

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

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Name of Project: CCMR Trail Maintenance Grant 2025	Date of Application: 12/1/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$113,005 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$102,829 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>
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PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)	
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 214-668-5768	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Anthony Ware	Title: CCMR Vice President
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 214-668-5768	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com
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 *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Anthony Ware	Title: CCMR Vice President
Mailing Address: PO Box 454, Salida, CO 81201	
Telephone: 214-668-5768	Email: centralcoloradomountainriders@gmail.com

GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)

Name: N/A	Title: N/A
Mailing Address: N/A	
Telephone: N/A	Email: N/A

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Salida, CO.
County(ies): Chaffee, Fremont, Gunnison and Saguache
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):
Mears Junction, Colorado 81155
Township/Range/Section: Township 49 North. Range 9 East. Section 5.
State Senate District #: 5 State Representative District #: 60

LAND OWNERSHIP

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License
 Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain): USFS/BLM

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

Miles of Singletrack: 200+ Miles of 50" or less: 60+ Miles of Full-sized: 200+

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.

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

82%	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
0%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
6%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
12%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:

Project Name: CCMR Trail Maintenance Grant 2025	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders	Application Year; 2024-2025
Project Contact: Anthony Ware	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$113,005	Grant Request: \$102,829

Project Description:

The Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) have adopted numerous singletrack trails on US Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed property via formal volunteer agreements as well as a section of the CDT/CT through the Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF). As part of these agreements, CCMR provides trail clearing and maintenance through volunteer efforts. This will be ongoing. The area at the Big Bend MX track, although on BLM land, is managed through an agreement with AHRA.

As part of each year's Trail Maintenance Grant, we perform extensive evaluations of both adopted and non-adopted trails in the area. The extent of the work needed to help bring these trails up to sustainable standards goes beyond the scope of volunteer efforts, hence we continue to commit to an ongoing annual maintenance program (of which this grant will be the 3rd year) involving professional trail builders and maintenance crews.

All the work will be coordinated with the respective Land Managers and is intended to augment their ongoing efforts.

Although the CCMR adopted trails are the priority; any motorized multiuse singletrack trail in the greater Salida area could be maintained by the grant's monies.

WHO? CCMR is an all-volunteer, 300+ member, 501(c)(3) non-profit motorcycle club based out of Salida, CO. CCMR will be responsible for managing the trail maintenance projects in partnership with the USFS Salida Ranger District (SRD) and BLM Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO). CCMR will subcontract the work to professional trail builders and maintenance crews. CCMR will manage the contractors and administer the grant. CCMR will also provide volunteer effort to assist the subcontracted trail builders. CCMR created a subcontractor 'Request for Proposals' and received estimates that were used to create this proposal's budget.

WHERE? CCMR has adopted the following trails: Monarch Ridge Trail, Rainbow Trail from Silver Creek to Oak Creek (entirety of the Rainbow Trail within the Salida Ranger District), Poplar Gulch/Green Timber Trail, Greens Creek, DudBob Trail, Sundgren Sunset Loop and the Colorado Trail Section 16.2. Although not an "adopted" trail, CCMR board members & volunteers manage the labor-intensive adult motocross track & youth track at Big Bend OHV area on behalf of Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area and the BLM.

The Rainbow Trail is a 106-mile-long motorized multiuse trail that runs from Silver Creek near Marshall Pass to Great Sand Dunes National Park. Approximately half of the trail (57 miles) is singletrack on FS SRD managed land crossing three counties: Chaffee, Fremont, and Saguache.

The CCMR adopted segments are in all three counties. The remaining USFS SRD adopted trails are in Chaffee County. The BLM RGFO adopted trails are also in Chaffee County.

WHAT? CCMR has formally adopted the trails listed in the previous paragraph. Presently, CCMR dispatches volunteer teams to clear downfall on these trails each spring. CCMR also schedules and conducts our third Thursday workday each month and other scheduled workdays throughout the summer. These activities will continue.

We have a banner year set up for 2024 with a large (\$308k) grant and workload. Hopefully, from here on out, we plan to continue with smaller maintenance grants to help us maintain the new elevated benchmark achieved in 2024 with what we hope is now a more manageable, less maintenance intensive trail system.

