

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

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<b>Name of Project:</b> Shavano Gateway Recreation Area		<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/21/23
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$182,089	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$87,388	
<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)		
Organization Name: <b>Montrose County</b>		
Mailing Address: <b>1140 N Grand Ave, Suite 250, Montrose, CO 81401</b>		
Telephone: <b>970-252-4539</b>	Email: <b>esanchez@montrosecounty.net</b>	

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):**  
<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

<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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>
Name: <b>Emily Sanchez</b>	Title: <b>Assistant County Manager</b>	
Mailing Address: <b>1140 N Grand Ave, Suite 250, Montrose, CO 81401</b>		
Telephone: <b>970-252-4539</b>	Email: <b>esanchez@montrosecounty.net</b>	
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	

<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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.</small>
Name: <b>Greg Jennings</b>	Title: <b>Senior Accountant</b>	
Mailing Address: <b>1845 S Townsend Ave</b>		
Telephone: <b>970-252-5007</b>	Email: <b>gjennings@montrosecounty.net</b>	

<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>	
Name:	Title:
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	Email:

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: **Montrose**

County(ies): **Montrose**

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

Latitude & Longitude Coordinates (in decimal degrees): **-107°59'12" 38°25'40"**

Township/Range/Section:

State Senate District #: **5**

State Representative District #: **58**

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Miles of Singletrack: 1.5

Miles of 50" or less: 1.5

Miles of Full-sized: 1.5

**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. **1.5 Miles**

(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)

Resource Protection & Improvement

**\*Major Re-Route** miles / ft. closed \_\_\_\_\_  
(that will require new or additional *environmental* miles / ft. added \_\_\_\_\_  
*approvals*)

Signs

Youth Corps

Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)

Planning

Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement

Capital Equipment

Education

Land Acquisition or Other

**\* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route:** Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

**TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY** (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)

<b>% of Budget</b> <b>100%</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>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
	<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>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:</b> (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: Shavano Gateway Recreation Area	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Montrose County	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Emily Sanchez	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$182,089	Grant Request: \$87,388

**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**

Montrose County, a local government entity, has partnered with the Western Slope 4 Wheelers, a non-profit, to continue work on the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. Montrose County, with the help of a third party contractor will complete work on the additional parking for the project. Western Slope 4 Wheelers, with the help of a third party contractor and volunteers will complete the trail portion of the project.

### **WHERE**

The site, in unincorporated Montrose County, is approximately seven miles southwest of the City of Montrose and is located south and east of 90 Road with site access being approximately one half mile west of the intersection of 90 Road and Shavano Valley Road. The area is comprised of 44 acres of land owned by the BLM and leased to Montrose County. The site falls under the jurisdiction of the BLM's Uncompahgre Field Office, but is leased and maintained by Montrose County.

### **WHAT**

Montrose County in partnership with the Western Slope 4 Wheelers are working to build an OHV training course and add to the existing parking area to better accommodate the growth of OHV usage in the area. Access to the training course will be through the Western Slope 4 Wheelers group and can accommodate all terrain vehicle, side-by-sides, full-sized 4x4, four wheelers and motorcycles.

The purpose of this project is to create a controlled environment to teach Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) users how to maneuver obstacles they will find on actual trails in a controlled environment. The project will include:

#### **Training Course:**

- 1) 2,500 feet of training course trail
- 2) 25' x100' sand pit
- 3) Suspension Deflection Evaluation Structure (1)
- 4) Hill Climb/Rocks (1)
- 5) Rock Steps (1)
- 6) Winch Points (2)
- 7) Hill Climb (1)
- 8) Signage (4)

The parking area will include 60 gravel parking spaces and 12 pull-through trailer spots, along with boulders to delineate traffic patterns and cable fence to prevent vehicle access to undesignated parking areas.

**Parking Area:**

- 1) Clear and grubbing area
- 2) Building parking area
  - Gravel, 8200 square yards
  - Parking delineators, 10
  - Concrete wheel stops, 60
  - Boulders, 30
- 3) Road grading, 250 square yards
- 4) Cable fence and anchors, 4,500 feet
- 5) Stormwater Management

**WHEN**

The project would begin in the fall of 2024 following the notification of the grant award. Work would be placed on hold from December 1 through April 1 to coincide with the site lease with the BLM and applicable management plan. It is anticipated that the project would be complete by May 30 of 2025.

**Program Funding Acknowledgement**

If funding is awarded there are six (6) directional signs posted throughout the trail and two (2) kiosks in the parking area. All signs will have the Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo. Additionally, press releases and social media posts that recognize and communicate the funding will acknowledge the OHV grant program for support of the program.

## Budget Form

**Project Name:** Shavano Gateway Recreation Area

**Date Project will be Completed:** 12/1/2025

**Project Sponsor:** Montrose County

\*\*\*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)			\$ 87,388.00
Other Funding Sources		\$ -	\$ -
Montrose County	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,264.00	\$ 85,264.00
Private Contractors	\$ -	\$ 9,437.00	\$ 9,437.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 182,089.00</b>

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>			
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Gravel/Rock Delivery for Sand Pit Material	\$ 125.00	Estimated 18 Hours	\$ 2,250.00
Construction Staking for Parking Area	\$ 1,680.00		\$ 1,680.00
Trail Cutting Volunteer Work	\$ -	Estimated 24 Hours	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>			<b>Category Total \$ 3,930.00</b>
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Marfi Fabric for Sand Pit	\$ 1,695.00	1	\$ 1,695.00
Signage for Trail	\$ 150.00	6	\$ 900.00
Boulders for Parking Area	\$ 109.95	30	\$ 3,299.00
Steel Pipe Parking Delineators	\$ 1,624.00	10	\$ 16,240.00
Concrete Wheel Stops	\$ 138.13	60	\$ 8,288.00
Cable Fence w/Anchors	\$ 5.19	4500	\$ 23,355.00
Cable Fence Gate & Bollard	\$ 3,248.00	1	\$ 3,248.00
Sanitary Facilities (for workers)	\$ 537.60	1	\$ 538.00
			<b>Category Total \$ 57,563.00</b>
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
Skidsteer for Sand Pit	\$ 120.00	22	\$ 2,640.00
Excavator for Sand Pit	\$ 170.00	30	\$ 5,100.00
Clearing & Grubbing for Parking Area	\$ 4,624.00	1	\$ 4,624.00
			<b>Category Total \$ 12,364.00</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>
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: <b>For Volunteers Only</b> 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>
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>
VII. Grant Administrative Costs <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small> <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer &amp; printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Payment & Performance Bond	\$ 4,872.00	1	\$ 4,872.00
Contingency 5%	\$ 8,659.00	1	\$ 8,659.00
			<b>Category Total \$ 13,531.00</b>
			<b>Total \$ 87,388.00</b>

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

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



**Shavano Site Phase 2A - Kuboske Construction Bid - 10/19/2023**

No.	Item	Quantity	Units	Subtotal	Total
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 1,864.80	\$ 1,864.80
2	Clearing & Grubbing	1	LS	\$ 5,488.00	\$ 5,488.00
3	Class 6 ABC - Parking Lot	8200	SY	\$ 5.52	\$ 45,264.00
4	Boulders 30"x30"x30"	30	EA	\$ 109.95	\$ 3,298.50
5	Steel Pipe Parking Delineators	10	EA	\$ 1,624.00	\$ 16,240.00
6	Concrete Wheel Stops	60	EA	\$ 138.13	\$ 8,287.80
7	Parking Lot Grading	8200	SY	\$ 3.57	\$ 29,274.00
8	Road Grading	250	SY	\$ 3.57	\$ 892.50
9	Cable Fence w/ Anchors	4500	LF	\$ 5.19	\$ 23,355.00
10	Cable Fence Gate & Bollard	1	EA	\$ 3,248.00	\$ 3,248.00
11	Stormwater Management	1	LS	\$ 1,904.00	\$ 1,904.00
12	Construction Staking	1	LS	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00
13	Sanitary Facilities	1	LS	\$ 537.60	\$ 537.60
14	Payment & Performance Bond	1	LS	\$ 4,872.00	\$ 4,872.00
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 146,206.20</b>

Posts for cable fencing is to be installed before construction commences by Montrose County.  
 Cables for cable fencing is to be supplied by Montrose County and installed by Contractor.  
 Kuboske Construction has added an allowance for the gate construction since no details were provided.

This quote was completed by Kuboske Construction LLC  
 PO Box 922, Montrose, CO 81402  
 (970) 240-8012

**Western Slope 4 Wheelers  
COSTS TO COMPLETE  
TRAINING AREA**

80 Man hours (equipment operation) @ \$65 hour	\$	5200
22 hours Skidsteer hours Rental @\$120 hour		2640
30 hours 315 Excavator @ \$170 hour		5100
*400 tons 3/8 inch minus rock @ \$21.07 per ton		8428
16 hours truck hire (deliver 3/8 inch minus rock) @ \$125 hour		2000
*30 tons of cobble rock (for drainage) @ \$33.62 per ton		1008.60
2 hours truck hire (deliver cobble rock) @ \$120 hour		240
Marfi fabric		1695
Signage		650
<b>TOTAL COST TO COMPLETE THIS PHASE OF TRAINING AREA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>26,961</b>
<b>*Western Gravel has committed to providing us with the 3/8 inch minus gravel and the cobble rock!</b>		
<b>MINUS DONATED MATERIALS</b>		<b>\$ 9436.60</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUEST</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,525.00</b>

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## 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

Shavano Gateway  
Recreation Area

Project  
Sponsor

Montrose County

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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:  
Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan                      Date: April 2020

This project falls within a United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management Recreation or Public Purposes Lease to Montrose County. This grant request is consistent with the plan of development submitted to the BLM and analyzed in the 2019 EA.

