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**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources

## 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle Program State Trail Grant Application

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| Name of Project: Sawyer Training   | Date of Application: 11/16/23  |
| <i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>                |  |
| Total Project Cost: \$41,648.00<br><i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i> | Grant Request: \$31,648.00<br><i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i> |

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| <b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project) |                                 |
| Organization Name: USDA Forest Service - Pikes Peak Ranger District                  |                                 |
| Mailing Address: 1408 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863                    |                                 |
| Telephone: 719-225-0585  | Email: jacob.ellsworth@usda.gov |

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| <b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> <small>This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if Project Contact changes.</small> |   |
| Name: Jacob Ellsworth   | Title: Recreation Management Specialist |
| Mailing Address: 1408 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863   |   |
| Telephone: 719-225-0585   | Email: jacob.ellsworth@usda.gov         |
| Is this the primary contact for this grant:<br><input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO  |   |

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| <b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> <small>This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if Project Contact changes.</small> |   |
| Name: Jacob Ellsworth   | Title: Recreation Management Specialist |
| Mailing Address: 1408 Rampart Range Road, Woodland Park, CO 80863   |   |
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| <b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b> |                                     |
| Name: Jen Munn   | Title: Grants Management Specialist |
| Mailing Address: 1617 Cole Blvd Lakewood, CO 80401                                 |                                     |
| Telephone: 605-515-8812  | Email: Jennifer.munn@usda.gov       |

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: Woodland Park (Statewide Availability)

County(ies): Teller, El Paso, Douglas

Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Woodland Park, CO

Township/Range/Section: T10-15 South by R 67-70

State Senate District #: 4 &amp; 12

State Representative District #: 20, 21, 45 &amp; 60

**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): National Forest**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Miles of Singletrack: 18

Miles of 50" or less: 80

Miles of Full-sized: 240

**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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.) |
|-------------|--|
| 99%         | Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)  |
|             | Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)             |
| 1%          | 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:**

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|---|--|
| Project Name: Sawyer Training             | Project No.:<br>(to be completed by CPW)     |
| Project Sponsor: USDA Forest Service PPRD | Application Year: 2024-2025                  |
| Project Contact: Jake Ellsworth           | Application No.:<br>(to be completed by CPW) |
| Total Project Cost: \$41648.00            | Grant Request: \$31648.00                    |

**Project Description:** Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

**WHO?**

We are employees on the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD), on the Pike-San Isabel National Forest Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands which is managed by the USDA Forest Service. Employees on the Pikes Peak Ranger district will travel with-in Colorado to teach and certify sawyers from partners, clubs, volunteers, state, or federal to USFS standards.

**WHERE?**

The locations for these trainings will be determined based on need. This may be coordinated with CPW and COHVCO as to where we are requested to teach and certify up to 10-15 persons that require the standardized Forest Service saw training. The host persons or entity for this training will need to provide a classroom type setting to accommodate 10-15 students with a projector for power point presentations and internet connection for two days of classroom instruction. The requestors will also need to provide an area of trees where felling can occur for sawyers for two days of field training and evaluation. The intent is for one class in each CPW region of the state during the year but will be based on need.

**WHAT?**

The US Forest Service requires Forest Service personnel, volunteers, club members, and partners operating a chainsaw to have the S-212 or Developing a Thinking Sawyer certification to operate a chainsaw on Federal Lands. There currently is a shortage on C-certified sawyers, whom are the only personnel that can teach and certify for the required classes and perform evaluations. The purpose of this grant is to train our cooperators and volunteers into becoming chainsaw certified, so they can operate on federal lands.

The course will be held with two days in a classroom setting and two days in the field. The classroom portion goes over function, maintenance and use of chainsaws, techniques for bucking and felling, safety, and open discussions. Two field days are intended for entry level sawyers learning techniques these are spent with certified sawyers and students will be evaluated on a minimum of two trees for felling, limbing and bucking practices.

In addition to a structured training course, if a need arose to assist in trail clearing or hazard tree felling on another unit, we could travel to that location to help with the projects and recertify or provide new certification at the same time as the work project.

