



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

<b>Name of Project: CCRD OHV Crew-2024</b>		<b>Date of Application: 12/2022</b>
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost: \$151,865.00</b>	<b>Grant Request: \$63,640.00</b>	
<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)		
<b>Organization Name: Clear Creek Ranger District, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland</b>		
<b>Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3307, Idaho Springs, CO 80452</b>		
		<b>Fax: 303-567-3021</b>
<b>Telephone: 720-763-1060</b>	<b>Email: brant.wobig@usda.gov</b>	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> 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.		
<b>Name: Brant Wobig</b>	<b>Title: Forestry Technician</b>	
<b>Mailing Address: Clear Creek Ranger District P.O. Box 3307, Idaho Springs, CO 80452</b>		
<b>Telephone: 720-763-1060</b>	<b>Fax: 303-567-3021</b>	<b>Email: brant.wobig@usda.gov</b>
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> 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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<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
<b>Name: Sara Wolf</b>	<b>Title: Grants and Agreements Specialist</b>	
<b>Mailing Address: 2840 Kachina Drive Pueblo, CO 81008</b>		
<b>Telephone: 970-295-6687</b>	<b>Fax: 970-295-6699</b>	<b>Email: sara.wolf@usda.gov</b>

<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	
Nearest Town or City: <b>Idaho Springs, CO</b>	
County(ies): <b>Clear Creek and Gilpin</b>	
Township/Range/Section: <b>T.3 S., R.73 W., Section 35</b>	
State Senate District #: <b>2</b>	
State Representative District #: <b>13</b>	
<b>LAND OWNERSHIP</b>	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: <b>United States of America, U.S. Forest Service</b>	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): <b>National Forest</b>	
<b>TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION</b> (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: <b>110(open to all)</b>
<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 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
<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.)
<b>35</b>	
<b>35</b>	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
<b>20</b>	<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.)
<b>10</b>	<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.)
<b>100</b>	<b>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: <b>CCRD OHV Crew-2023</b>	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: <b>Clear Creek Ranger District</b>	Application Year: <b>2023-2024</b>
Project Contact: <b>Brant Wobig</b>	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: <b>\$151,865.00</b>	Grant Request: <b>\$63,640.00</b>

**Project Description:**

The project work will be performed in those portions of Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland (ARP) that are located within the counties of Clear Creek and Gilpin. We are the closest National Forest and Motorized Recreation area to the western suburbs of the Denver Metro Area, located approximately 25 miles west of the Denver metropolitan area.

The Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) of the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forests is seeking funding for the continuation of a two person OHV crew for a 130 day season. The crew will consist of 2 Permanent Seasonal Employees(13/13 PSE) including a GS-6 & GS-5 for a 130 day season and is assigned to basic route maintenance, education and outreach patrols on our popular OHV routes. CCRD is known for old mining routes/roads that wind through National Forest lands locally known as Kingston Peak/Yankee Hill, Bill Moore/Mill Creek, Leavenworth/Waldorf/Argentine, Devils Canyon/Barbour Fork, Pickle Gulch, and Saxon Mountain areas. **Refer to E-2 Project Map**

CCRD is a popular destination for OHV enthusiasts, offering approximately 110 miles of unique and challenging OHV routes ranging in elevation from 7,500 feet to over 13,000 feet. As Colorado's population continues to grow, the numbers of OHV users continue to increase in the Front Range demonstrating the need to promote, enhance, educate and sustain OHV opportunities on the nearby Clear Creek Ranger District.

2024 will be the ninth year (season) for the CCRD OHV crew. The crew objectives include completing basic route maintenance including tree clearing and corridor improvements, cleaning drainages, water bars and installing signs on approximately 110 miles of the popular routes mentioned above. The crew will also provide information/education programs in coordination with Stay the Trail at Columbine Campground and other popular areas.

The OHV crew will focus weekend work on public contacts, information, education, and compliance to Forest Service Regulations including required OHV registrations. In addition, the crew helps provide oversight and coordination to the Adopt-a-Road Volunteer program. Volunteers provide hundreds of hours assisting with maintenance and upkeep of adopted areas in order to provide a more enjoyable OHV riding experience and to help ensure routes remain open for all users.

We are requesting continuation of the Good Management Trail Crew Program.