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

Date and title of document:

Montrose County Shavano Gateway Recreation Area EA, September 12, 2019

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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.

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

Jon Waschbusch, County Manager, Montrose County 970-252-4549

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4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for None.

Suzanne Copping, Uncompahgre Field Office Manager

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Date: 2023.11.13 09:01:05 -07'00'

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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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):**

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?
- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?
- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.
- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?
- Why is this project a priority at this time?
- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?
- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

The objective is to build an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) training course and add to the existing parking infrastructure to better accommodate the growth of OHV use in the area.

An OHV training trail offers numerous benefits for both novice and experienced riders. A dedicated training trail will provide a controlled and safe environment where individuals can acquire essential riding skills and knowledge. Novices can learn how to handle their vehicles effectively, understand safety procedures and gain confidence before venturing onto more challenging terrain. For experienced riders, these training trails serve as an excellent platform for honing advanced skills and techniques. The structured setting allows riders to practice emergency maneuvers, obstacle navigation and riding on various terrains, enhancing their proficiency. OHV training trails contribute to overall safety by reducing accidents and injuries, and promoting responsible OHV trail usage while ensuring a more enjoyable and secure off-roading experience for all enthusiasts.

This project is a priority as the Western Slope 4 Wheelers group have been motivated by what they have encountered on the local trails and feel it is a must to provide a controlled environment for drivers to learn in. Since 2020 and the beginning of the pandemic, public lands in western Colorado have seen a spike in usage and not necessarily in a good way. This training trail will provide an invaluable opportunity to educate OHV users on responsible resource management and being a good steward of the public lands.

Access to the training area will be through the Western Slope 4 Wheelers group. Currently, the group consists of 70 members. The group will host multiple training days throughout the season to allow both members and non-members the opportunity to use the trail.

## **1. Need for & Benefit of the Project - CONTINUED**

The OHV training trail will provide long-term value and sustainability through:

- 1. Skill Development:** The OHV training trail is designed to teach riders essential skills and safety practices. By honing these skills, riders become more responsible and capable, reducing the likelihood of accidents, damage to the environment and the need for costly rescue operations.
- 2. Environmental Stewardship:** Proper training encourages riders to respect and protect the natural environment. They learn to stay on designated trails, avoid sensitive habitats, and follow responsible riding practices, ultimately minimizing the ecological impact of OHV use.
- 3. Reduced Maintenance Costs:** Well-trained riders are less likely to cause trail damage or get stuck, which can result in costly maintenance and recovery efforts. This reduces the financial burden on land management agencies and helps ensure the sustainability of OHV trail systems.
- 4. Safety:** Training trails promote safety by teaching riders how to operate their vehicles safely and how to respond to emergencies. This, in turn, reduces the number of accidents and injuries, ensuring the long-term sustainability of OHV recreation.
- 5. Community Engagement:** OHV training facilities often foster a sense of community among riders. By offering a place for riders to gather, learn, and share experiences, these trails help build a sense of responsibility and camaraderie that can encourage riders to care for their recreational areas.
- 6. Regulatory Compliance:** Training trails also help riders understand and adhere to OHV regulations and laws. This ensures that riders are aware of their responsibilities and legal obligations, reducing the likelihood of rule violations that can threaten the sustainability of OHV activities.

## **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 than the quantity of support letters received. **(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)**

- Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?
- Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?
- Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:
  - Donations, contributions, materials and other ways that this project will be leveraged
  - Describe the types of funds that will be contributed to the project
  - Itemize any funds received from other grants or sources
  - Provide your total project cost, including the total amount of all grant funds, use of volunteers, donations, and any additional contributions mentioned in your narrative

This project began in 2016 when Montrose County, in collaboration with project partners, completed the establishment of the Rimrocker Trail ([www.rimrockertrail.org](http://www.rimrockertrail.org)). The 160 mile continuous route connects Montrose County with Moab, Utah. The route is open to bicycles, OHVs and 4WD vehicles.

Subsequent to finalizing the Rimrocker, Montrose County began working to establish a parking/staging area at the eastern terminus of the route. Through meetings with BLM the county was notified of two other projects being pursued in very close proximity to the county's desired location for a parking/staging area. The first project was an OHV training and obstacle course. The other project was a new non-motorized trail system in Linscott Canyon. These trails were part of the larger "Uncompahgre Singletrack Plan" which has previously received planning funding from CPW.

After additional consultation, BLM staff suggested that Montrose County facilitate an effort to pursue combining various project elements into a single project that could be processed as a Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) application. Montrose County undertook this effort through a series of planning meetings beginning in March of 2016. Participating stakeholders included; BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, COPMOBA (see letter of support), Western Slope 4-Wheelers, Uncompahgre Valley Trailriders and Uncompahgre National Forest. The CPW Montrose Office was also consulted.

These meetings produced an agreement to pursue design of a single recreation site incorporating the parking/staging area, OHV training/obstacle course and Linscott Canyon trails. Montrose County was awarded a planning grant from Colorado Department of Local Affairs to assist with site design. DOWL consultants from Montrose was contracted to provide necessary surveying and engineering work. Collaboration among the stakeholders continued throughout the design process.

The result of this process was a completed design for the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. This project addresses community needs for additional non-motorized singletrack as well as parking and staging for the Rimrocker Trail. An added bonus of the site the OHV training and obstacle course that will provide a safe environment for beginning motorized enthusiasts to learn prior to heading into remote areas.

Not necessarily controversy, but with the lease of the land from the BLM, Montrose County took on patrol and upkeep of the recreation area. In 2021, Ordinance 2021-01 was adopted and later updated outlining the prohibited activities in the area and the associated penalties for violations. Such prohibited activities include overnight camping, discharge or use of a firearm, use of fireworks and campfires. Montrose County Sheriff's Office is

## **2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage- CONTINUED**

committed to patrolling the area and working with County staff to ensure the property is managed proactively.

Montrose County and the Western Slope 4 Wheelers are active partners on this project. The Western Slope 4 Wheelers contributed 196 man hours in 2023 installing a cable fence for phase I of the parking area. Additionally, since the beginning of the project, Montrose County has invested \$180,000 in this recreation area. This does include matching grant funds contributed to the local chapter of COPMOBA for design and construction of the Electric Hills single-track mountain bike trails.

Previous grants received include a 2018 Planning Grant for the Shavano Gateway Cultural Resource Clearance, and the Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Association (COPMOBA) received a construction grant in 2021 for construction of the Electric Hills Trails System.

The total project cost for the parking and training trail is \$182,089. Montrose County is investing \$40,000 in cash and an additional \$45,264 in gravel for the project. Western Gravel, a private contractor is donating the materials for the training trail sand pit, which constitutes \$9,436.60 of the total project cost. The grant request is for \$87,388.

### **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)*

- Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.
- Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how.
- Will the project construct or improve drainage structures to prevent erosion or repair damage from excessive runoff, or harden and/or bridge stream crossings and wet areas?
- Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area.

#### **NEW Trail Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route**

New Trail Construction:

- In the case of new trail construction, provide documentation that shows all required environmental reviews are completed or indicate the current status of that work.
- Under what TM Decision the work is being performed.
- Provide a description of new trail construction.
- Provide detailed map showing the new trail location and length.

The principal objective of this project is to build a new training trail and expand the parking infrastructure to support use of the recreation area.

The OHV training trail will promote the protection of natural resources in several ways:

1. **Education:** OHV training trails provide an opportunity for riders to learn about responsible and sustainable OHV use. Training programs often include information about respecting the environment, adhering to designated trails and following safety and etiquette guidelines. This education can lead to increased awareness and a better understanding of how to protect natural resources.
2. **Minimized Erosion:** Riding off-road vehicles in areas that are not designed for such use can lead to soil erosion and habitat destruction. OHV training trails are typically designed to minimize these impacts by utilizing proper trail construction techniques that reduce erosion and habitat disruption. This can help protect soil quality and prevent sediment from entering water bodies, preserving water quality.
3. **Promote Responsible Behavior:** OHV training trails often emphasize responsible riding behavior, which includes staying on designated trails, avoiding sensitive areas, and respecting wildlife and other users of the land. This can help foster a culture of environmental stewardship among OHV enthusiasts.

By combining education, regulation, and responsible practices, the OHV training trail will play a significant role in promoting the protection of local natural resources. These trail will help strike a balance between recreational enjoyment and the preservation of sensitive ecosystems, promoting a sustainable approach to OHV use.