- 1) **Big Bend OHV Area** – We'll continue to prep & maintain both the adult & youth mx tracks along with the Sundgren Sunset Enduro Loop, picnic pavilions and parking areas, year-round. Monies from this grant will be used to bring in water, topsoil, hay, sand & manure to be plowed in and augment the existing clay. We're also requesting operational and maintenance funding for our newly purchased tractor and track watering trailer.
- 2) **Adopted & Non-Adopted Trails** - We've implemented a program where board members and volunteers are responsible for various sections of our 89 miles of adopted trails. They each performed trail surveys on their respective sections in Q3/4 2023. The surveys consist of COTREX recorded trips including geolocated photos to record trail conditions that could potentially require improvement, repair and/or preventive maintenance. This process, along with trail visits with our Land Managers, has helped us identify various areas that will need reroutes, drains, crib walls, tread reinforcement, large rock removals etc.

WHEN? Preliminary scoping was performed Q3-4 2023 along with project pre-planning and the formulating of this grant request.

Phase II of scoping/planning will commence Q2-3 2024.

Pre-construction meetings with Land Managers and contractors will take place Q3-4 2024.

Grant execution and construction will begin in Q2 2025 and commence through Q3-4 2025

Work to be completed within one year of the date funds are released.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – CCMR and the USFS ran a project in prior years to design, purchase, and install 10 multi use kiosks and sign panels at adopted trail heads. These signs acknowledge USFS, BLM, and CCMR.

"Colorado Registration Dollars at Work" signs will be added to these kiosks where the scope of maintenance falls within their coverage areas. CCMR also acknowledges CPW

"Colorado Registration Dollars at Work" on our various social media sites, website and member correspondence.

DEFINITIONS?

AHRA – Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

BLM -- Bureau of Land Management

CCMR – Central Colorado Mountain Riders

CDT - Continental Divide Trail

COTREX – Colorado Trail Explorer

CTF - Colorado Trail Foundation

FS – Forest Service

MTB – Mountain Bike

RBT - Rainbow Trail

RGFO – Royal Gorge Field Office

SMT – Salida Mountain Trails

SRD – Salida Ranger District

TMG – Trail Maintenance Grant

TPA - Trails Preservation Alliance

USFS – US Forest Service

Budget Form

Project Name: CCMR Trail Maintenance Grant-23 2024-2025

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/25

Project Sponsor: Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR)

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)	\$ 102,829		\$ 102,829
Other Funding Sources			
CCMR Volunteer Hours (320 hours @\$31.80)	\$ -	\$ 10,176	\$ 10,176
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 113,005

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!		Category Total	\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
DeWalt Chainsaw Chains	\$ 25	6	\$ 150	\$ 150
Trail Boss Rock Bars	\$ 500	2	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Trail Boss Hand Tools	\$ 2,000	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Silky Saw Blades	\$ 58	4	\$ 232	\$ 232
Club Education Materials and Handouts (Trifolds, Pamphlets & Handouts)	\$ 250	1	\$ 250	\$ 250
Big Bend Track - Dirt, Water, Hay Bales etc.	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
			Category Total	\$ 8,632
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
CCMR tool trailer maintenance & operational costs	\$ 250	1	\$ 250	\$ 250
CCMR tractor & attachments, maintenance & operational costs (Big Bend)	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
CCMR water trailer maintenance & operational costs (Big Bend)	\$ 250	1	\$ 250	\$ 250
			Category Total	\$ 3,500
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
1) Big Bend OHV Area annual track maintenance, upgrades & improvements	\$ 10,000	1	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
2) Trail Maintenance - Subcontractors to perform trail improvements and repairs Both mechanized crews and hand crews.	\$ 72,500	1	\$ 72,500	\$ 72,500
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 82,500
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: <u>For Volunteers Only</u> Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>				
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 500	1	\$ 500	\$ 500
Workday Food & Beverages (Non Alcoholic)	\$ 500	1	\$ 500	\$ 500
			Category Total	\$ 1,000
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>				
Liability Insurance	\$ 800	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Big Bend Equipment Insurance. (Tractor/Trailer/Implements/Water Trailer)	\$ 1,500	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
			Category Total	\$2,300.00
VII. Grant Administrative Costs <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small> <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>				
Project Administration 5%	\$ 4,897	1		\$ 4,897
			Category Total	\$ 4,897
<small>* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request</small>				
Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program				Total
				\$ 102,829

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.