## Budget Form

**Project Name: CCRD OHV Crew 2024**

**Date Project will be Completed: Nov. 30, 2024**

**Project Sponsor: Clear Creek 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)	\$ 63,640		\$ 63,640.00
GS-9 admin and GS-7 Crew Supervisor time	\$ -	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000.00
(2) USFS vehicles FOR & gas/mileage	\$ -	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500.00
Volunteer in-kind time 1500 hrs x \$29.95	\$ -	\$ 44,925.00	\$ 44,925.00
Signs, Posts, Hardware, Cell phone, Radio, trail counter	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	<b>\$ 151,865.00</b>

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-6 Forestry Tech crew leader 130 days @\$200/day	\$ 25.00		\$ 26,000.00
Training, overtime, Sunday differential, lump sum, uniform	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00
GS-5 Forestry Tech crew member 130 days @ \$178/day	\$ 22.25		\$ 23,140.00
Training, overtime, Sunday differential, lump sum, uniform	\$ -		\$ 2,500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
For CFW use only: Approximate number of workhours			<b>Category Total</b>
			<b>\$ 54,140.00</b>

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Crew supplies, gloves, goggles, etc. Replacement of worn items	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,000.00
Signs, posts, hardware, Buck-n-Pole Fence	\$ -		\$ - \$ 3,500.00
Misc. Tools ie. Drills, batteries, hand saws	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,000.00
Printing maps/guides, Education materials	\$ -		\$ - \$ 500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>
			<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
ATV/UTV/Equipment Maintenance & repairs	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,000.00
Chainsaw fuel/oil, chain, files, wedges	\$ -		\$ - \$ 500.00
			<b>Category Total</b>
			<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>

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

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

V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Safety gear, supplies and non-monetary awards	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total</b>
			<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 63,640.00</b>

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.

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Project  
Name

**CCRD OHV Crew**

Project  
Sponsor

**Clear Creek 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:

**1997 Revision of the Land and Resource Management Plan  
for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee  
National Grassland**

Date: **Record of  
Decision –  
11/19/1997**

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

Date and title of document:

N/A

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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.]

N/A

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N/A

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N/A

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For more information contact: **Jonathan Markovich, Forest Environmental Coordinator**

**Cell: 443-231-8617; Email: jonathan.markovich@usda.gov**

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

**Scott Haas, District Ranger**

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

*Scott E. Haas*

SCOTT HAAS  
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Land Manager Signature and Title

Date



**4. Mitigation:** How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

**5. Benefits:** List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

**6. Environmental Compliance:** Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**Principle source of information:** (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

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**Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:**

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**Signature of person consulted:**

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## **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

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*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.

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

The OHV crew will complete basic route maintenance work while making public contacts to provide information and OHV related education. The following riding areas are the main focus of the crew; Kingston Peak/Yankee Hill, Bill Moore Lake/Mill Creek, Argentine/Waldorf, Saxon Mountain, Devils Canyon/Barbour Fork, Democrat Mountain, Jones Pass, and Pickle Gulch. These areas contain approximately 110 miles of routes open to all vehicles. These riding areas directly benefit the local economies of Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Empire, Central City, and Blackhawk. **Refer to E-2 Project Map.**

Basic route maintenance on CCRD includes; route markers and road numbers consistent with Motor Vehicle Use Maps, corridor clearing to improve visibility and safety, drainage improvement/clearing to create a more sustainable route system, rehabilitating overly impacted areas and defining routes while protecting sensitive areas with fence construction. The crew is also critical for establishing and maintaining positive message boards, alerts and notices (ie. Fire Restrictions) of deteriorating or unsafe conditions, in addition to updating the public on current or expected riding conditions.

The CCRD OHV crew is integral in the identification, planning and implementation of restoration and resource protection projects. Illegal use, weather events and normal wear and tear on routes bring about needs for additional resources and personnel in order to maintain a sustainable and enjoyable riding experience. Without the eyes and ears of the CCRD OHV Crew, many of these "problems" go unseen or unreported and become a larger or potentially dangerous situation which could result in reduced riding opportunities.

In addition to basic maintenance and resource protection, the OHV crew contacts hundreds of OHV and 4x4 enthusiasts and is the first contact to many public land visitors. This allows the crew to provide critical information/education on the "Stay the Trail" program, TREAD Lightly, rules and regulations, while distributing CCRD's Motor Vehicle Use Map and informs riders about CO-TREX and Avenza.

Without these public contacts, hundreds of riders go unchecked and uninformed about how their OHV registration money is used and many would continue without registration. The crew takes a hard line with compliance regarding OHV registration while informing users of the value and importance of the State OHV registration program. The crew focuses on compliance and many times 'sells' registrations in the field, thanks to increased cellular coverage. Field presence is critical for promotion of the OHV program and to educate/inform the public to allow for a safer, sustainable, and more enjoyable riding experience.



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

The Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) has partnered with 8 Front Range clubs with adoptions covering nearly all of National Forest lands within CCRD including:

**Colorado 4x4 Girls**(formerly Jeep Girls) - Montane Park, Mad Creek, Democrat Mt., Bard Creek and Jones Pass

**Mile Hi Jeep Club** - Spring Creek/Silver City, Bill Moore Lake, Mill Creek and Red Elephant Hill

**Rising Sun 4x4 Club** - Leavenworth/Waldorf/Argentine Pass and Kingston Peak

**Front Range 4x4** - Barbour Fork and Devils Canyon

**Colorado FJ Cruisers** - Pickle Gulch

**Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery** - Yankee Hill

**North American XJ Association** - Saxon Mt. and Cascade Creek

**Colorado Side x Side** - Columbine OHV Parking Area and Yankee Hill

These groups regularly contribute over 1500 hours of volunteer time annually to help maintain their adopted areas and assist with planning/identifying future projects. CCRD is committed to our volunteer program as they provide invaluable presence on public land, model and promote appropriate riding behavior and provide education and information messages to all who use public lands.