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

The parking infrastructure of outdoor recreation areas hold significant importance for several reasons. Efficient and well-designed parking facilities enhance accessibility, making it easier for people to reach and enjoy these natural spaces. Properly planned parking areas help prevent congestion on nearby roads, reducing traffic-related disruptions and pollution. They also ensure that individuals with disabilities have equal access to outdoor recreation areas, promoting inclusivity.

Adequate parking infrastructure helps in protecting the environment by discouraging illegal or haphazard parking, which can damage sensitive ecosystems, erode soil, and harm vegetation. By providing designated parking spaces, outdoor recreation areas can minimize the impact of visitors on the natural environment and maintain the area's overall ecological health.

Additionally, well-maintained parking facilities improve the overall visitor experience, as they often include amenities such as restroom facilities, information kiosks, and trailheads. These conveniences make outdoor adventures more enjoyable and can contribute to visitor safety.

#### **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 must incorporate at least one of the following components. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

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

- Will this project employ one or more travel management measures such as educational tools, signage, control structures, methods to reduce conflicts among user groups, visitor contacts and/or increased compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations? If so, explain those measures.
- Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.
- Will the project assist in monitoring or closing or rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes in compliance with TMPs or MVUMs or address damaged or closed routes pursuant to an MVUM? (e.g., repair, or the placement or replacement of signage, fencing, and trail barriers or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails, etc.). If so, explain how.
- Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

##### ***Education***

- Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to "on the ground" user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.
- Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.
- Does this project use or provide educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures, kiosks, or patrols to educate riders? If so, explain.

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

- How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?
- Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?
- How will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, designated routes and OHV registration requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists?
- How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?
- Include an estimate of the time and/or financial resources that will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance and law enforcement under this proposal.

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

- *Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?*

In 2016, Montrose County, in collaboration with project partners, completed the establishment of the Rimrocker Trail ([www.rimrockertrail.org](http://www.rimrockertrail.org)). This 160 mile continuous route connects Montrose County with Moab, Utah. The route is open to bicycles, OHVs and 4WD vehicles. The route designation has garnered national attention and continues to draw additional visitation to Montrose County.

Subsequent to finalizing the Rimrocker, Montrose County began working to establish a parking/staging area at the eastern terminus of the route. Through meetings with BLM the county was notified of two other projects being pursued in very close proximity to the county's desired location for a parking/staging area. The first project was an OHV training and obstacle course. The other project was a new non-motorized trail system in Linscott Canyon. These trails were part of the larger "Uncompahgre Singletrack Plan" which has previously received planning funding from CPW.

#### **4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement - CONTINUED**

After additional consultation, BLM staff suggested that Montrose County facilitate an effort to pursue combining various project elements into a single project that could be processed as a R&PP application. Montrose County undertook this effort through a series of planning meetings beginning in March of 2016. Participating stakeholders included; BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, COPMOBA (see letter of support), Western Slope 4-Wheelers, Uncompahgre Valley Trailriders and Uncompahgre National Forest. The CPW Montrose Office was also consulted.

These meetings produced an agreement to pursue design of a single recreation site incorporating the parking/staging area, OHV training/obstacle course and Linscott Canyon trails. Montrose County was awarded a planning grant from Colorado Department of Local Affairs to assist with site design. DOWL consultants from Montrose was contracted to provide necessary surveying and engineering work. Collaboration among the stakeholders continued throughout the design process.

The result of this process was a completed design for the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. This project addresses community needs for additional non-motorized singletrack as well as parking and staging for the Rimrocker Trail. An added bonus of the site the OHV training and obstacle course that will provide a safe environment for beginning motorized enthusiasts to learn prior to heading into remote areas.

##### **Education:**

- *Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to "on the ground" user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.*

The OHV training trail will consist of various educational components aimed at teaching individuals the necessary knowledge and skills to safely and responsibly operate off-road vehicles. The key educational components to be found on the OHV training course:

##### **1. Practical Training:**

- Pre-ride Inspection: Instruction on how to inspect an OHV before each ride to ensure it's in proper working condition.
- Basic Riding Skills: Hands-on training covering essential riding techniques, including starting, stopping, turning, and maneuvering safely.
- Terrain and Conditions: Understanding how to adapt your riding style to different terrains and weather conditions.
- Trail Riding: Practical experience on various types of off-road trails to apply the knowledge learned in the classroom.
- Emergency Maneuvers: Training on how to react to unexpected situations and perform emergency stops or swerves.

##### **2. Vehicle Maintenance: Basic maintenance and care for OHVs, such as oil changes, tire maintenance, and cleaning.**

##### **3. Riding Etiquette and Responsibility:**

- Respect for Others: Emphasizing responsible and considerate behavior while sharing trails with other outdoor enthusiasts.
- Ethics and Conservation: Encouraging riders to leave no trace, respect wildlife, and maintain trails.

OHV training trail will aim to promote responsible and safe OHV use while fostering an appreciation for the outdoors and the environment. These training trail will help reduce accidents, minimize environmental impact, and ensure that OHV enthusiasts can enjoy their off-road activities safely and responsibly.



**Education:**

- *Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.*

The OHV training trail will encourage responsible use through education by providing riders with a practical, hands-on learning experience that reinforces the importance of safe and responsible OHV operation. The training trail will achieve this through:

1. **Skill Development:** OHV training trails are designed to provide riders with real-world scenarios and challenges that they may encounter when riding off-road. By navigating these trails under the guidance of trained instructors, participants have the opportunity to develop and practice essential riding skills and techniques in a controlled environment.
2. **Application of Knowledge:** Riders can apply the knowledge they've gained and combine it with practical experience on the trail. This hands-on approach allows them to see the direct application of safety guidelines, environmental awareness, and trail etiquette.
3. **Terrain Variety:** Training trails often feature a variety of terrain types, such as dirt paths, rocky sections, inclines, descents, and water crossings. Riding in different environments helps participants adapt their skills to varying conditions, which is a crucial aspect of responsible OHV use.
4. **Obstacle Handling:** Training trails may include obstacles and challenges that mimic real-world situations, such as navigating through tight spaces, avoiding obstacles, and crossing uneven terrain. Riders learn how to safely handle these situations, promoting responsible and confident riding.
5. **Environmental Education:** Riders will learn about the importance of staying on designated trails, avoiding sensitive habitats, and minimizing their impact on the environment.
6. **Peer Interaction:** Through this trail, the Western Slope 4 Wheelers will have the opportunity to foster a sense of community and peer-to-peer education. They can share experiences, tips, and safety reminders, promoting responsible behavior among riders.

By encouraging practical experience on a designated training trail, riders are more likely to internalize responsible OHV use principles. They can develop the skills, knowledge, and mindset needed to enjoy their off-road adventures while minimizing risks, respecting the environment, and promoting safe and responsible behavior among the OHV community.

## D-2

### **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

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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**

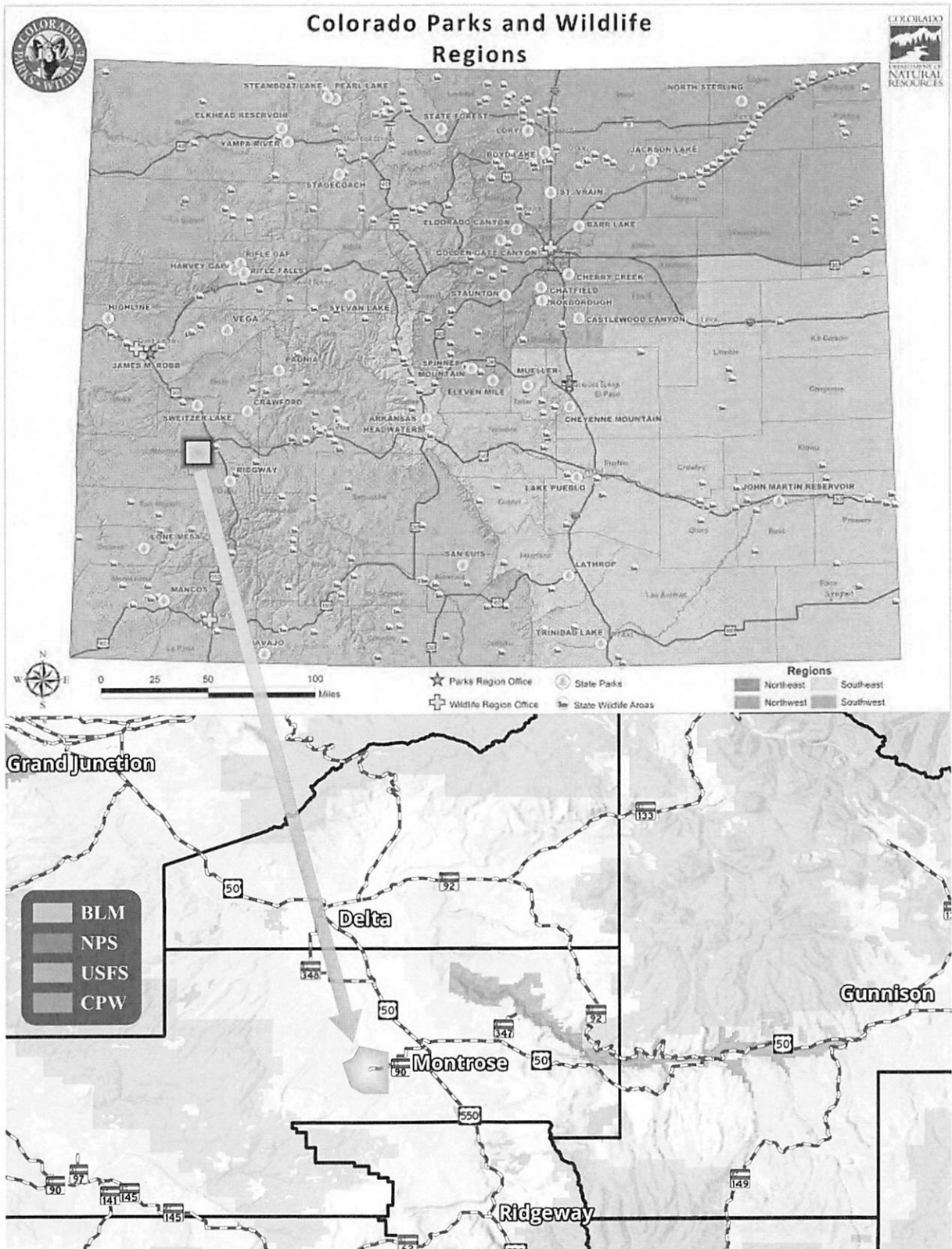
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments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