Project Name CCMR Trail Maintenance 2025 Project Sponsor Central Colorado Mountain Riders

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:

1984 Land and Resource Management Plan Date: 1984

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

Date and title of document:

1984 Land Resource Management Plan : PSICC

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

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

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).

James Perry Edwards, Salida District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Land Manager Signature and Title

11/20/2023

Date

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	Royal Gorge OHV trail maintenance	Project Sponsor	Central Colorado Mountain Riders CCMR
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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:

Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan	Date: 5/13/1996
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3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:

Arkansas River Travel Management Plan, 5/21/2008
 Fourmile Travel Management Plan, 8/2/2002

If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

For more information contact:

Linda Skinner, 719-269-8732, lskinner@blm.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for n/a.

Keith E. Berger, Field Manager, Royal Gorge Field Office

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Land Manager Signature and Title

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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	CCMR Trail Maintenance Grant 2024	Project Sponsor	CCMR
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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:

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Final Management Plan & Environmental Assessment Date: June 2019

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

Date and title of document:

United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Recreation or Public Purposes Lease

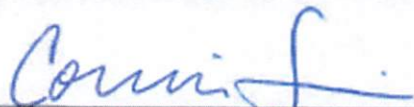
If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

For more information contact:

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).

Corrine Servis, Operations Manager, AHRA-Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title


Land Manager Signature and Title

Nov 30, 2023

Date

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- **What specifically will the project accomplish?** The specific goal is to fix existing problem cruxes, drainage and impact issues, widen and reinforce the drop off edges of narrowing trails using crib walls, and general tread reinforcement. At the Big Bend OHV area, we'll continue on with a program to improve the track dirt/clay/rock makeup by introducing better materials from outside, year on year. Funding will also be used for operational & maintenance costs for our newly acquired tractor, implements and track watering equipment at Big Bend.
 - **How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?** None of the aforementioned issues are getting any better with time, in fact, quite the opposite. Seasonal rains have turned once shallow ruts into peg deep swales, which in turn have now become the main drainage conduit on many steep trails. This is just exacerbating already dire erosion issues. Concentrated, contained, fast flowing water is washing out filler from between the tread rock beds creating boulder gardens. While often sought out by many motorcyclists, we think it's important to remind ourselves not only of the spectrum of skill levels within our own sport, but the fact that when we agree to adopt trails, we need to be mindful that they are multiuse. It's vital that we address these issues in a timely manner and keep the trails open and passable for all trail users including hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.
 - **Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available?** By bringing in professional trail builders and maintenance crews we plan to augment the ongoing work being done by our local Land Managers. Also, acknowledging the fact that they're understaffed, this project shows the motorized community being proactive rather than reactive in helping work on the backlog of trail maintenance projects that our Land Managers are dealing with.
 - **Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?** As alluded to above, none of us are getting any younger. Given the opportunity to create and maintain a pleasurable riding experience for all trail users regardless of age, skillset or experience, why would we not? If we fail to address some of these crux issues, we're going to be dealing with potentially impassable sections that some folks will have no option but to make and take go-arounds. Trail maintenance becomes an obligation if we genuinely subscribe to the "Stay the Trail" ethos.
 - **Why is this project a priority at this time?** Two major forest fires in six years, unusually heavy rains and a rapid rise in local population and general outdoor recreation have all taken their toll on our local trail systems and stretched the resources of our Land Managers. By performing this much needed maintenance, we hope to create a more durable, sustainable trail system that will require less intensive maintenance, thus freeing up land manager resources in the long run.
 - **Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?** All these projects address singletrack trails exclusively so the OHV beneficiaries are primarily motorcycle riders (who we represent) and E-bikers. But again, all these trails (except for the Big Bend OHV Area) are multiuse trails, so all the work ultimately benefits a plethora of outdoor enthusiasts and goes a long way in creating immeasurable goodwill with sometimes hostile user groups.
 - **Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?** As with any maintenance, preventative or otherwise, the best time to do it was yesterday, the second best time is today. Not only is this project directly helping address a chronic backlog of trail maintenance issues, but by bringing in much needed outside resources we're taking some of the pressure off our understaffed Land Managers. Our hope is that by bringing in other professional trail maintenance crews, using long term sustainability practices, we can create value by having a healthier trail system that requires less reactive maintenance, which is a win/win for everybody.
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2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):