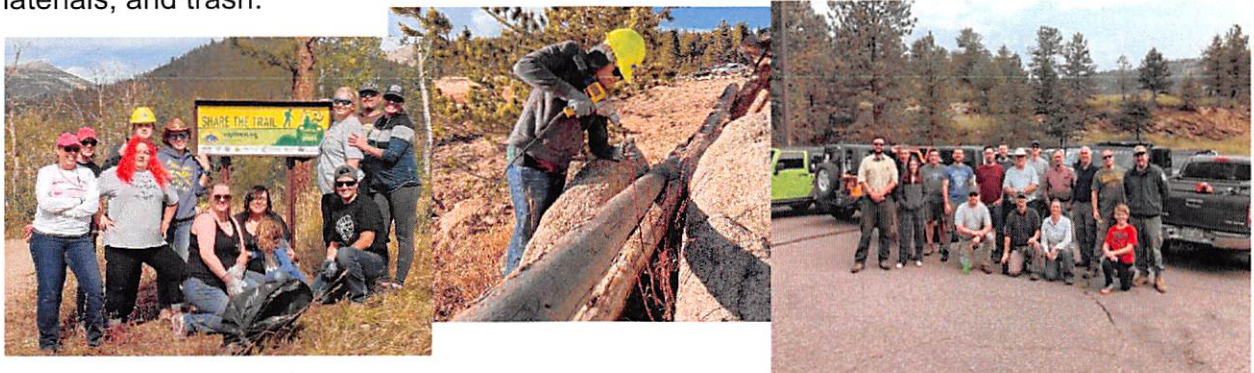
The CCRD OHV crew provides critical oversight, safety briefings and project planning for Adopt-a-Road Volunteer groups. Volunteer projects include trash removal, fence construction, route signing, monitoring, maintenance, and rehabilitation of impacted areas. The heavily used adopted areas currently suffer from illegal routes, vandalism, and resource damage.

The OHV crew also will continue to partner with Stay the Trail staff for Education and Outreach programs at various locations throughout CCRD. Stay the Trail staff have also partnered with the OHV Crew and CCRD staff to assist with restoration of several heavily impacted areas and assisted with project coordination and oversight.

There is a large amount of local and community support for OHV presence/education and maintenance of routes. There is no controversy associated with this project. **Please refer to the enclosed letters of support.**

### Leverage

Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) will continue to contribute approximately \$40,000.00 towards the project by providing supervision of the crew from a GS-7 Forestry Technician, grant administration by a GS-9 Recreation Planner, signposts, stickers, and hand tools in addition to providing two U.S. Forest Service vehicles for the crew to use. CCRD will also install the "Colorado Registration Dollars at Work" logo on sign boards within the patrol areas. Volunteers from various adopt-a-road clubs and others will continue to contribute their time for in-kind volunteer services (approx.\$40,000.00), in addition to using their own 4x4 vehicles and gasoline to help haul signs, fence materials, and trash.



**Sources of Fund breakdown for # 2 Partnerships, Support and Leverage 2023-2024**

Sources of Funds	Grant Request	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Totals
<b>CPW grant</b>	<b>\$ 63,640.00</b>			<b>\$ 63,640.00</b>
Various 4x4 groups			1500 hours valued @ \$29.95/hr. \$44,925.00	
<b>Volunteer in-kind total</b>			<b>\$44,925.00</b>	<b>\$44,925.00</b>
<b>CCRD</b>				
GS-7,GS-9 \$340/day Crew Supervision/Admin 95 days			\$36,000.00	
(2) USFS vehicles FOR & gas/mileage			\$5,500.00	
Signs/materials/hardware/tools Two-Way radios, cell phone			\$1,800.00	
<b>CCRD in-kind</b>			<b>\$43,800.00</b>	<b>\$43,800.00</b>
<b>Project Totals</b>			<b>\$88,225.00</b>	<b>\$152,365.00</b>

**Use of Grant funding per categories on budget spreadsheet**

**Personnel Costs – \$54,140.00**

Grant funding would be used for crew salary, uniforms, and training/recertification. Two seasonal Forestry Technicians at GS-6 & GS-5 level for a 120 day summer season from approximately mid- May to mid-November.

**Project Material and Supplies – \$6,000.00**

Grant funding would be used for personal protective equipment and supplies such as gloves, hardhats, helmets, goggles, etc. Signs including Directional, travel management, and education/information. Buck and Rail Fence Materials, Tools, hardware, supplies, drills, batteries, and hand saws. Education Materials such as Smokey Bear, STT, Tread Lightly, NOHVCC.