**WHEN?**

We will provide 4 saw classes from the time this grant is awarded to the end of its life cycle, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Program Funding Acknowledgement –**

We will promote and acknowledge the Colorado OHV grant program throughout the trainings, as well as any partnership support provided.

**DEFINITIONS?**

S-212 = National Wildland Fire Chainsaws course

Developing a Thinking Sawyer = New (April 2023) USFS National saw program course

C Sawyer = Advanced sawyer that can provide formal training, tech classes, evaluate, and certify sawyers

**Budget Form:**

See Attached

## Budget Form

Project Name: Sawyer Training

Date Project will be Completed: 5/30/2026

Project Sponsor: USDA - Forest Service - Pikes Peak 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<br><small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small> | CASH                        | In-Kind<br>(Non-Cash)<br>Contributions | TOTAL               |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)  |                             |  | \$ 31,648.00        |
| Other Funding Sources   | \$ -                        | \$ 5,000                               | \$ 5,000.00         |
| <small>List other sources of project funding here and for what the funding will be used.<br/>(insert more lines if needed)</small>            | \$ -                        | \$ 5,000                               | \$ 5,000.00         |
| <small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>   | \$ -                        | \$ -                                   | \$ -                |
|   | \$ -                        | \$ -                                   | \$ -                |
| <b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b><br><small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>   | <b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b> |  | <b>\$ 41,648.00</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          |
| District Saw Coordinator or Qualified "C" Sawyer   | \$ 28.91  |          |                       | \$ 6,938.00         |
| Experienced B Sawyer GS-06   | \$ 21.27  |          |                       | \$ 5,105.00         |
| Experienced B Sawyer GS-06   | \$ 21.27  |          |                       | \$ 5,105.00         |
| Travel costs, hotels, per diem, etc.   | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ 14,000.00        |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
| <small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>   | 1,077.41  |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ 31,148.00</b> |
| II. Project Materials/Supplies   |           |          |                       |                     |
| <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>  |           |          |                       |                     |
| Chain, wedges, files, basic saw tools, felling axes, etc.  | Price Per | Quantity | Total                 |                     |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ 500.00           |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ 500.00</b>    |
| III. Equipment   |           |          |                       |                     |
| <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>  |           |          |                       |                     |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| III.A. FLEET Equipment   |           |          |                       |                     |
| <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>   |           |          |                       |                     |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          | \$ -                  | \$ -                |
|  |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| IV. Contracted Services  |           |          |                       |                     |
| <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>  |           |          |                       |                     |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
|  |           |          | <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> |           |          |                       |                     |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
|  | \$ -      |          |                       | \$ -                |
|  |           |          | <b>Category Total</b> | <b>\$ -</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>   |           |          |                       | <b>\$ 31,648.00</b> |

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

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| Project Name | Sawyer Training | Project Sponsor | USDA – USFS – Pikes Peak Ranger District |
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Pike & San Isabel National Forests – Land & Resource Management Plan. | Date: 1984 |
|---|------------|

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

Date and title of document:

No NEPA Required

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Samantha Gooch, Recreation Planner, 719-505-4044, Samantha.gooch@usda.gov

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

Carl Bauer, District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

**CARL BAUER** Digitally signed by CARL BAUER  
Date: 2023.11.08 10:18:10 -07'00'

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

## D-1

### **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 sawyer training will create an opportunity for individuals, clubs, partners, and volunteers to receive chainsaw training that is inline with federal policy for allowing saw operations on federal land.
- By traveling to other portions of the state, training opportunities will be more readily accessible and affordable then if interested parties had to travel to a centralized location for a course. Additionally, the lack of personnel qualified to instruct the classes is creating a gap in abilities and skill levels as less certifications are occurring. The intent is as more people are trained; more interest will develop in people wanting to become trainers themselves.
- These courses and certifications are a necessity for the ability of anyone working on federal land to clear roads and trails of trees and other hazards requiring chainsaw use.
- There is an increasing need for qualified sawyers. By presenting this venue for instruction and certification more sawyers will receive training and develop skills at a uniform standard.
- This concept crosses jurisdictional and land ownership boundaries and is a great way to get many different people together to focus on developing a common skill set and working toward a similar goal.
- At minimum, this project aims to directly train 40 sawyers and indirectly affects all users as more people will be able to perform necessary trail clearing each year.
- This program could also be used as a resource if there is a major wind or snow event impacting trail systems, that exceeds local capacity to mitigate in a timely manner. Qualified sawyers and trainers could be used to assist in clearing and hazard tree removal. This work could be combined into a formal training class and/or use this as an opportunity to recertify individuals and provide additional experience and training.