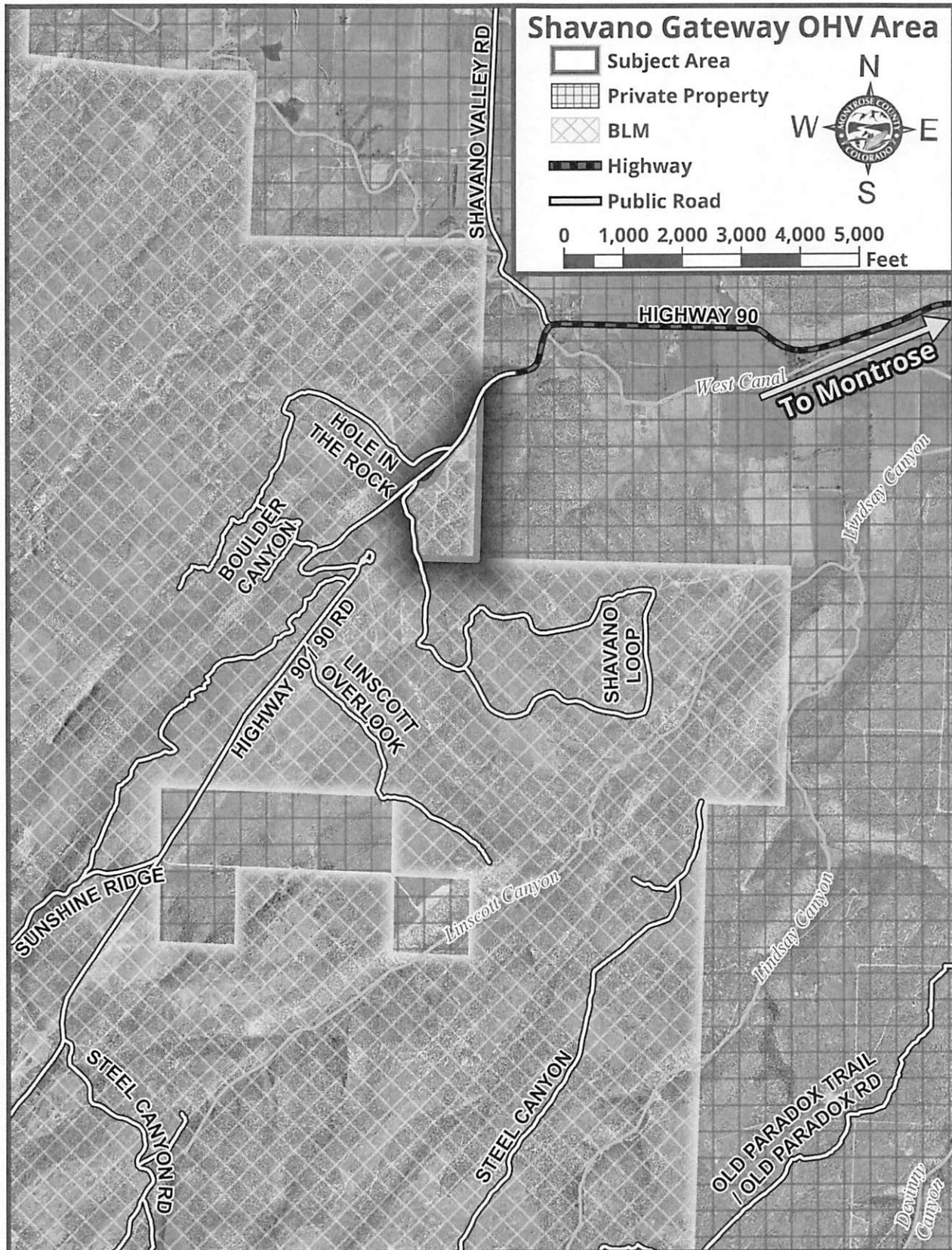
- “General area” (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* “project vicinity”. (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

**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.



**(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

**OHV Training Course:**

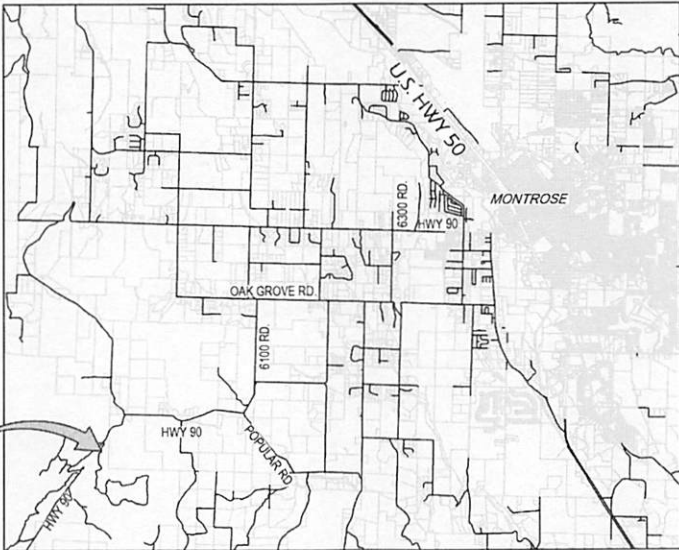




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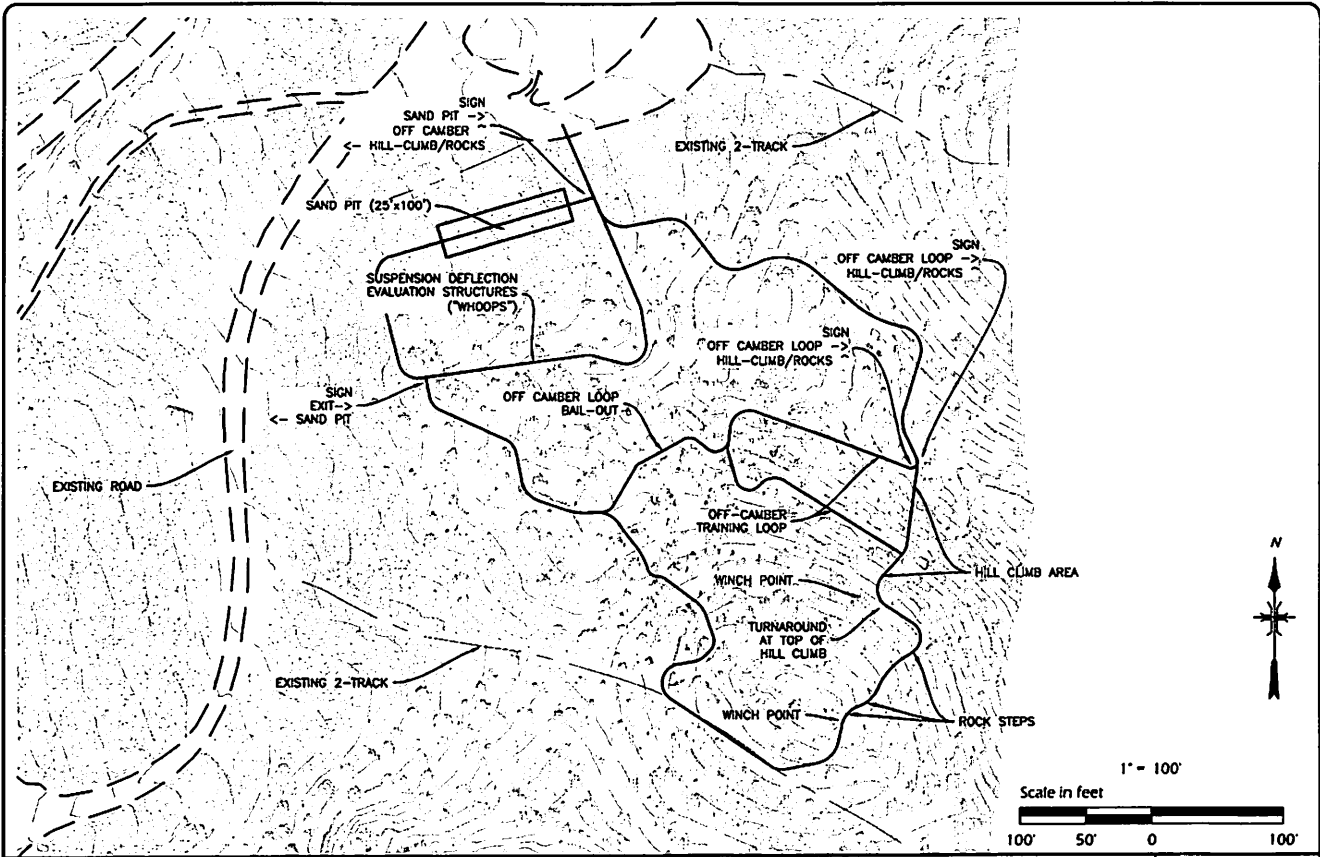
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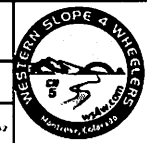