**Volunteer Support – \$1,000.00**

Provide volunteers with personal protective equipment, gloves and hardhats when working on installing signs, fence construction/repair, trash removal etc. We would also like provide non-monetary awards for recognition of volunteer efforts.

**Equipment – \$2,000.00**

ATV/UTV/Trailer/Saw fuel, maintenance, and repair. Crew Tablet and Phone Service, Chainsaw parts and accessories.

### 3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities

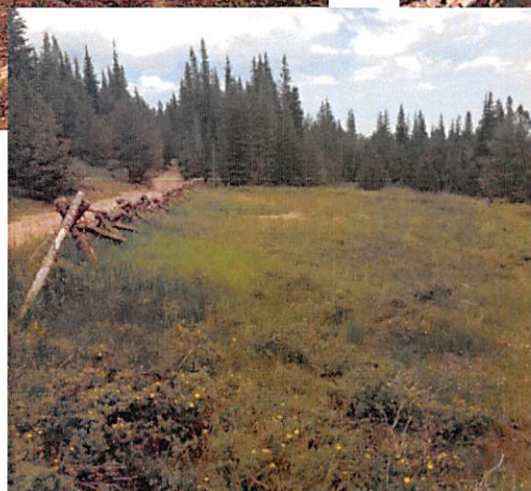
(25 points):

Main objectives of this project are to continue to provide a dedicated OHV crew for visitor education, information, compliance, and enforcement while enhancing riding opportunities through basic route maintenance.

Heavy recreational use combined with lack of route maintenance and inadequate drainage, over time, has caused a proliferation of user created routes, erosion, and sedimentation problems in many areas around the district. These issues will be a focus of overall light/basic maintenance however, the crew will also report any problems that are beyond the scope of their capabilities to assure issues don't go unchecked. The OHV Crew will coordinate and work closely with the District Engineer, Hydrologist, Biologists, and other specialists to plan and restore impacted areas.

The OHV Crew's work on restoration of heavily impacted areas will promote long term protection of sensitive resource areas and promote responsible use by all. Poor road conditions and lack of management encourages some users to take alternative, illegal routes which in turn worsens impacts to legal, legitimate routes in addition to portraying a negative public image of OHV users. This project will provide education, enforcement, and maintenance to help keep users on designated routes and help improve public perception of motorized recreation and therefore will have many positive aspects to users, resources, wildlife, and water quality.

The crew will also continue working with partners/volunteers building buck and pole fence, restoring damaged areas, and maintaining signs to protect sensitive area. In addition, volunteer groups assist with trash removal to reduce contamination and encourage responsible use.



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

##### **Travel Management**

The main objective of the CCRD OHV Crew is to establish and maintain a sustainable route system for all OHV users. Yearly OHV grant funding will help us reach our goal of regular field presence, maintenance, monitoring, and volunteer/partnership projects. This funding will help us provide long term sustainability to OHV routes and maintain future access to public lands.

Clear Creek Ranger District personnel and the OHV crew have worked on travel management signing for years, but many of these signs are vandalized or deteriorate and regularly must be replaced to be consistent with the Travel Management Rule and the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Funding the OHV Crew allows for a dedicated team to regularly maintain signs. This project will help CCRD maintain consistency with management plans while providing positive reassuring signage to promote a more responsible and enjoyable experience.

##### **Education**

The CCRD OHV Crew's highest priority beyond route maintenance is field presence and public contact. This is not only to inform and educate the users about responsible riding but also answer any questions and give assistance. In the field, the crew shows riders, first-hand, how to use applications like **Avenza** and **Co-Trex** to enhance the riders experience with route finding while giving recommendations on where to go based on rider experience and interests. CCRD and the OHV crew have also partnered with the Stay the Trail (STT) team for Education and Outreach events in the Columbine Campground OHV area. This area is heavily used by OHV enthusiasts, especially on weekends and is a great opportunity to engage youth and hand out education materials such as Tread Lightly, Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and Stay the Trail.

Field presence and public contacts also allow the crew the opportunity to explain the benefits of the registration program and check for current registrations. The public is often unaware how their money is spent, however, once explained they are always supportive and understanding. Public support goes a long way to further the overall OHV program.

The crew will continue to install informational and regulatory signs to inform and remind users to Stay the Trail. Informational sign boards also show active management of areas and in some cases show up to date information or regulation changes, such as fire restrictions.

The OHV crew educates users to become safer, more responsible riders and better stewards of the land.

##### **Enforcement**

Both OHV crew members are required to be certified Forest Protection Officers (FPO's). FPO certification allows crew members to issue Citations and Warning Notices and complete Incident Reports for Law Enforcement follow up. FPO training is also critical to learn about 'watch out' situations regarding criminal activity and behavior.