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

- This project crosses all jurisdictional boundaries. The presented classes and evaluations are available to anyone, group, club, or partnership that has an interest in chainsaw operation.
- Additional ways to partner with this grant include potential support in equipment, logistics, and personnel from NOHVCC and COHVC:
  - This grant is almost entirely salary based, most equipment, PPE, training materials, vehicle cost and fuel will be provided out of projects funds from the USFS, PPRD.
  - Total cost of the project is \$41,648.00 we are requesting OHV grant funding of \$31,648.00.

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

*(25 points):*

- This Sawyer Training grant provides a skill that can be used not only for trail clearing and hazard removal but that can be applied to any aspect of saw use. Many times trees need to be felled to prevent and reduce erosion, or specific section of trees are cut to create structures for trail maintenance, construction, or rehabilitation.
- This skill is applicable to construction, re-routes, rehabilitation and helps to increase partners abilities and confidence level to work on larger scale projects and become more involved or versatile in trail management in the areas that they work and live.

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

#### ***Travel Management:***

- This training can, and does bring together multiple user groups, and allows participants to focus on a common objective. Whether users prefer single track, full sized, or 50-inch routes the principles in the sawyer class are independent of user type.
- The skills learned in the course can assist in rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes by felling trees and using a chainsaw to create barriers such as buck and rail fencing.
- This Sawyer training allows anyone operating a saw on federal land that is affiliated with a group or under a volunteer agreement to operate a chainsaw and be covered legally in the case of an injury or accident.

#### ***Education***

- This grant is an educational grant. It is focused on training safe and efficient sawyers and developing skill sets that can be directly applied to projects on the ground. This is a formal and standardized training that requires a time commitment from both the instructors as well as the participants.
- The formal training conveys the ability for clubs, partners, and volunteers to take more action and ownership in trail stewardship as well as introduces or reinforces a skill set that is constantly being developed and challenged.

#### ***Enforcement and Compliance Activities:***

- By receiving the sawyer training and being certified as an A, B, or C sawyer participants are complying with Forest Service policy for work completed on federal land. They can also educate more members of their organizations and public on safe and legal methods for saw operations.

