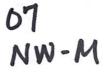
2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle Program State Trail Grant Application





Name of Project: SFSP – Government Creek – Competitive Date of Application: 11/17/23					
(Please limit the project name	to 5 word	ds or less)			
Total Project Cost: \$225,000	\$225,000				
(round off to the nearest \$1)			(round off to the nearest \$1) must match Project Budget Form.		
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address	s for ent	tity legally responsi	ble for project)		
Organization Name: State Forest State Pa	ırk				
Mailing Address: 56750 HWY 14 Walden,	CO 804	480			
Telephone: 970-723-8366 ext 203	Email	: AnthonyT.Johns	on@state.co.us		
OFFICIAL USE ONLY - UEI # (IF REQUI	RED):				
https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei					
			managing the project, ensuring the y us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Tony Johnson	ame: Tony Johnson Title: Senior Ranger				
Mailing Address: 56750 HWY 14 Walden,	CO 804	480	2		
Telephone: 970-723-8366 ext 203	elephone: 970-723-8366 ext 203 Email: AnthonyT.Johnson@state.co.us				
	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: Tony Johnson	Title: \$	Senior Ranger			
Mailing Address: 56750 HWY 14 Walden, CO 80480					
elephone: 970-723-8366 ext 203 Email: AnthonyT.Johnson@state.co.us			on@state.co.us		
GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST	(USF	S only) or BU	DGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:	Title:				
Mailing Address:					
Telephone:	Email:	9			

PROJECT LO	CATION				
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☐ Education			☐ Land Acquis	sition or Other	
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TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)					
% of Budget					
hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)					
	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.)				
	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)				
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SCOPE OF WORK - Project Description:	
Project Name: SFSP – Government Creek – Competitive	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: State Forest State Park – Tony Johnson	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Tony Johnson	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$225,000	Grant Request: \$225,000

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.)

Remove all instructional text (below) and replace it with information specific to this project request

Government Creek is a section of trail in State Forest State Park and is an essential part of a 40 mile loop that provides diverse riding opportunities for OHV enthusiasts in the North Park area. This loop connects motorized trails from multiple agencies, such as State Forest State Park, Bureau of Land Management, and US Forest Service. It's located east of North Sand Hills, a popular destination for riders, on State Forest State Park property. Currently this area is seeing extreme erosion, highlighting urgent safety concerns due to its severity. To help protect this riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts to help ensure their safety, work on this trail and creating a reroute will be a priority.

This reroute will use old trail connections to take the trail through a sagebrush area nearby to create a more gradual incline, forming a more sustainable and safe trail design. This route will add about a half mile of riding terrain and include a bridge to go over the Government creek area.

Funding will pay for developing the reroute and contracting this work out to an experienced party. This contractor will handle tasks including:

- Breaking ground on the reroute will consist of clearing some aspen trees in the area closer to the stream crossing, starting and completing tread work, making sure to add lots of drainage dips. This area consists of wet, clay soil so geothermal fabric or a grid system may need to be incorporated as well.
- Installing a bridge, approximately 20 ft. in size over Government Creek, making the crossing easier and helping to negate some of the erosion in the area.
- Closing of old trail to help deter people from using this unsafe route. This can be achieved by building buck n rail and adding signs about using the alternative route as well as education signage emphasizing Leave No Trace. Another aspect of closing the trail will be revegetating with native plants to create a better overall aesthetic and aid in naturalization of this area.

This combined with the other work done on North Sand Creek will create a more sustainable trail system overall in State Forest State Park. While also providing urgent work that needs to be done to lower risk of accidents to OHV riders in this busy section of trail.