The OHV Crew contacts thousands of Forest Visitors including, OHV riders, 4x4'ers, recreational sport shooters, hikers, mountain bikers and campers. From these contacts, the crew writes incident reports for various violations such as damaged signs, trash, resource damage, creating illegal routes, and failure to display OHV registrations.

Checking OHV registrations is a great way to 'break the ice' with the public and results in hundreds of opportunities to relay information, regulations, and answer questions. This also allows the crew the opportunity to explain the value of the registration or write violations to those riders who are not current. Emphasis of the crew has been to give warnings and/or attempt to register machines in the field rather than give violation notices. Many of the verbal warnings resulted in proof of registration after initial contact by email or text follow up. With increased cell phone capabilities riders can more easily register their machines on the spot rather than receive a violation or lose the opportunity to ride that day.

While enforcement is not the focal point of the crew, it is important to show that failure to follow the rules is regulated and reported. Regular patrols and field presence, with personal visitor contacts, greatly improves compliance. Consistent and dedicated field presence results in a more enjoyable and safer recreation experience for everyone.



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### **Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria**

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An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

**Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering.** Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

### **Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement**

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

### **Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement**

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

**I. Site Description**

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

**II. Planning**

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

**III. Public Notice**

- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

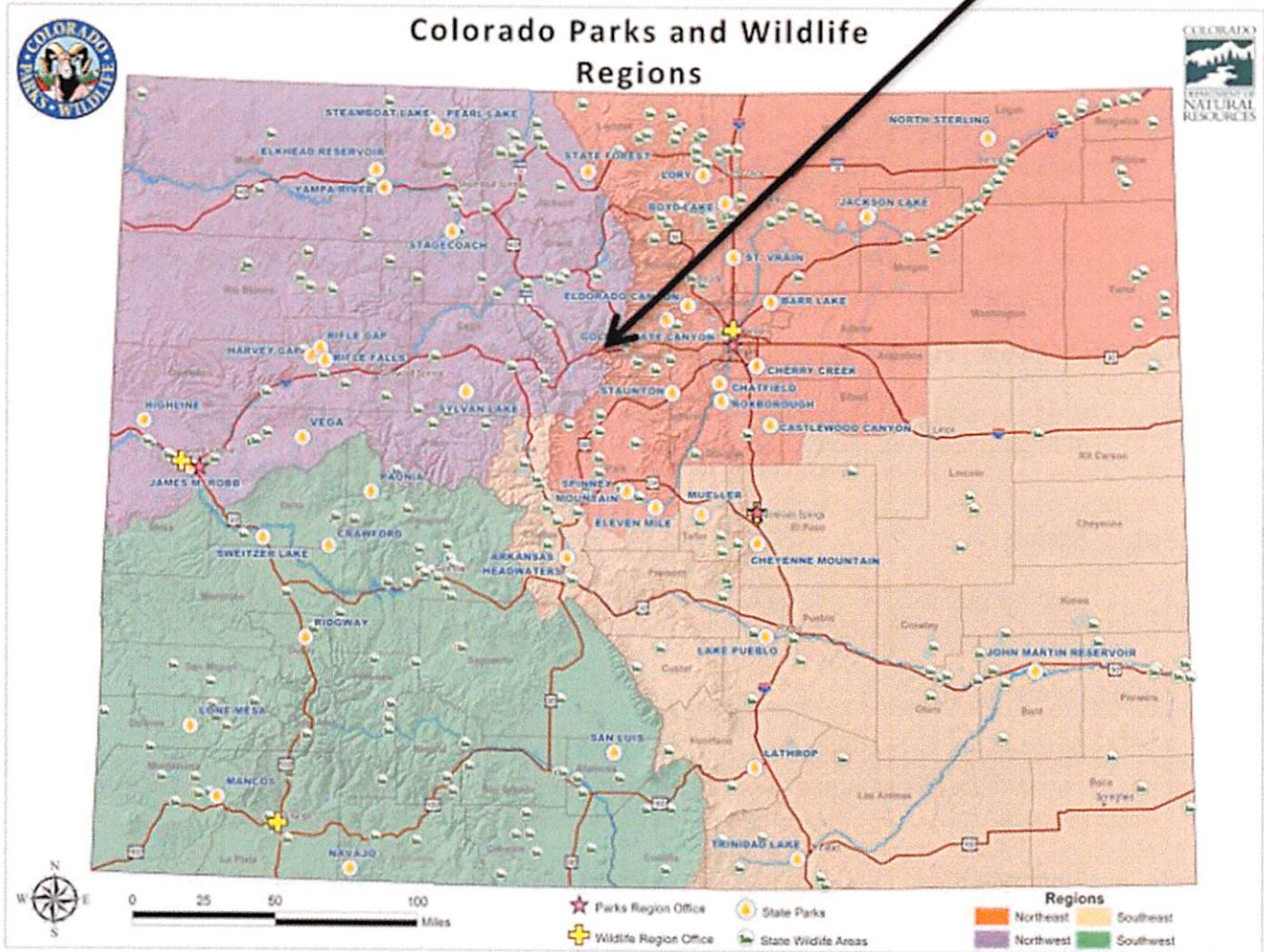
**IV. Public Involvement**

- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

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

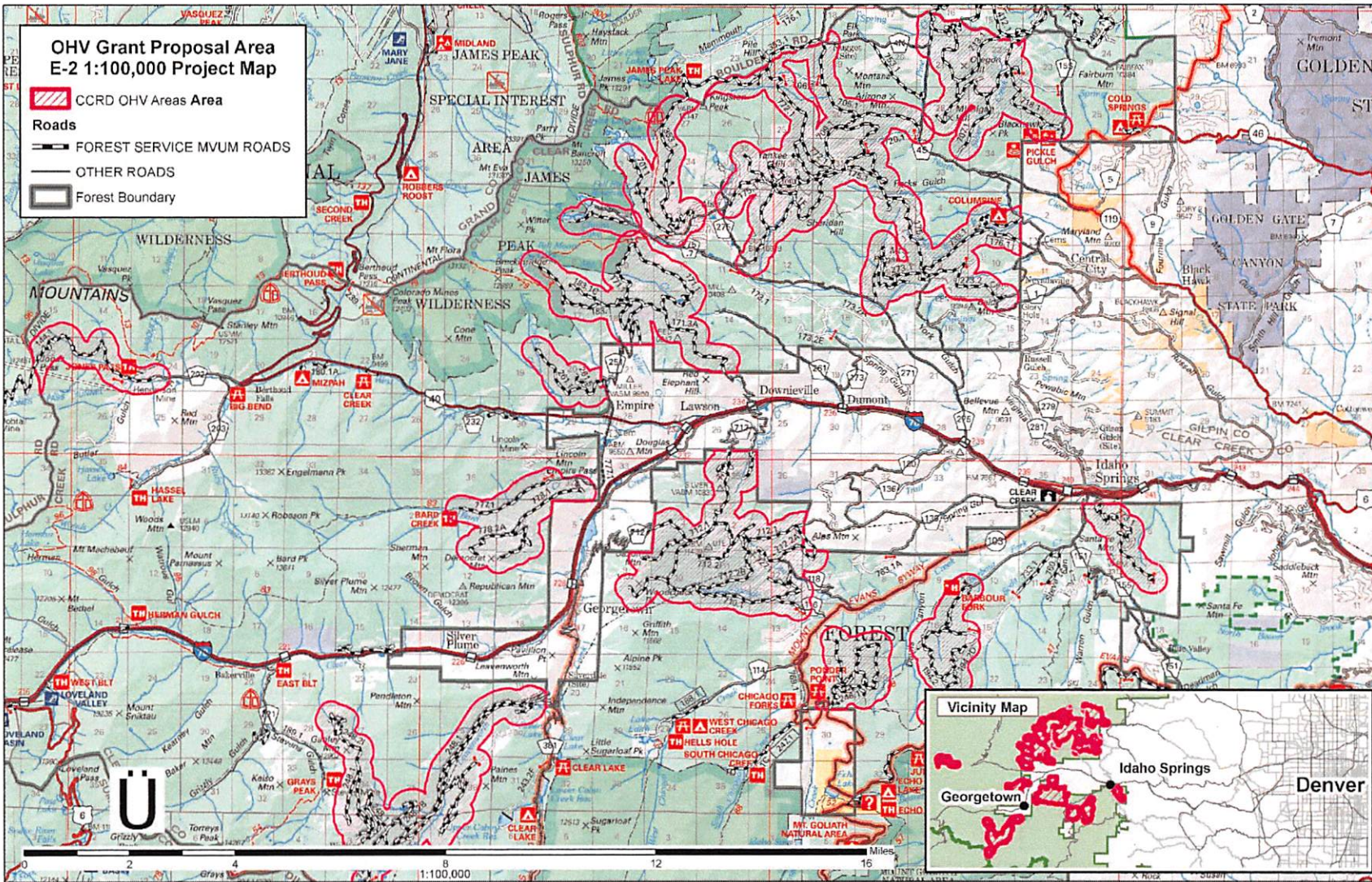
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.