CCMR will continue to partner with the USFS and the BLM. The trails specifically mentioned are all formally adopted with contracts with these land managers. Previously we'd formally adopted two 10+/- mile sections of the Rainbow Trail. Since the last grant cycle, we've now adopted it in its entirety with the Salida Ranger District, around 57 miles. Last year CCMR had over 3600 USFS/BLM volunteer hours, over 11,000 recorded hours since our inception in 2016. This grant will help us support our partners to keep these trails safe and well maintained. CCMR has also partnered with Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) on several projects. For the 2nd year running, we did a joint moto/mountain-bike workday that was a huge success. CCMR assists Salida Parks and Recreation each year; for example, we flagged and swept the Banana Belt MTB race, which utilizes the Rainbow Trail. In 2024, using OHV TMG22 funding, we'll be partnering with the Colorado Trail Foundation (CTF) to continue on with a project we started in 2022 to repair and reroute a section of the Colorado between Headwaters Hill and Tank 7. We continue to partner with the Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA). CCMR volunteers also laid out and swept for the Grand Traverse, the Salida 76 gravel bicycle race and the Vapor Trail 125 extreme endurance MTB race. Our trail maintenance work is good for all our partners. In 2023, SRD nominated, and CCMR was awarded, the Public Lands Alliance national Public Lands Partner Award for best practices, leading-edge achievements and excellence in public land partnerships.

CCMR will continue our normal trail clearing efforts in the Spring. We will also continue to conduct our normal volunteer workdays. CCMR will also sweep our adopted trails in late 2024 and collect and document maintenance needs as we've done since 2022. These efforts are not bid in this grant.

For this grant specifically, CCMR will provide volunteer hours to subcontract with trail builders, manage the subcontract, and provide status and invoices to CPW. With each project, CCMR, the subcontractor, and the pertinent land manager will ride or hike to the problem area to flag the problems and discuss the best fix. CCMR will then obtain a bid from the subcontractor, monitor the effort and check the repair, etc. after completion. This in-kind CCMR volunteer effort is estimated at 320 hours at \$31.80/hour, which equals \$10,176.

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

No new trail construction is planned for this project. The principal objective of this project is the much needed trail maintenance, preventative maintenance, tread reinforcement, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of off trail braiding. This project includes the cleanup and rehabilitation of environmental sources by diverting water from trails and adding & maintaining drainage structures such as rolling dips and water leadoffs.

The project promotes the protection of the environment by using best practices for trail design, location, and construction. In addition, we believe that restoring system multiuse singletrack routes will help the USFS, BLM, and local land stewards to eliminate use on non-system routes, which will avoid travel through sensitive areas and thus promote long-term protection.

Another example of resource protection is CCMR's support of seasonal closures. Sections of the Rainbow Trail are closed from December 1st to April 15th for impacts to deer and elk winter ranges. Several trails in the Four Mile OHV area (FR185D, etc.) have seasonal closures also. In addition, this past Autumn, CCMR volunteers worked with the SRD to install gates and signs to help implement a new statute where a select number of trails in the SRD, that were seasonally closed to motorized, are now closed to all users to help promote wildlife health during the harsh winter season. CCMR assists the USFS with locking and unlocking the gates each year. As mentioned previously, CCMR manages our adopted trail clearing each spring. Each year snow and thawing create a lot of downfall. CCMR, in conjunction with the USFS OHV crew, dispatches hand and chainsaw crews to clear the downfall as soon as the snow allows. This prevents users from going around the downfall and widening the trails. Additionally, we send multimedia "Stay the Trail" reminders each spring.