Budget Form

Project Name: SFSP - Government Creek

Date Project will be Completed: Jul-24

Total

\$ 225,000.00

Project Sponsor: State Forest State Park - Tony Johnson

***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)

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List other sources of project funding here and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
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USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of grant funding (only) below

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Program}}$

List uses of grant funding (only) below				
I. Personnel Costs				
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment,				
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V. Volunteer Support				
Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals				
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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name SPSP- Government	Project Sponsor	ProT	てのとよって
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The project described in this application has my ap	proval.		
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Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and	Title Date		-
ANTHONY YOHNSON SR	PANGER		

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

- 1. Species of Concern: Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
 - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
- 2. Habitats and their Values: What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
 - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
 - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
 - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
- 3. Potential Impacts: List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
 - Disturbance of sensitive species
 - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
 - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
 - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

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4.	Mitigation:	How will	these in	mpacts	be	addressed?
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- · 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

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Printed name, title	and telephone number	r of person consulted:	
Signature of perso	on consulted:		

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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.

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

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

- What specifically will the project accomplish?

- Contracting a reroute of the current Government Creek section of trail in State Forest State Park, creating a safe riding opportunity. This section is an essential connection for the North Sand Creek loop and in major need of a more sustainable trail design.

- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?

- It will keep riding open on Government Creek, a popular area for OHV enthusiasts. While also creating a more sustainable trail design- protecting this riding opportunity for years to come.

- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.

- This project will provide urgent and essential maintenance to the Government Creek section of trail and allow it to stay available for riders. There hasn't been much recent maintenance done.

- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?

- The initial stage of the trail will open to a 40 mile loop, which will challenge and take riders through several areas of State Forest State Park. This area of State Forest State Park is a popular destination for enthusiasts of all skill levels.

- Why is this project a priority at this time?

- Delayed maintenance will only result in more severe trail maintenance and challenges. There's an urgent safety concern as a result of major erosion in this area.

- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?

- Estimation of 3,000 to 3,500 people on summer weekends from intermediate to advanced level OHV riders.

- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

- It will keep Government Creek to North Sand Creek from the North Sand Hills connection open, while also supplying a more advanced riding experience for riders to grow. With this essential work on forming a reroute it will also allow for a more sustainable trail system overall in the park.

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

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather that the quantity of support letters received. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

- Although Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be doing the work on this project, this is a major joint venture by the Bureau of Land Management, as well as Jackson County both commissioners and first responders.
- The North Sand Hills is a BLM property that Colorado Parks and Wildlife borders and helps patrols. This will be ensuring that a connection from the BLM property to Colorado State Land Board property, which is managed by Colorado Parks and Wildlife is a safe and sustainable connection. This will aid in Jackson County first responders and Jackson County Commissioners as we are encouraging safe and sustainable tourism in the county.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities (25 points):

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

- This request is for contracted services (a contractor) to come out and build this reroute of this trail.
 This would be closing this portion of trail which is considered damaged beyond repair, and opening up the new trail reroute.
- This would enable to current trail to be rehabbed and closed long enough that riding may be able to be reestablished on it again in the future.
- The current erosion of this trail at the current pace is concerning and a need for a reroute is eminent.

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

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project <u>must</u> incorporate at least <u>one</u> of the following components. (Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)

This reroute of the trail will ensure that this 40 mile loop stays open for year to come. This will be appropriately signed and enforced with trail restriction and stay the trail language. The public will benefit greatly from this reroute as it will open up intermediate to moderately advanced riding opportunities on the state park, and keep open a 40 mile loop throughout State Forest State Park, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and enjoyment throughout all of Jackson County.