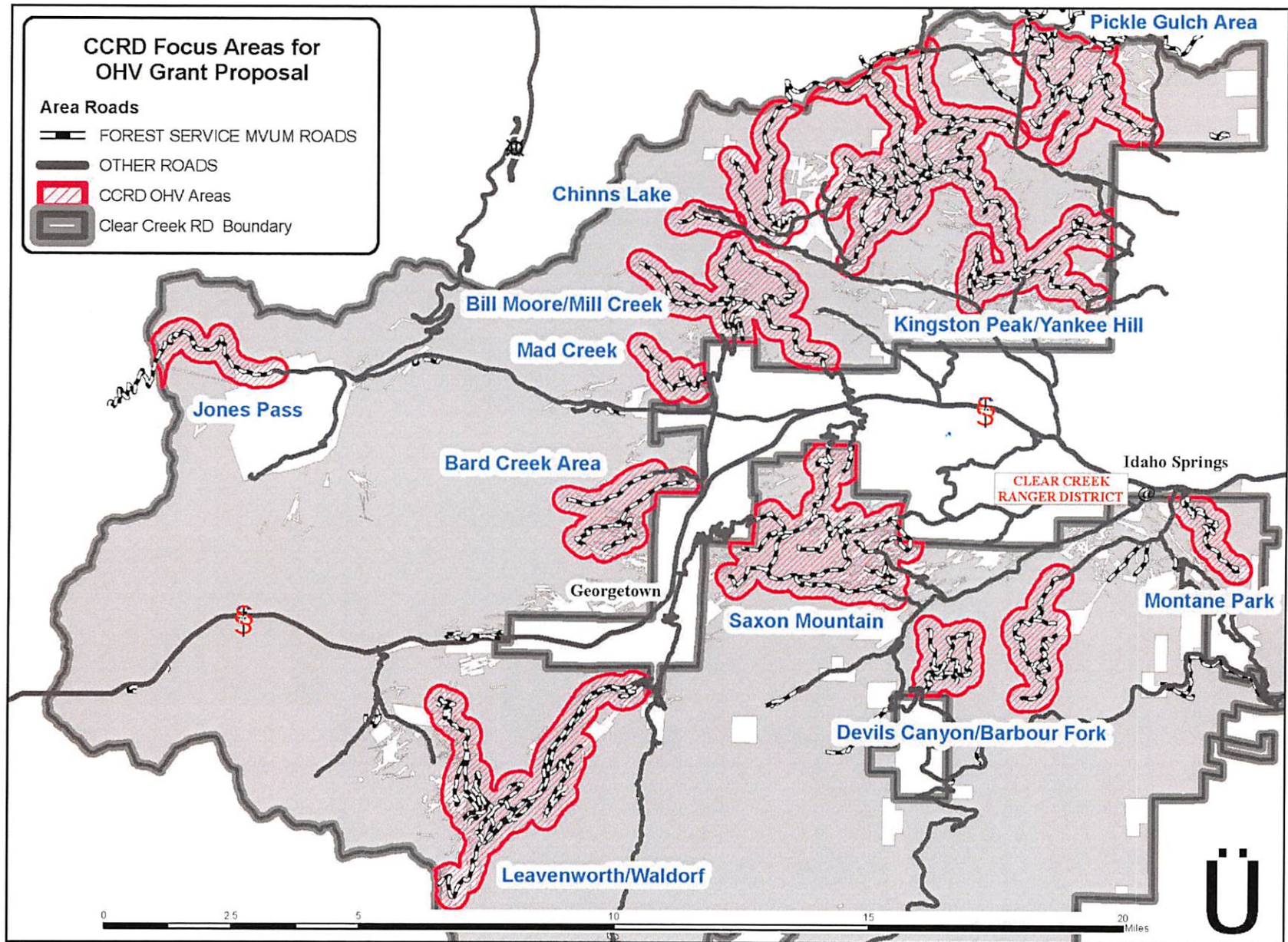
Project Area





**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)





## **(G) Letters of Project Support**

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Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
State OHV Program- OHV Subcommittee  
13787 South Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Subcommittee Members,

Please accept this letter as support of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) for the Clear Creek Ranger District of the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest to receive funding to participate in the Good Management OHV Grants Program. This program was created for federal grantees and their direct supporters who demonstrated an exceptional ability in managing, operating, and maintaining Colorado's most popular OHV riding areas. The program provides a consistent and predictable level of funding so that federal agencies can attract and retain experienced trail crews for the operation and maintenance of their OHV riding areas.

The Clear Creek Ranger District has not participated in this grant program in the past because many of the routes designated through travel management are wider routes that may have traditionally been considered roads. The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) visited the Clear Creek Ranger District in July of 2022 as part of a Great Trails Workshop held in partnership with the District and the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO). While many of the routes designated for OHV use are greater than 50 inches in width, they require high clearance vehicles and contain ample challenge features to provide a trail/backcountry experience. Additionally, these types of routes cater to a large segment of the OHV community with over 70% of national OHV sales being made up of recreational off-highway vehicles (ROV) or side-by-side vehicles larger than 50 inches in width. While historically OHV routes have been designated for vehicles 50 inches or less, this does not match current OHV use trends. This means that opportunities like those provided at the Clear Creek Ranger District are extremely valuable to the OHV community.