NEW Trail Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route Not Applicable to This Grant Request

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

While there are no large equipment purchases related to this grant request, we will be using this and future Trail Maintenance Grants to request operational and maintenance funding for recently purchased equipment. In recent years, CCMR has used OHV funding to purchase an enclosed tool trailer, a water trailer with a 1600 gallon tank/pump/irrigation spray bars, a 4000 series John Deere tractor, track and trail maintenance implements for said tractor, and a dual axle flatbed trailer for hauling.

In 2024, again using OHV funding, we'll be constructing an enclosed carport for the tractor and a pole barn for the water trailer and implements.

Included in this grant is a request for \$3500 for fuel and maintenance/operational costs, along with \$1500 for insurance.

All this is part of our ongoing commitment to long-term maintenance and operation of the equipment.

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

Travel Management and Education

Although we primarily represent the motorcycle community, we take seriously our obligation to maintain our adopted, multiuse trails, for all recreational user groups. All the trails maintained in this project, with the exception of the Big Bend motocross track, are open to other types of recreational activities. These include, but are not limited to hikers, hunters, mountain bikers, and horseback riders. Therefore, numerous recreational activities will benefit. A core part of CCMR's mission is to educate and promote responsible travel management and multiple use. In past projects, CCMR has installed 10 kiosks with sign panels throughout the area. These panels were designed in cooperation with the USFS, BLM, and mountain bike, equestrian, and hiking communities (see example sign in Figure D.4-1 below). These provide training and adherence to OHV regulations. Through ongoing efforts to promote good trail etiquette and a "Stay the Trail" mindset we've adopted an "Over, Under, Through...Never Around" mantra. A message we spread throughout the greater motorized community through trail encounters as well as social media to foster trail clearing rather than taking alternate routes around trail blocking obstacles. Using OHV funding, along with handsaws, we've purchased several chainsaw kits that include spare batteries, extra chains and motorcycle chainsaw mounts. These are offered up, and have been used extensively by club members, not only on scheduled workdays but on localized downfall reported to us through our website by, mostly, non-motorized trail users that don't necessarily have the capacity to get the equipment needed in to clear down trees. We see these interactions as essential to a functioning Travel Management Plan as well as good press for the motorized community and the infrastructure that helps support them, like this grant program.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

As stated in the above paragraph, our multiuser sign has become an area standard adopted by other clubs and can be found throughout Colorado. It is a valuable on-the-ground educational tool as it describes the various trail users, highlights their responsibilities, and offers advice on how to interact with each differing user. The emphasis is on responsible motorized use. Further opportunities for direct education are volunteer workdays for maintenance, and as stewards who are invested in the success of the trail meet new users, they will help create an ethos of ethical responsibility. At a more strategic level, users will see that working with the USFS and BLM can lead to a benefit. As they enjoy the trails and a better riding experience, they will become more invested in creating a positive outcome. At the same time, the USFS and BLM will see that providing users with a desirable experience will lessen use of non-system trails and we hope that these conditions will improve compliance.

The project does not have a specific Law Enforcement component. These existing trails do not experience significant off-route use, nor do we anticipate that they will.

WELCOME TO THE MONARCH CREST TRAIL

Be safe, be friendly, have fun!

High altitude tundra grows slowly. Work together to avoid damage when passing other users!

HIKERS

- Be aware of your surroundings and expect other users.
- Help other users know how to pass when you see them.
- Control your pets.

EQUESTRIANS

- Be aware of your surroundings and expect other users.
- Talk to other users, help them know how to pass your horse.
- Make sure your animal has the temperament for encountering other users.