D-2 N/A

Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

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

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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

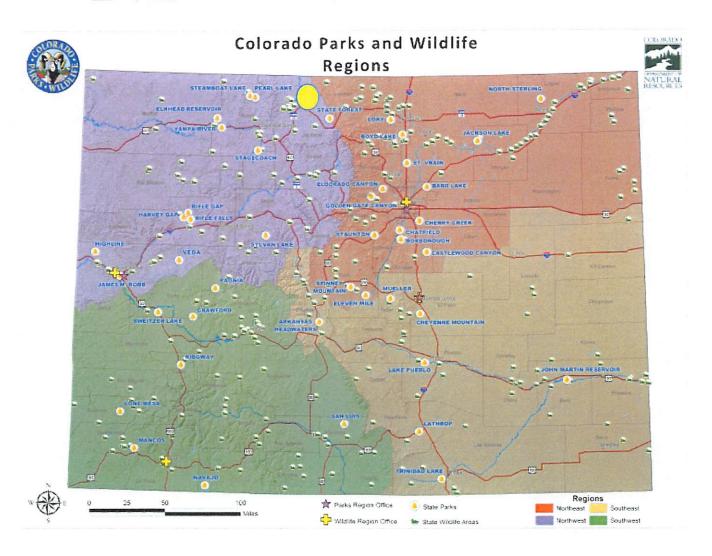
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments 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 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.

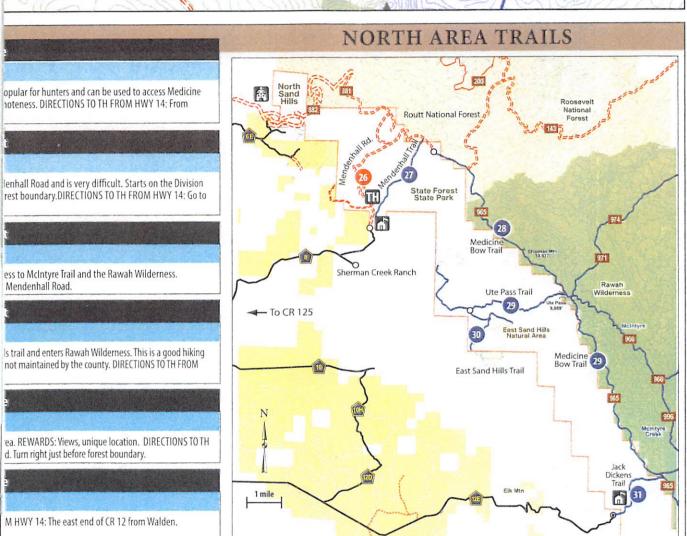


E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.

(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.





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(F) Project Illustration

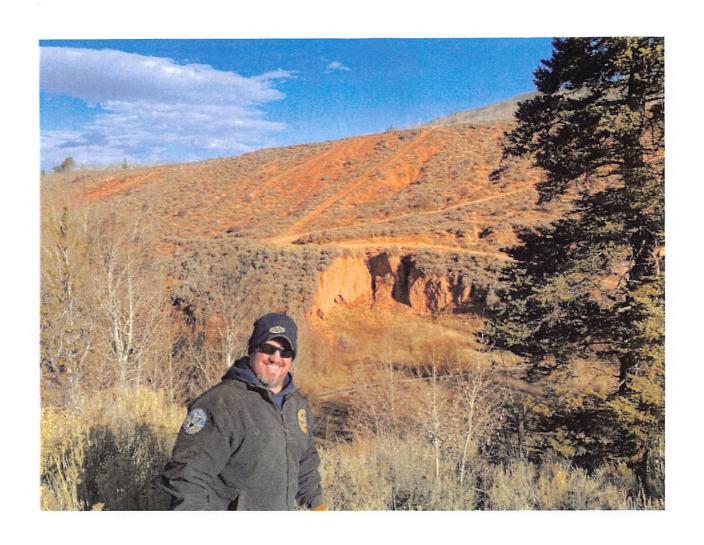
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will
 do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project