Beyond the trail opportunities on the Clear Creek Ranger District, NOHVCC found the recreation staff to be professional, friendly, engaging, and supportive of the OHV community. NOHVCC staff felt that Brant and Patrick are the type of people you would want conducting public outreach and user contacts. They take great pride in their trail system and have done great work collaborating with the local user community and Stay the Trail to maintain and enhance the local trail system. Any investment in these outstanding people and the opportunities they manage would be funds well spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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November 28, 2022

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

MR. TOM METSA: OHV PROGRAM MANAGER 13787 S HWY 85 |  
LITTLETON, CO 80125

THIS LETTER IS OUR ENDORSEMENT FOR THE CLEAR CREEK RANGER DISTRICT (CCRD) GRANT TO FUND EQUIPMENT AND A TWO PERSON TRAIL CREW THE WILL HELP WITH EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT IN THE CLEAR CREEK RANGER DISTRICT.

Rising Sun 4 Wheel Drive Club of Colorado is a Toyota 4x4 club located in Colorado with 100+ active members. Our club was founded 41 years ago in 1981. We are deeply invested in preserving our public land and keeping motorized access open. Many of our club members are members of Tread Lightly and we preach responsible motorized recreation. We consistently spend 1200+ hours annually on Colorado public land in the form of cleanups, trail runs and general trail patrol. Many of our members are professionals in the motorized recreation industry and depend on it for their livelihood. We have demonstrated our dedication to supporting the Forest Service and public lands by participating in the Adopt-a-Trail program throughout our history. On Argentine Pass Trail specifically, one of our Adopt-a-Trails which is in the CCRD, we've restored meadows, maintained historical sites, participated in the reroute and preservation of the trail, and organized yearly volunteer events with the CCRD.

On behalf of our membership, we fully support this grant, which will fund an OHV trail crew that will help with education, enforcement, and project leading in the CCRD. These additional persons will add capacity to the Developed/Dispersed recreation program, and allow more resources for OHV operations and maintenance. We respectfully request the support of the CCRD in this effort.

SINCERELY, THE MEMBERS OF RISING SUN 4 WHEEL DRIVE  
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15 November 2022

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Re: Arapaho National Forest, Clear Creek Ranger District, OHV Grant Application 2022-2023

I am writing this letter in support of the Clear Creek Ranger District's request for funding for the continuation of a 2-person OHV crew for route maintenance and patrolling across the district. I am the adopt-a-trail coordinator for Front Range 4x4, and we work with the USFS Clear Creek Ranger District's OHV staff members on two trails local to the area. In addition to our direct adopt-a-trail efforts, many of our club members use and enjoy the many other OHV trails and roads in the district, and greatly appreciate the work the OHV program and other adopt-a-trail maintaining clubs do in the area.

The efforts of both the OHV program and adopt-a-trail clubs to clean trash, maintain trails, mark routes clearly along with signage for usage restrictions, not only improves the user experience, but also helps prevent misuse and damage to resources. As the Clear Creek Ranger District is often the closest public lands for many users in the Denver metro areas, we understand the ever increasing challenges with maintenance, patrolling, resource concerns and user education. The continued funding from the OHV Grant program will allow the district to continue with basic route maintenance, patrolling, user information and education and their adopt-a-road program with the local clubs.

During the 2022 field season, we were able to work with the District in a safe and responsible manner to continue our adopt-a-trail efforts. We look forward to continuing our partnership working with the District and OHV program to provide sustainable motorized access and recreational opportunities to all users.

Sincerely,

Trevor Kanous  
Front Range 4x4 Adopt-a-Trail Coordinator



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**December 1, 2022**

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
Re:

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,  
Please accept this letter in support for the Clear Creek County Ranger District's grant request for the continued funding of the CCRD OHV Crew.

I am the Founder of Colorado 4x4 Girls, a Colorado based 4x4 club which offers the female enthusiast a no- pressure environment to get out on the trails and learn new skills, while being educated on the importance of stewardship, community and trail etiquette.

Colorado 4x4 Girls works closely with the CCRD to keep the area's trails maintained and accessible to OHV users and other recreational users.

This summer we managed to log over 700 volunteer hours on our adopted trails, as well as assist the OHV crew in a number of other efforts around the county on other trails.

We have been fortunate to adopt four trails in the Clear Creek district, and hope to adopt a few more in 2023. We, as well as many others in the OHV community, spend countless hours recreating and utilizing the many trail systems this popular area has to offer... All which need constant attention. Without the OHV crew, I can't fathom what these trails would look like year after year. They are the #1 source for education, prevention and maintenance in the high country on our public lands, working closely with other programs dedicated to educating recreational users. They are often the first to find illegal activity. They contribute a huge effort to keeping these areas clear of criminal activity that may otherwise go unnoticed.

They are the first to take care of fires not properly put out, the first to jump into action when anything may be awry in our forests and they do so much preventative and restorative work on our public lands so that generations to come can enjoy the beauty of these areas.

Please continue your support and funding for this amazing and incredibly useful program.

Thank you for your time.

Catherine Fanaro

Founder

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