MOUNTAIN BIKERS

- Expect users around every corner—Slow down and enjoy!
- Yield to other users—slow or stop and ask how you should pass.
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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

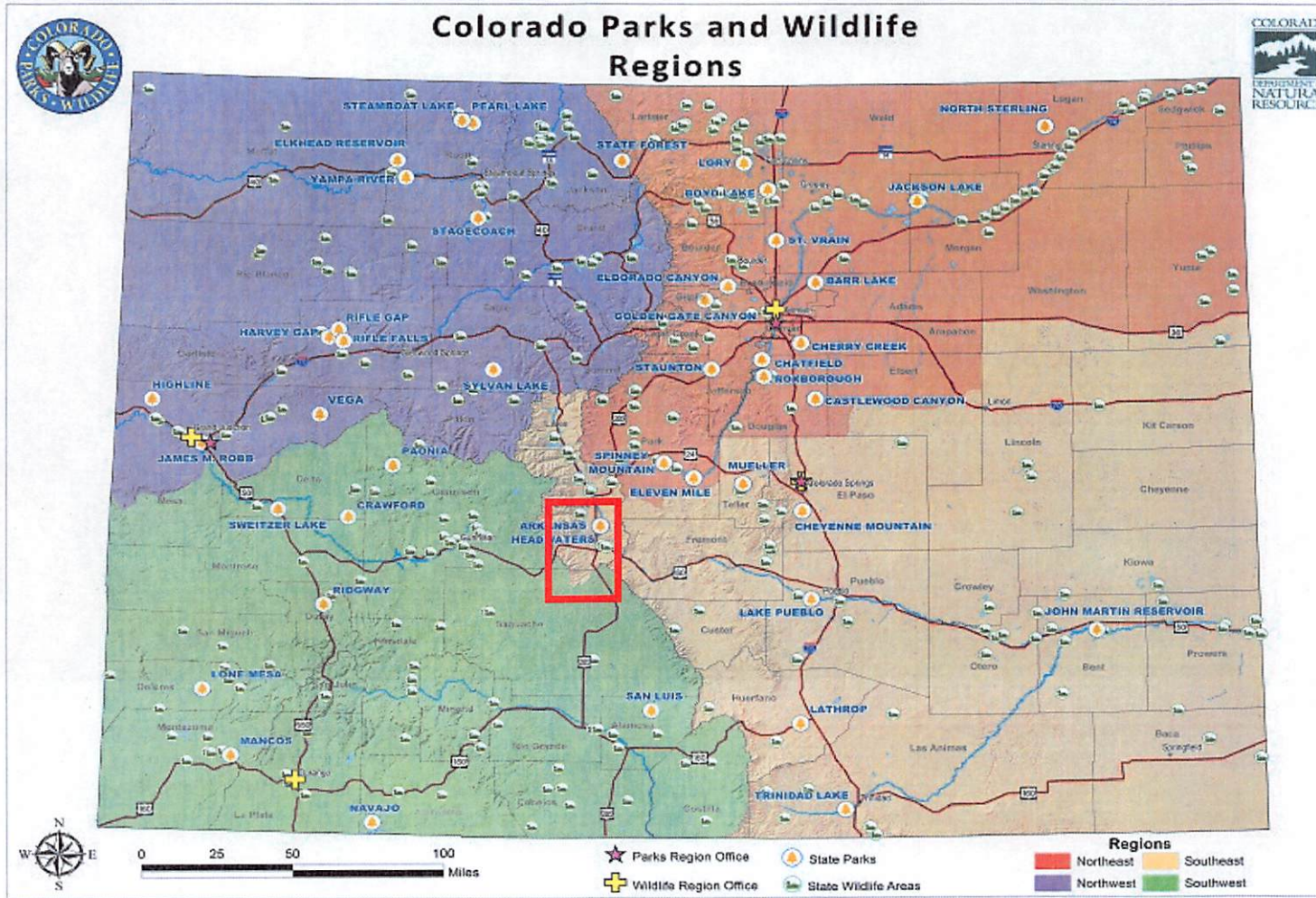
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RESPECT GETS RESPECT: Treat other users how you want to be treated.

Figure D.4-1. Sample Kiosk Multiuser Sign.