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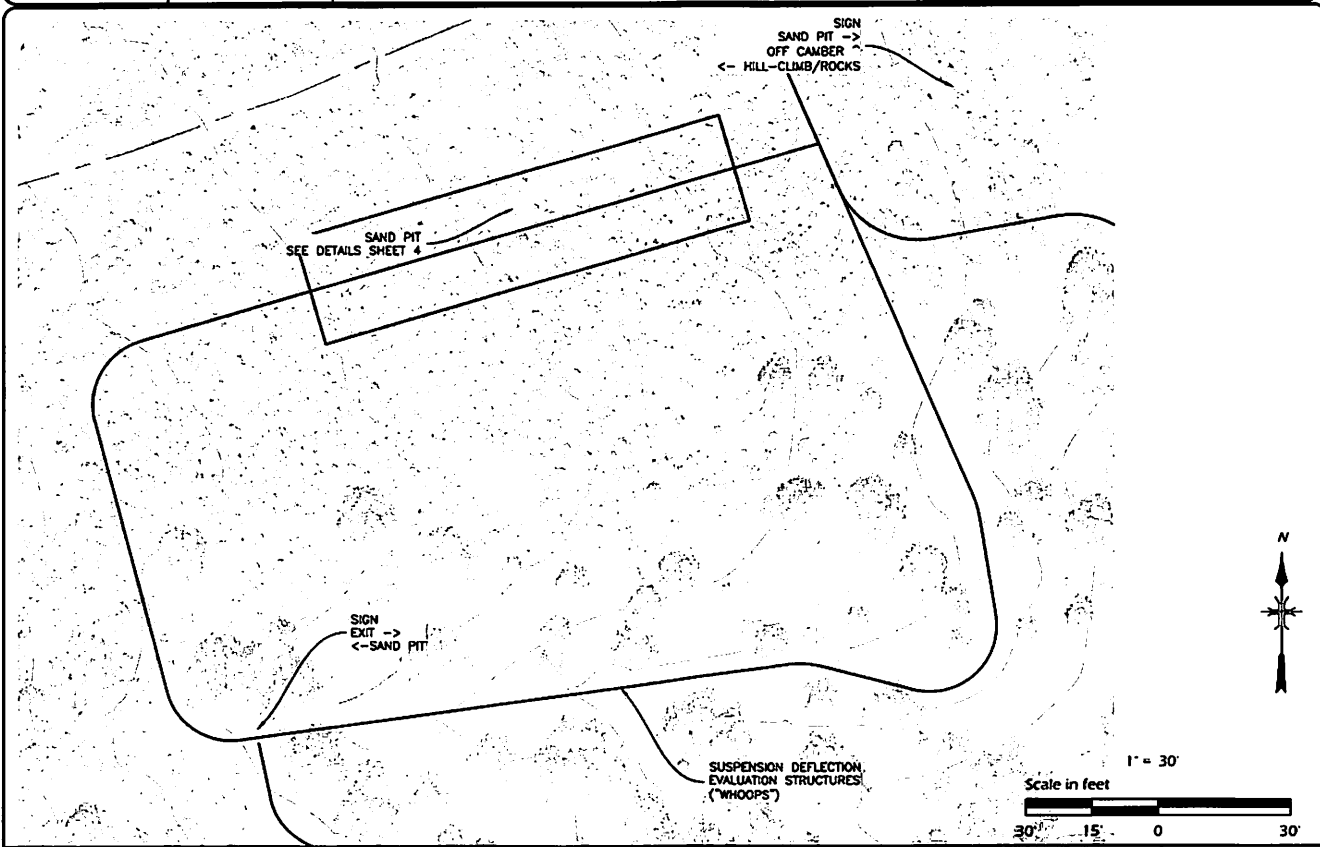
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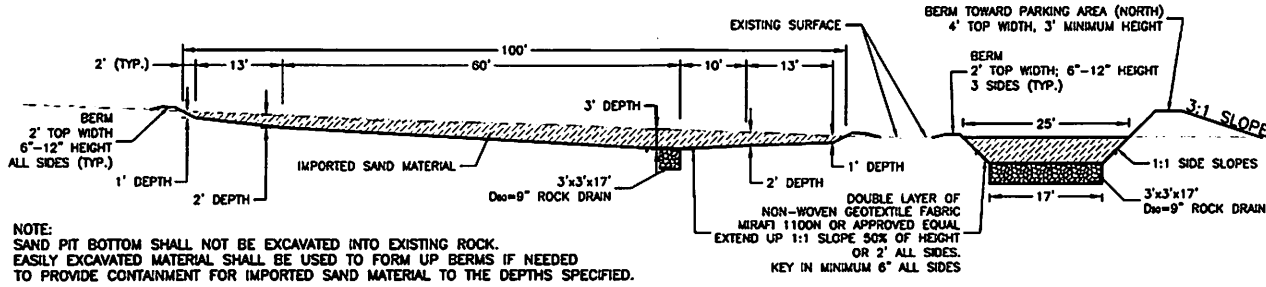
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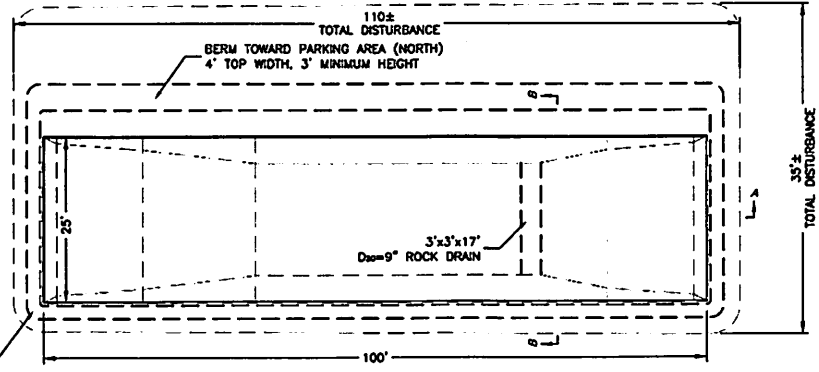
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 SAND PIT BOTTOM SHALL NOT BE EXCAVATED INTO EXISTING ROCK.  
 EASILY EXCAVATED MATERIAL SHALL BE USED TO FORM UP BERMS IF NEEDED  
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SECTION A-A