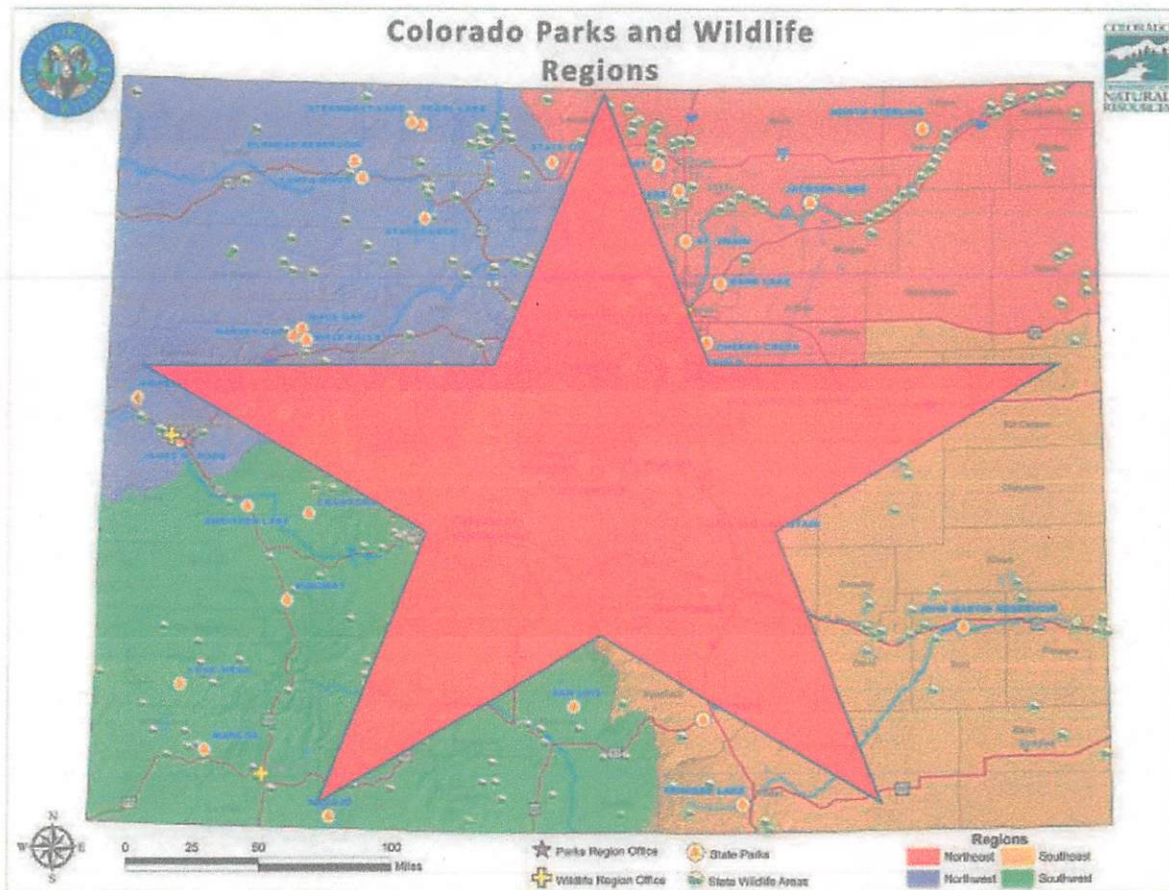


## E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

Maps being requested include:

- "General area" (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* "project vicinity". (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

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



**E-2** Project Maps: 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.

Available to travel Statewide to accommodate training needs.

(F) Project Illustration

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**(G) Letters of Project Support**

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November 25, 2023

Mark Miquelon  
President, Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association  
P.O. Box 38006  
Colorado Springs, CO 80937

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado State Parks.

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

**Write a paragraph or so that describes your organization and how these grant proposals will benefit your interests**

I strongly support the OHV grant application of the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD). I appreciate and applaud their efforts to properly train sawyers and enable OHV community members to safely clear trail each year as needed. I have personally taken this class in 2023 and feel increasing the opportunity throughout the state would be a great benefit to the OHV community.

I would like to commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Mark Miquelon  
President  
Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association  
719 440-8038  
president@cmtra.org



Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee

P.O. Box 3511  
Englewood, CO 80155  
[info@rampartrange.org](mailto:info@rampartrange.org)

October 31, 2023

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado State Parks

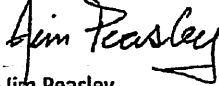
Dear Tom and OHV Subcommittee members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) to support the Pike and San Isabel National Forest, Pikes Peak Ranger District's (PPRD) Grant applications, Sawyer Training and OHV Annual Operations. We believe that the district's requests will be beneficial to maintaining a high quality and safe OHV experience in the Pikes Peak Ranger District.

We appreciate their efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this area and maintaining and conserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the enjoyment of generations to come.

We would like to thank the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Peasley

RRMMC Liaison Officer



MEDICINE WHEEL  
TRAIL ADVOCATES

To: Tom Metsa

October 30, 2023

OHV Program Manager

Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates (MedWheel) is a singletrack trail advocacy non profit organization, operating in the Pikes Peak region since 1991. We advocate for, build and maintain trails for mountain bikers and all trail users. Our organization has enjoyed a 30+ year partnership with the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD), and our members consistently benefit from the work that the district does on multi-use trails. Specifically the Captain Jacks and Jones Park OHV trails are of high value for our members, as is our long collaboration with the PPRD OHV program and the Colorado Motorized Trail Riders Association (CMTRA).

