHV Route to American Flag #759 – 3 miles

Cleaned trash from American Flag, collected illegal donation jar from the top of American Flag, cleared rocks from tread, cleared corridor

Matchless #413 – 2 miles

2 trees bucked, 12 drains cleaned, 4 RD's built, removed rocks from tread and cleared corridor.

Long Branch #489 – 3.5 miles

21 RD's cleaned, 3 tree's bucked, 212 feet of de-berming, 1 rock water bar built, removed rocks from tread & cleared corridor

Right Hand #493 - 2.5 miles

15 tree's bucked, 9 drains cleaned, built 2 RWB, re-align 300 feet of tread & closed braids, 100 feet of de-berming, cleared corridor & removed rocks from tread

Timberline #414 – 7.25 miles

From Texas Creek Rd#755 towards Illinois Creek Timber Sale Rd. – 8 tree's bucked, 3 drains cleaned, 1 RD built, 30' outslope

From Texas Creek Towards Prospector – 4 tree's bucked, 12 drains cleaned, cleared muddy tread and diverted spring, 30' outslope, removed rocks from tread & cleared corridor

Garden Basin to Hillerton #414-#632, 11 tree's bucked, shoveled early season snow plug to prevent braiding, closed 3 braids, removed rocks from tread and cleared corridor

Texas Lakes Trail towards Cottonwood, closed user created braids, cleared ATV ford crossing

Quakey Mountain #537 - 3.1 miles

13 tree's bucked, 19 drains cleaned, 6 RD's built, cleared corridor & removed rocks from tread

Walrod #412 – 1 mile – training trail @ 1st of season

4 tree's bucked, 14 drains cleaned, cleared corridor & removed rocks from tread.

Warm Springs #406 - .5 miles

2 tree's bucked, 5 drains cleaned, removed rocks and cleared corridor

Carbon #436 – 1.75 miles

2 tree's bucked, 8 drains cleaned, rock removal

Waunita #497 -2.2

5 tree's bucked, 33 drains cleaned, 100ft. de-bermed, built 1 RD, crowned grid & checked edges, drained deep beaver dam @ Canyon Creek junction

TOTAL TRAIL MILES MAINTAINED 2022 SEASON: 50.75 miles

PSA's

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Gunnison Ranger District

March 21, 2022

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If possible could you place the following PSA in your next paper? Please contact us if you have any questions and thanks for your help getting this message to our community!

PSA:

Spring Melt Advisory and Doctor Park Trail update!

The Gunnison Ranger District would like to remind all forest users that during spring our roads and trails can be easily damaged. If you notice a rut when you are on a road/trail please turn around & come back another day. The motto for spring recreating is " Know when to go and when to just say No!" Thanks for Treading Lightly and Leaving No Trace in our forest!

Trail update: Doctor Park Trail is closed to all uses from March 1st until the Friday of Memorial Day weekend to protect Bighorn Sheep.

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From: Gunnison Ranger District, contact: Lora

Date: 5/31/2022

To: CB News

RE: Leave no Trace on your Public Lands, abandon private property is against the LAW!

On 5/23/2022 USFS Trail Crews found abandon outdoor furniture up Cement Creek on USFS property. It is illegal to leave personal property abandon on Public Lands! The outdoor furniture is now in USFS secure Law Enforcement impoundment storage. If no one claims the property by Aug. 31, 2022 the property will be disposed of properly. Please contact us if you know who abandon the outdoor furniture or to claim your property. Call Gunnison Ranger District @ 970-641-0471

The Gunnison Ranger District would like to remind all folks to please LEAVE NO TRACE when you recreate on Public Lands. This means leave the forest better than you find it. Follow these simple principles:

- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Respect Wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors
- Do not leave Trash or private property on the forest