SECTION B-B



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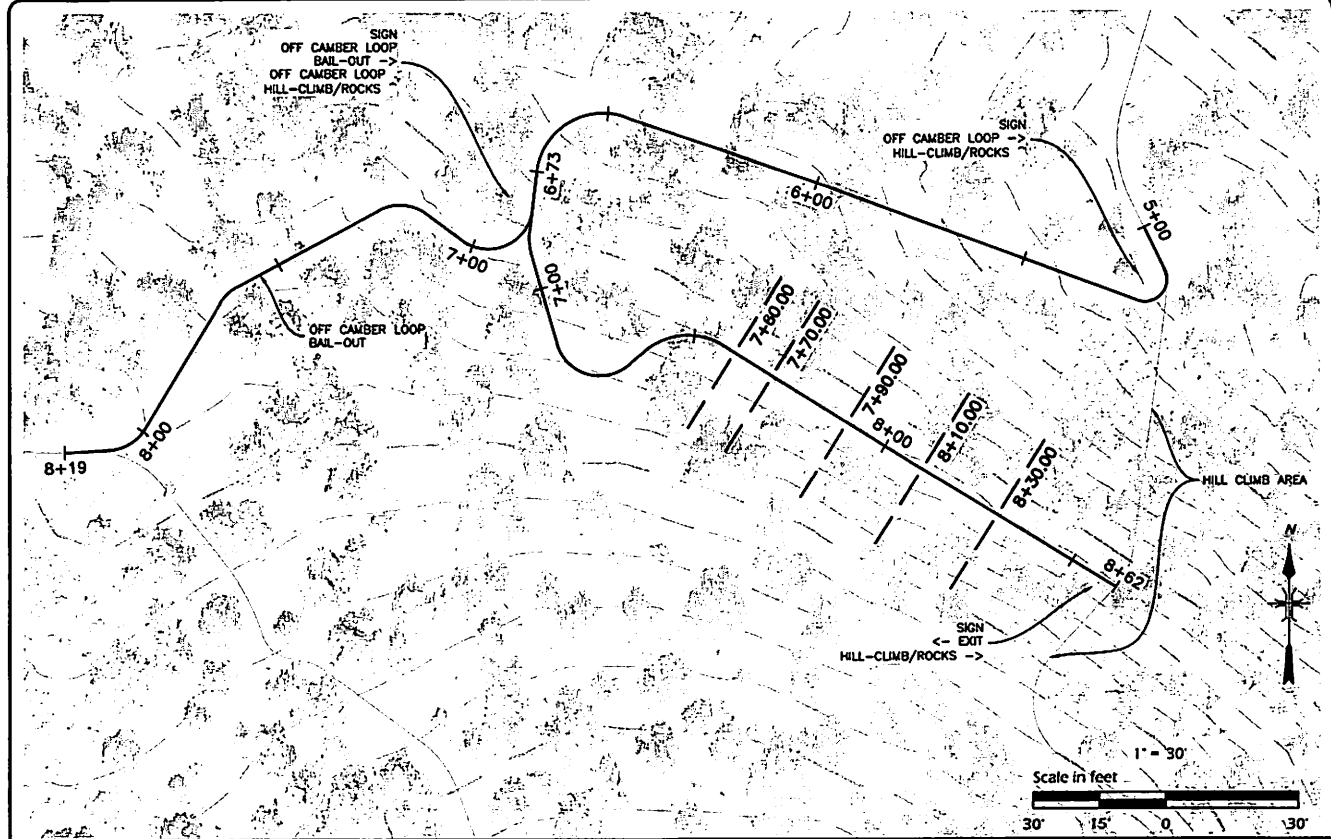
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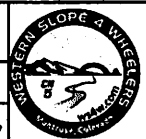
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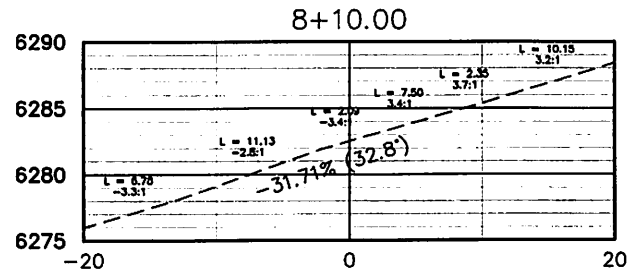
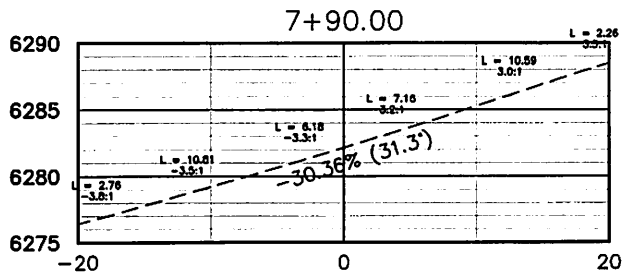
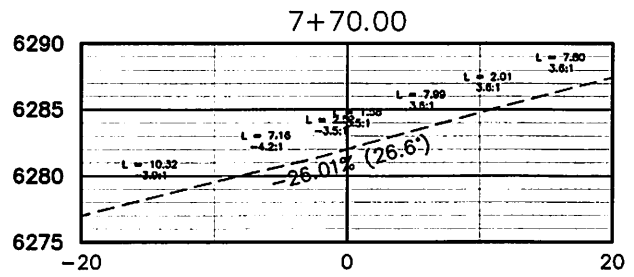
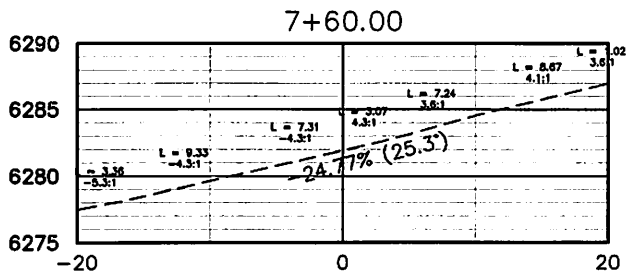
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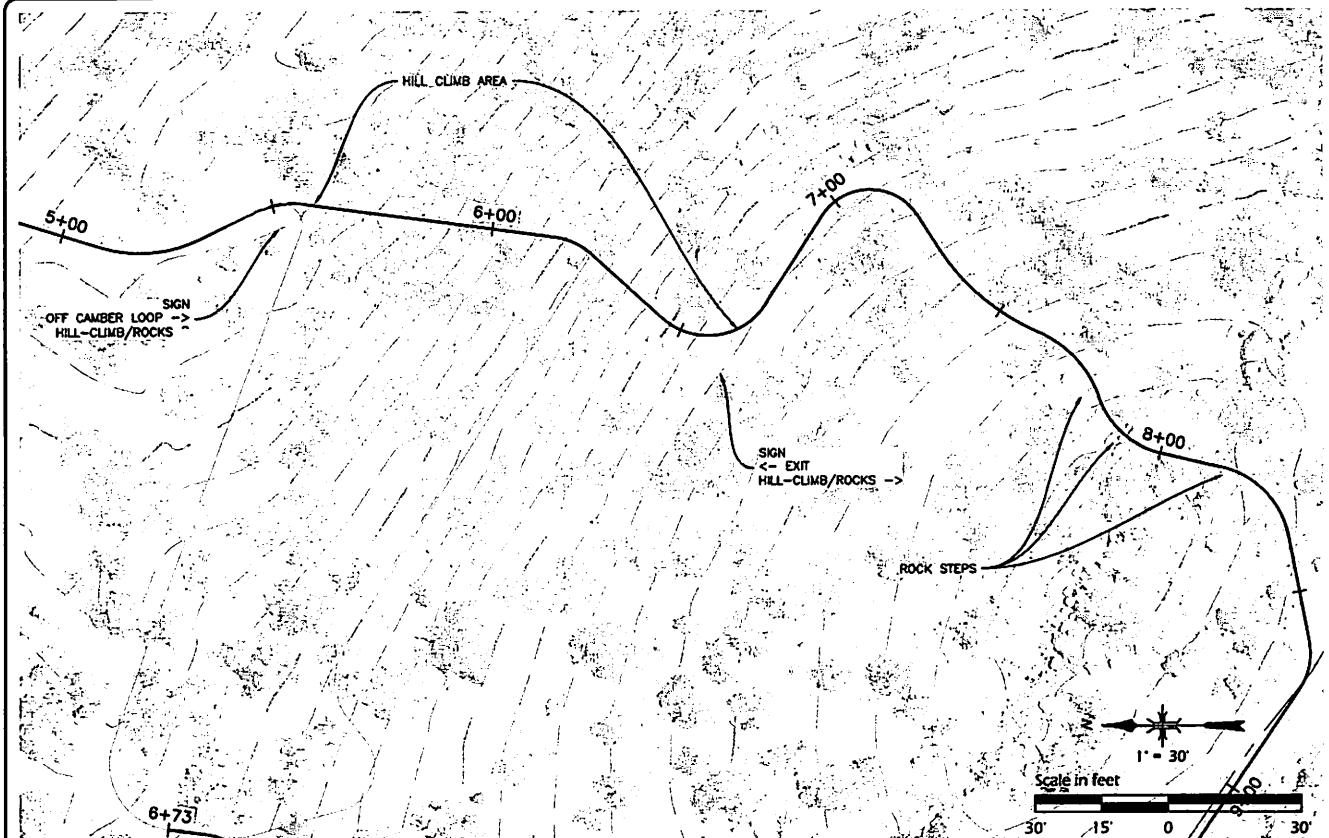
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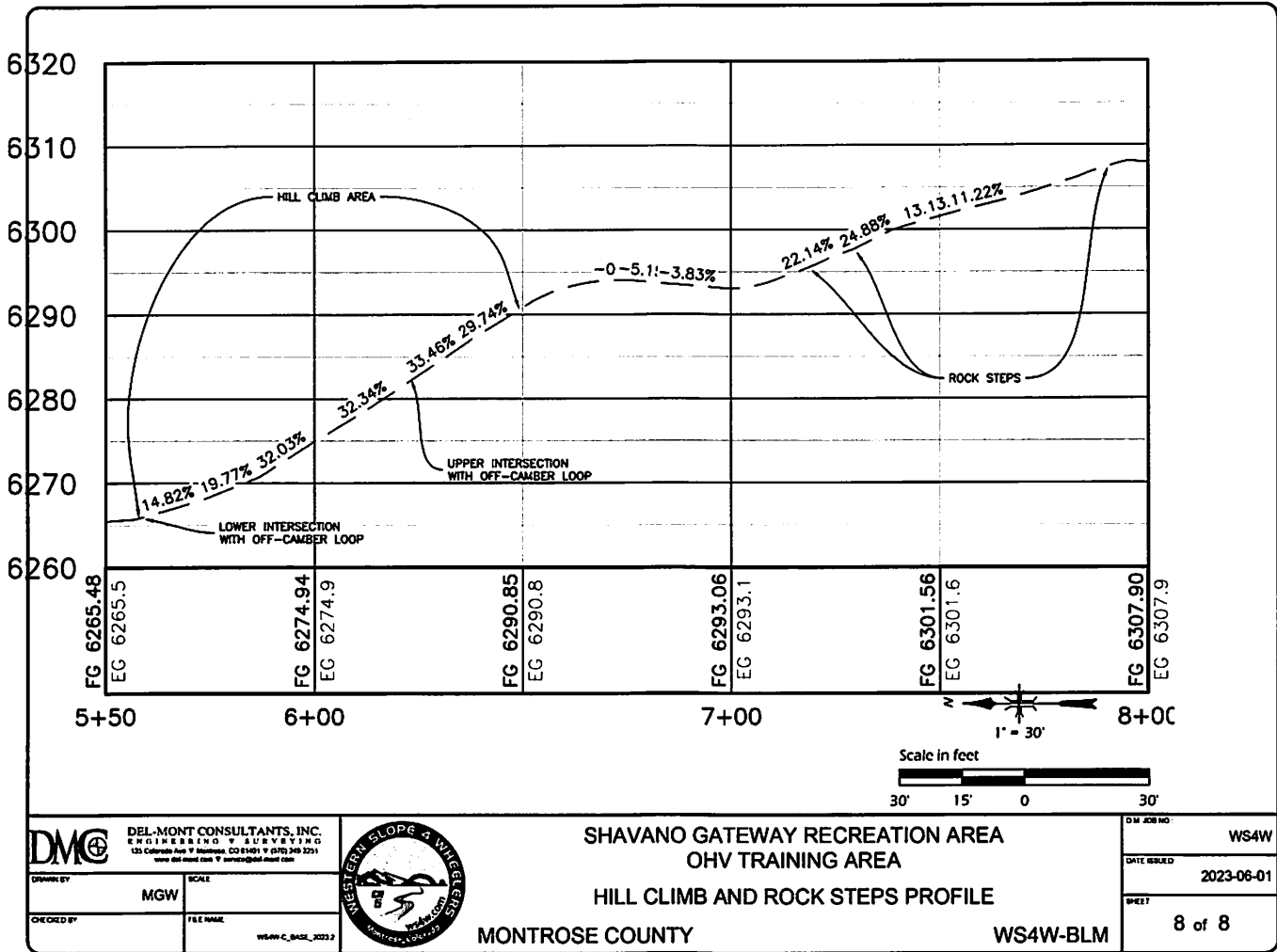
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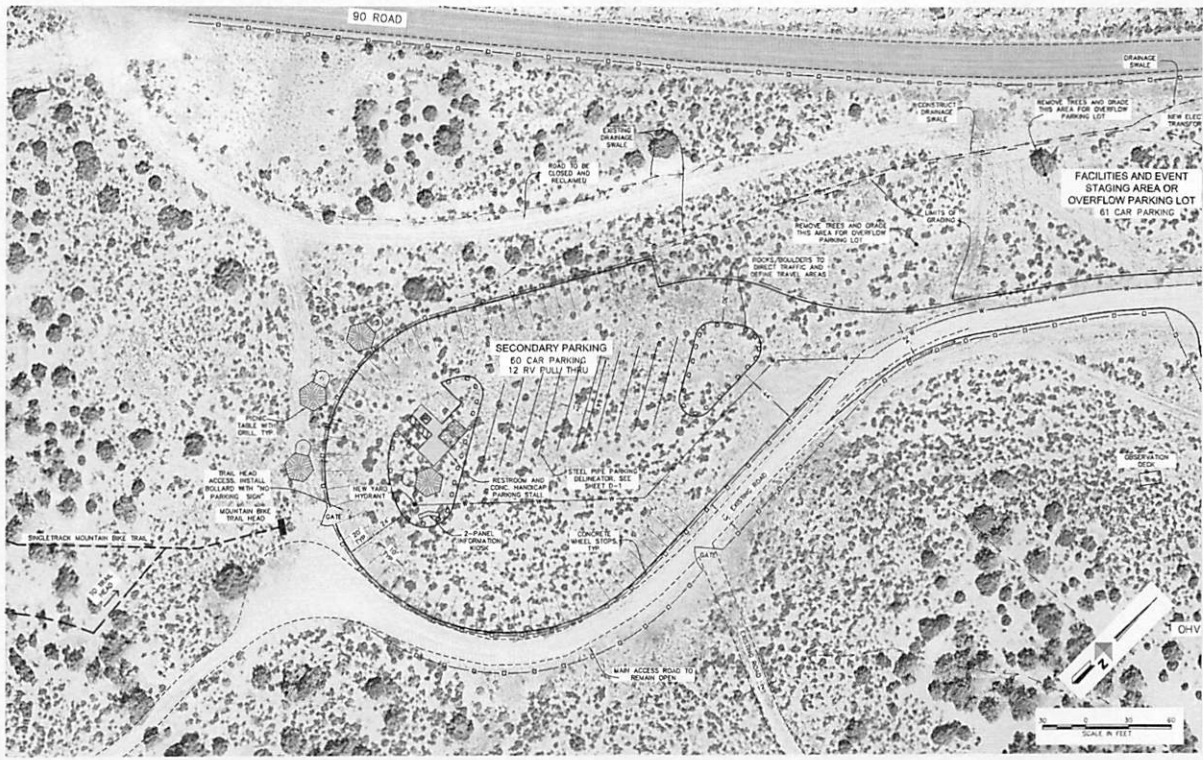
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PHASE 2A QUANTITIES