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

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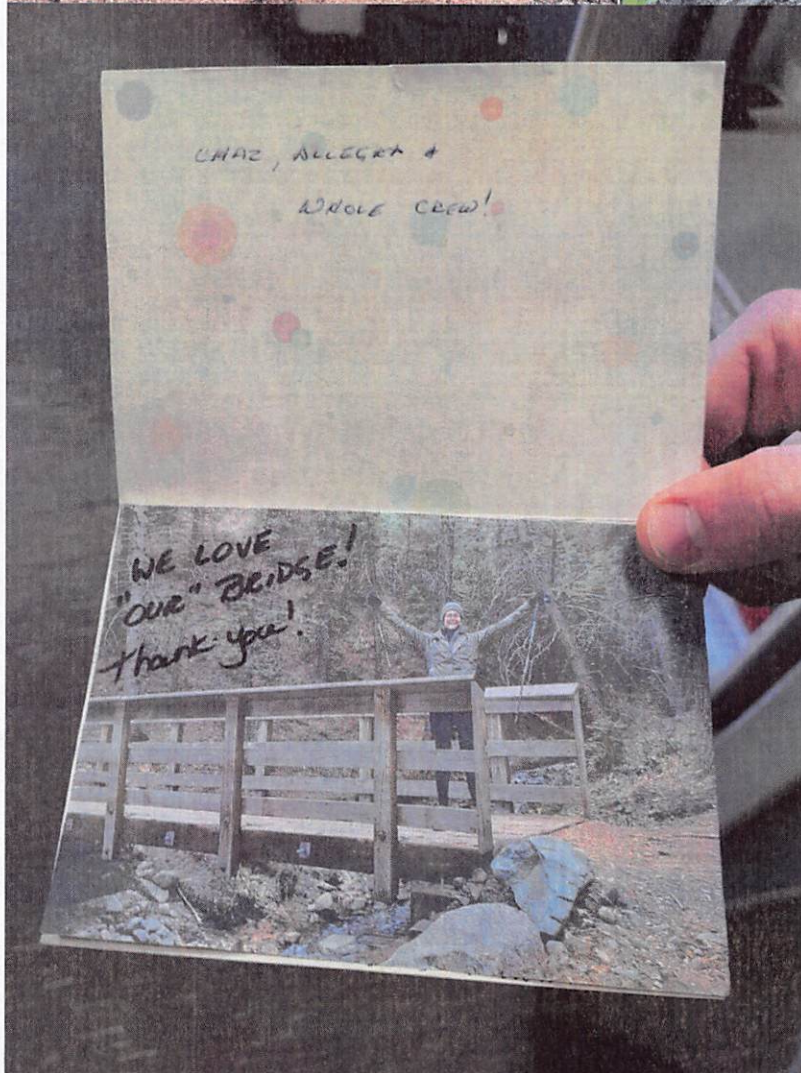
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(F) Project Illustration

This bridge over the South Prong of Hayden Creek on the Rainbow Trail and CR6 was pulled out by the USFS after the 16,000 acre Hayden Creek Fire in 2016. Subsequent flash floods in 2017, exacerbated by the lack of soil retention, necessitated removal of the structure. CCMR partnered with the USFS SRD in September 2023 to rebuild the structure using the existing materials which were placed on higher ground close by. The USFS motorized crew relocated and rebuilt one of the rock, gabion basket abutments due to undermining erosion. CCMR, using our TMG21 OHV funding, hired a contractor with the necessary equipment to move, lift and reset the bridge deck's structural lumber beams. The field work itself was accomplished by USFS SRD personnel, CCMR volunteers and the contractor. Between 2017 and the bridges replacement in 2023, all recreational traffic was bypassing this location via a user-created crossing at a point just downstream, walking/riding down the creek banks and crossing through the creek itself. As part of this project, the user created trails were rehabilitated.





We subsequently received this nice message from a neighbor and fan of the project.

(G) Letters of Project Support



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Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter from the Salida Ranger District, of the Pike-San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) as an official letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Trail Maintenance Grant Application 2024-2025.