MedWheel supports the OHV grant application of the PPRD. We appreciate and applaud their ongoing work to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region, and the team's promotion of responsible trail use particularly in the highly scrutinized Bear Creek Watershed, which contains a federally listed fish, the greenback cutthroat trout. Cooperation between users and the PPRD is a key component to balancing recreation and conservation values in this location, and the OHV team provides outstanding support of this balance.

The PPRD team continues to advance the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use, to the benefit of ALL trail users, while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation continues to be prevalent in this area, and the PPRD OHV program contributes to the cooperation between various user groups, further facilitating this shared use on motorized trails.

On behalf of MedWheel, I commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for their ongoing efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Cory Sutela, Executive Director

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates

PO Box 2543 Colorado Springs, CO. 80901

info@medwheel.org



October 30, 2023

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

The Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers is a local club consisting of about 100 families on average and would be classified as a full size motorized recreational OHV club. We primarily use Jeeps and other full-size vehicles as our vehicle of choice, but some of our members use other types as well – such as dirt bikes and side by sides. I know of a few members and club directors – such as myself – that also own ATV's and enjoy using them for recreational use on the trail systems here in this area.

We are a big supporter of the USFS through our annual clean up event in the Pikes Peak and San Isabel National Forest land. Our adopted trail system is the Mt. Baldy trail and surrounding areas. (FS 379 off Gold Camp Road). We have partnered with the USFS for many years now and are proud to be involved with them through our successful cleanup efforts.

It would be great for the Pikes Peak Ranger District to receive a grant that would allow them to provide a more attractive, safer and more enjoyable trail system for all of us to use. We would like to see improvements made to the amount of trail signage, trailhead facilities and also the maintenance of these facilities and the surrounding trails. A grant would allow them to do just that.

We strongly support the OHV grant application of the Pikes Peak Ranger District. I appreciate an applaud their efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has increased GREATLY over the past 10 years in this area so preserving and maintaining these trails and facilities is essential to the local economy and also for the future generations of motorized users.

I would like to commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant request so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,



Kirk Bode

President, Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers



MILE HIGH  
YOUTH CORPS

SOUTHERN FRONT RANGE

October 31, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Attention: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Pikes Peak Ranger District OHV Trail Grant 2025

Dear Mr. Tom Metsa,

On behalf of Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC), I am writing in full support of Pikes Peak Ranger District's (PPRD) two applications to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails Grant program. Funding will allow PPRD to continue providing safe and accessible OHV opportunities on public lands through trailhead upkeep, ongoing trail maintenance, restoration work, chainsaw training, contracted services, and volunteer support. Plans also include partnering with a MHYC trail crew to maintain motorized trails in 2025. The trail crew will work along popular OHV trails and address corridor, tread, structure, and rehabilitation needs. This support is critical to advancing the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources.

MHHC is a comprehensive, year-round model serving 250 young adults annually across 23 Colorado counties, having the largest geographic footprint amongst Colorado's eight accredited youth corps. MHHC's Land Conservation program engages young adults, ages 18-24, in conservation-based work focused on environmental improvements on public lands. Simultaneously, the program opens the door to careers in natural resources by giving youth hands-on experience and a greater understanding of the industry. To support project efforts, MHHC is committed to providing dedicated crews of Land Conservation Corpsmembers to assist with OHV trail maintenance projects during the grant period.

We appreciate the huge impact that the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant has had on public lands across Colorado. We encourage you to look favorably on PPRD's proposals to continue this impact. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or need more information about our program. I can be reached at 303.433.1206 extension 230 or at [jesser@mhyc.net](mailto:jesser@mhyc.net).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesse Roehm  
Director: Land Conservation and Operations

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