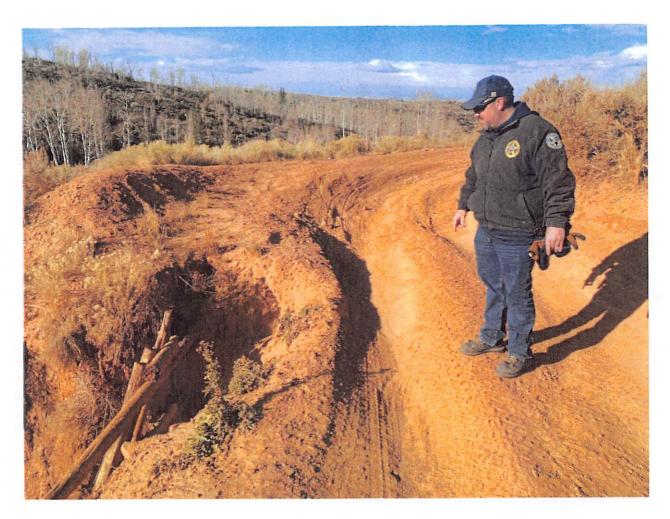




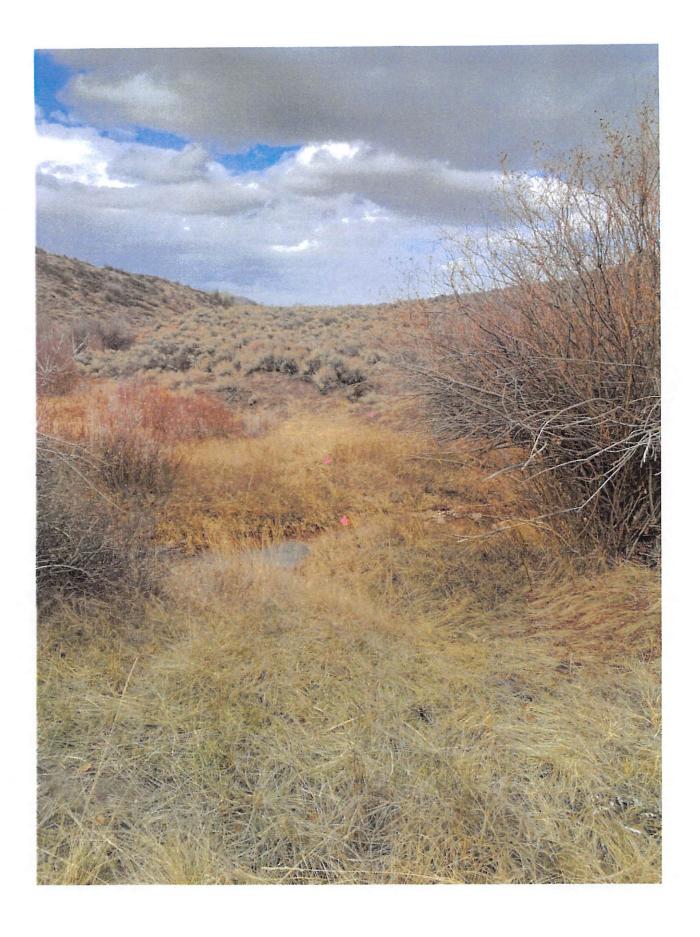












(G) Letters of Project Support

Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators



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October 25, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Recreation Trails Committee 1313 Sherman Street Denver, CO 80201

Dear CPW Trails Committee,

I would like to express the State Land Board's full support of the State Forest State Park's (SFSP) application for a CPW Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant to repair a segment of high-use trail at the North Sand Hills OHV Area in northern Jackson County. The area is a mix of government owned lands (Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, State Forest State Park, State Land Board) that provide Colorado's only open sand dune area for OHV recreation. It is jointly managed through a Cooperative Management Agreement between the partner agencies.

Tony Johnson, CPW Senior Ranger at the SFSP, has explained the need for trail work and maintenance on the <u>Government Trail</u> segment. The SFSP and our partners at the North Sand Hills have our full support for this OHV Grant application. We strongly believe this work is necessary to promote safe, responsible Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding opportunities, facilitate first responder/emergency response services, and better manage this one-of-a-kind OHV riding experience.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Abraham Medina Recreation Program Manager State Land Board

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