No.	Item	Quantity	Units
1	Mobilization	1	LS
2	Cleaning and Grubbing	1	LS
3	Class 6 ABC (6 inch depth) - Gravel Parking Lots	8,200	SY
4	Boulders 30"x30"x30" Min.	30	EA
5	Steel pipe parking delineators (64 LF)	10	EA
6	Concrete Wheel Stops	60	EA
7	Parking Lot Grading	8,200	SY
8	Road Grading	250	SY
9	Cable fence with anchors	4500	LF
10	Cable fence gate	1	EA
11	Stormwater Management	1	LS
12	Construction Staking	1	LS
13	Sanitary Facilities	1	LS
14	Pay and Performance Bond (2.5%)	1	LS

PHASE 2B QUANTITIES

No.	Item	Quantity	Units
1	Picnic Table Shelter with grill	4	EA
2	Restroom	1	EA
3	Information Kiosk	1	EA
4	Concrete ADA parking stall and concrete kiosk pad	600	SF
5	Signs	4	EA
6	4-inch PVC C900 Water Line	2400	LF
7	Water Valves, meters, ARV	1	LS
8	Yard Hydrant	1	EA
9	Stormwater Management	1	LS
10	Construction Staking	1	LS
11	Sanitary Facilities	1	LS
12	Pay and Performance Bond (2.5%)	1	LS

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

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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.



November 6, 2023

Colorado Parks & Wildlife State Trails Program  
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Colorado 4x4 Girls Club support Western Slope 4 Wheelers' endeavors in creating an obstacle course for training/education purposes.

We understand that their initial proposal is for a 7 acre site near the beginning of the Rim Rocker trail in the Shavano Gateway area. We are excited that they are working on this project in order to help train new, existing and future off-roaders in proper safety techniques when encountering obstacles and different types of terrain. Our Club is interested in participating in their programs once developed as well as taking their obstacle training area once it is open. We are also super thrilled to learn that they have additional plans for another 13 acres of training in the area - the Graduation Loop, to complete the endeavor.

Colorado 4x4 Girls practice, teach and fully support Stay The Trail, Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly practices and programs and feel that Western Slope 4 Wheelers' have a fantastic idea with these training programs. A few of our members have participated in their trail stewardship projects and have seen their passion in keeping trails cleaned and maintained. We all want to keep the trails open. Proper education and training is key to support the mission of keeping trails open, thus we DO Support their grant request and hope it will be awarded for this great idea!

Thank you in advance for your consideration of their grant.  
Colorado 4x4 Girls Club



## *RED ROCK 4-WHEELERS, INC.*

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Scott Powers  
Land Use Officer  
Western Slope 4 Wheelers

For the past 9 years the Red Rock 4-Wheelers have had different trail packages offered to participants of Easter Jeep Safari. The 'Freshman' package offers basic level trail difficulty and helps the participants become acquainted with their vehicle and it's and their capabilities. The 'Sophomore' package provides more difficult trails to practice their driving skill and ability to read the terrain. The 'Junior' package has more challenging trails. As with all of these packages the intent is to give practice driving over different terrains and different challenges while imparting tips and etiquette needed to become responsible and competent off-roaders.

The Red Rock 4-Wheelers whole heartedly support your efforts to construct a training facility/ground for off-road enthusiasts who are interested in learning about and/or upgrading their skill in regards to becoming a responsible 4-wheeler.

We look forward to watching your vision of an area to encourage the skill and enjoyment of off-roading progress to completion. Please include us in your updates of your project.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelso  
Vice President  
Red Rock 4-Wheelers



11/07/2023

To: Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 So. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
RE: Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program Grant Application

Hello.

As Land Use Officer of Western Slope 4 Wheelers, I am writing this letter to confirm our club's commitment to maintaining and do any needed upkeep to the trail in the OHV Obstacle course area located at Shavano Gateway Recreation Area.

I personally have endeavored to get this project to completion. I had a great amount of support from members of the club. Many put in hard hours along with myself, of volunteer time. Our passion is protecting our resources and educating users in the desperate need to be aware of the consequences of making a poor decision. We strive to maintain and keep clean the trails we have adopted over the years.

This area will benefit the users of motorized vehicles in allowing them to experience numerous conditions that they may encounter on the trails in a safe and responsible manner, under our watchful eye.

Thank you for your consideration on this request.

Scott Powers

Land Use Officer

Western Slope 4 Wheelers

# GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB

November 19, 2023

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

Re: Grant Proposal – Western Slope 4 Wheelers  
Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

*The Grand Mesa Jeep Club* supports the Western Slope 4 Wheelers in their efforts to create an Offroad training area, the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area. They are initially building an “Obstacle Course” for training 4X4 drivers in safety and knowledge of conditions they may find on the trail. This is a much needed service, and will be used by a wide group of users

OHV recreation is important to the people and economies of western Colorado. To that end, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, enthusiastically supports ongoing trail projects and improving recreation opportunities in Western Colorado. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the Western Slope 4 Wheelers grant application.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Bates*

Jeff Bates

*President / Grand Mesa Jeep Club*





## Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc

PO Box 16995, Colorado Springs, CO 80935

[www.hightrails.org](http://www.hightrails.org)

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November 15, 2023

COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE  
ATTN: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
13787 South Hwy 85  
Littleton, Colorado 80125

Re: Letter of Support for Western Slope 4 Wheelers Grant Request

OHV Grant Committee,

I am writing to express our support for the grant request from Western Slope 4 Wheelers Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Club based out of Montrose, Colorado to build an "Off Road Vehicle Obstacle and Training Course" at the end of Highway 90 and the beginning of the Rim Rocker Trail (<https://rimrockertrail.org>) in Montrose, Colorado in an area commonly referred to as Shavano Gateway Recreation Area.

Western Slope 4 Wheelers is one of the most active clubs in the state and has consistently demonstrated that they promote the ethics and standards of "Stay the Trail" and "Tread Lightly" along with having an excellent working relationship with both the Bureau of Land Management and the National Forest Service assisting in trail clean-ups and maintenance through the "Adopt- A-Trail" program. I can think of no better organization in Colorado capable of managing and maintaining an OHV Training Area along the Western Slope of Colorado.

Given the popularity of OHV trails in the San Juans and the growing number of "First Time" OHV operators through both ownership and rentals, there is clearly a need for this type of facility. Combine this with its location being in Montrose County and at the beginning of the Rim Rocker Trail along other popular trails near Montrose and those up in the Grand Junction area, this is perhaps the best location for a Western Slope dedicated OHV area.

Western Slope 4 Wheelers has coordinated this project with the Bureau of Land Management and Montrose County. The facility will only be operated under the direct supervision of a member(s) of Western Slope 4 Wheelers but will serve the general public in providing hands-on training on how to safely operate an OHV in Colorado's unique Western Slope terrain. This is also part one of a two-part plan that will add a 13 acre "Graduation

Loop” area with an obstacle course that replicates the types of obstacles most commonly found on the trails.

Along with being the Land Use Committee Chairman for the Colorado Four Wheel Drive Association (CO4WDA), I also serve on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), the Board of Directors for Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE) and volunteer with Stay the Trail, Tread Lightly and the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC). In my capacity as a COHVCO BOD Member, I know there was a recent survey done to test the support for a dedicated OHV Area in Colorado and although the survey results have not been finalized at this writing, the responses have been overwhelmingly positive. This proposal could result in not one, but two locations (one of each side of the State) which would be a great asset to the State of Colorado, OHV uses to include those coming in from other States and should dramatically improve the education level of our motorized recreation users.

Lastly, the past few years we have witnessed an explosion of OHV use while at the same time witnessed more and more trail closures and other restrictions. This proposed training area would be a great addition to our current trail and OHV riding area inventory while simultaneously supporting education and training under the Colorado Stay the Trail Model!

If you have any questions concerning this letter of support, I can be reached by email at [brian.oconnors@gmail.com](mailto:brian.oconnors@gmail.com) or by phone at (401)499-4747.

Sincerely,

Brian D. O’Connors  
CO4WDA Land Use Chairman  
COHVCO Board of Directors  
CORE Board of Directors  
Stay the Trail Volunteer

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Colorado Spring, CO 80935

November 13, 2023

Colorado Parks & Wildlife  
State Trails Program  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm writing in regard to the OHV Program Grant Application submitted by the Western Slope 4-Wheelers of Montrose, Colorado.

The Association is excited about the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area project and we encourage its selection for OHV Program funding in 2024. We believe the project will be popular among 4-wheel drive enthusiasts and contribute to positive recreational experiences for years to come.

Firstly, the gated site will be access-controlled by the Western Slope 4-Wheelers, a local club that's been active for decades. Their experienced oversight will ensure responsible and safe use among visitors. Additionally, the club practices and will encourage visitors to adopt the Leave No Trace principles. We all desire that visitors will retain this ethos to protect public lands regardless of where they travel. Finally, we believe that this project will be beneficial to clubs and groups in the region, with potential to become a "destination" when combined with other attractive roads and trails nearby.

*Tracy Barker*

Tracy Barker  
President

## **(H) Trail Crew Work Plan (Good Management or reoccurring crews)**

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Provide a trail crew work plan for the **2024 work season**

Consider including specific details, such as:

- List 5 of your most important goals for this work season
- Anticipated work the crew will be focused on (e.g. clearing corridor, building drainage systems, tread repair, turnpike repair, etc.)
- Planned location/names of the trails the crew will work on
- Time of year you anticipate the the work will be done
- Planned volunteer workdays/events
- Collaboration efforts with OHV user groups / partners (involvement with potential projects)
- Describe any issues encountered during the 2023 season and your plan to overcome them

The top 5 goals of the 2024 work season will be:

- 1) Installation of the sand pit on the OHV training trail
- 2) Cutting the training trail
- 3) Completion of the cable fence
- 4) Clearing and grubbing of the parking area
- 5) Placing and grading of the parking area gravel

The project will be broken down into two pieces. The parking area and the training trail.

For the parking area, Montrose County will use a competitive bid process to secure a contractor to complete the scope of work. The scope of work, as outlined in phase 2A of the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area R&PP Lease Conveyance, will include clearing and grubbing of the parking area, placing and grading of gravel, placing of boulders to define traffic patterns, placement of steel pipe parking delineators, installation of stormwater management systems, and cable fences. Sanitary facilities are being delayed until the later phase.

The parking area will continue to be known as the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area trailhead. This parking area serves the Rimrocker trail, the Electric Hills single-track mountain bike trails and now the Western Slope 4 Wheelers OHV training trail.

The competitive bid process will start in August with a contract award in early September. Completion of the parking area will be by December 1, 2024. There will be no planned volunteer days to support the parking area construction.

In 2023, Montrose County invested \$75,000 in the completion of the majority of Phase 1A and B of the Shavano Gateway Recreation Area R&PP Lease Conveyance plan. The biggest obstacle was getting the project done in a timely manner, while ensuring outdoor enthusiast had access to the parking area. Use of the area has grown rapidly with the construction of the Electric Hills mountain bike trail, and vehicle parking was beginning to become an issue.

For the training area, the Western Slope 4 Wheelers will contract with a third party to provide equipment and labor to build the sand pit. The Western Slope 4 Wheelers will then use their member labor to cut the trail. The designed path has taken into account existing trees and vegetation and worked to mitigate the impact to the land.

Western Gravel, a local vendor, has committed to providing all the cobble rock and 3/8" minus rock for the sand pit area.

To cut the trail, the Western Slope 4 Wheelers plan to use volunteer labor and OHV vehicles to lay track. As part of the trail design process, the club took drone footage of the entire area and routed the trail around trees and vegetation to ensure the trail created the least amount of negative impact for the surrounding eco-systems. The trail project will be complete by mid-summer 2025.

Western Slope 4 Wheelers are also partnering with regional OHV and 4 Wheel groups for education days following the completing of the trail. To date, they have commitments from groups in Durango, Moab, Gunnison and Buena Vista.

In 2023, the Western Slope 4 Wheelers contributed 196 man hours to install the cable fence as part of the first phase of the parking area. This fence allowed control over access to the future training area and was instrumental in reducing off-road vehicle passage and parking. Part of the 2024 project will be to complete this fence line which will discourage vehicles from taking short cuts from the main road to the trailheads and parking areas.