The Salida Ranger District manages over 300 miles of trails on the PSICC with roughly 100 miles of those trails providing motorized recreation opportunities. Our unit, located in the "Heart of the Rockies," is a well sought out location for our recreation opportunities including three wilderness areas, popular 14,000ft peak trails, alpine lakes, high profile trails Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and the Colorado Trail, and OHV recreation opportunities to name a few. Our recreation program benefits from partnerships from various local agencies, clubs and organizations by way of trail adoption, stewardship, and additional funding mechanisms. The Salida Ranger District is proud to partner with CCMR on multiple trail projects on our multi-use trails throughout the district.

CCMR is an all-volunteer, nonprofit whose mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized multiuse trail opportunities in the Central Colorado area. CCMR partners with the US Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation.

CCMR has officially adopted approximately 80 miles of multiuse singletrack trails on BLM and FS managed lands via formal volunteer agreements and with the Colorado Trail Foundation to help maintain another 10 miles. As part of these agreements, CCMR provides trail clearing and maintenance on these high-use trails. Having recently conducted extensive trail assessments as part of the 2022 and 2023 grants, CCMR shifted from creating new multiuse singletrack and instead concentrates on much needed maintenance of existing adopted and non-adopted trails. This will be the third year that CCMR's grant will be to subcontract with professional trail contractors for both mechanical and hand crews to assist with trail maintenance. Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program

Due to increased tourist and population growth in the Central Colorado area, we anticipate increased multiuse recreation that increase trail use and the need for more trail maintenance.

For the above reasons, the Salida Ranger District strongly recommends the approval of CCMR's Trail Maintenance Grant application to help CCMR better fulfill its strong commitment to preserve and maintain adopted multiuse trails.

Sincerely,

**JAMES
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District Ranger

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November 14, 2023

State Trails Committee
Colorado State Parks, State Trails Program
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Dear Grant Review Committee Member:

The BLM Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO) is pleased to submit this letter of support for Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Trail Maintenance grant submission.

CCMR has supported the RGFO with various projects benefiting public lands. CCMR initiated the concept of DudBobs single-track motorized trail in the Buena Vista area. This project was successfully completed with CPW grant funding support. In addition, CCMR was instrumental in completing construction of the Rainbow Trail reroute allowing re-opening of this 100-mile trail. CCMR has adopted both trails with plans to support and maintain the trail in coordination with the BLM OHV trail crew.

To continue the maintenance support of DudBobs and Rainbow trail along with approximately 40 miles of adopted trails on BLM and US Forest Service public lands, funding is needed by CCMR. Club volunteers provide trail clearing and maintenance on high-use trails through their scheduled maintenance workdays throughout the year. However, some projects require equipment work. CCMR's grant will allow them to hire professional trail contractors for both mechanical and hand crews to assist with trail maintenance.

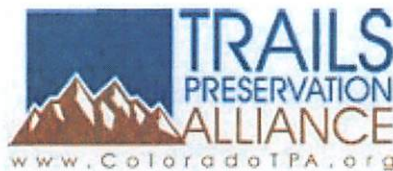
The BLM RGFO supports the efforts of CCMR in its commitment to preserve and maintain multiuse trails on public lands. We hope you will look favorably upon this application.

Sincerely,

**JAMES
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November 13, 2023

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SUBJECT: Letter of Support Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) Trail Maintenance Grant 2025 Application

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this letter from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) as a letter of support for the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), Trail Maintenance Grant 2025 Application. The TPA is an advocacy organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and takes the necessary action to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trail recreational opportunities.

The TPA supports the continuance of CCMR's efforts to adopt and maintain over 80-miles of multiple-use, single-track trails on public lands within Central Colorado. This will be the third year that CCMR has applied for a CPW, OHV grant to fund trail maintenance activities that include contracting with professional trail contractors to accomplish both mechanical and hand crew trail maintenance. Steady growth in trail use by all forms and types of recreation requires a persistent and planned approach to recurrent trail infrastructure maintenance actions and tasks. Diversified trail users are beholden to CCMR for taking on the leadership role in accomplishing these required and needed trail conservation tasks.

The TPA commends CCMR's leadership, success and enduring partnership with the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and Colorado Parks and Wildlife to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance