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December 1, 2023

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Application for a 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant – Travel Management Signage

Dear Mr. Metsa,

Enclosed are the original (12) copies of an application for a 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant under the State Trails Grants Program administered by your office. Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance is applying for a grant to continue with a state-wide program of providing uniform and accurate travel management signage on public lands and local government roads throughout Colorado. The need for such a program is still very much needed. Agency budgets remain very limited for motorized recreation.

The need for a uniform and accurate on-the-ground signage program remains a critical element of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service's (USFS) ongoing implementation of their travel management plans and maps for designated motorized routes on public lands. We have the support of the BLM, the USFS, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, and many user groups to implement this proposal. During 2022 to date, we successfully provided signage materials to twelve BLM field offices and twenty-one Forest Service district offices using funds from our 2022-2023 grant. If awarded, this latest grant request would allow us to continue this important program during the 2025 field season.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this grant application and look forward to making a presentation to the State Trails OHV Sub-Committee sometime after the first of the year. The Board of Directors of the Foundation pledges its support for this important program. If you have any questions about our proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Allison Needler*

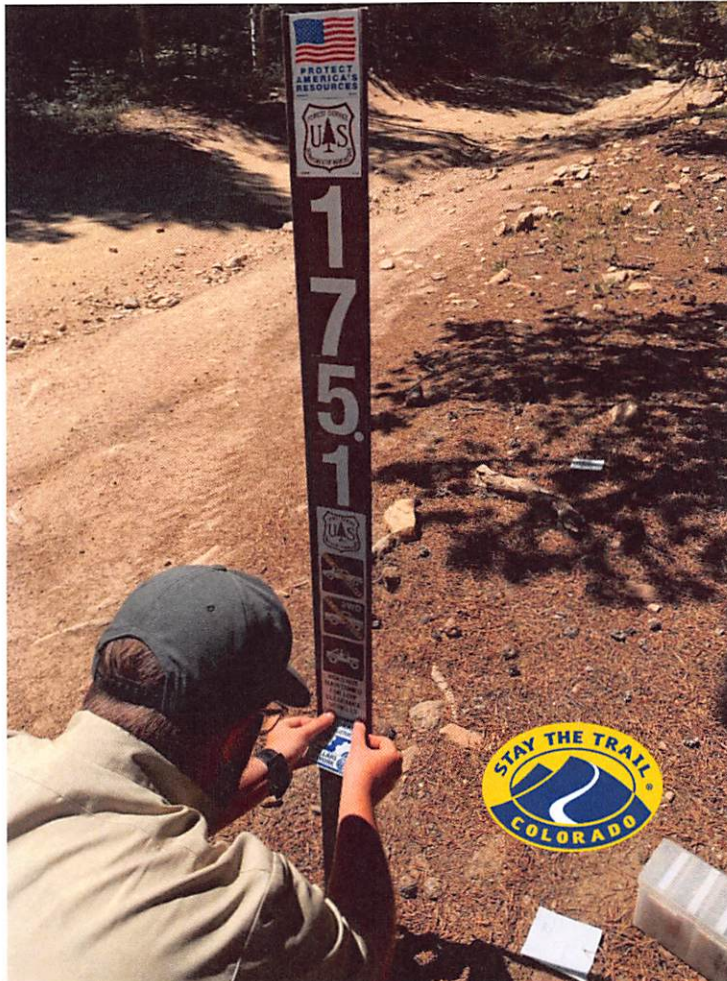
Allison Needler, Grant Administrator  
Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance  
303-434-0461



**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**2024-2025**

**State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program Grant Application**  
**Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance**  
**Travel Management Signage**



**Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager**

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

Name of Project: Travel Management Signage	Date of Application: 12/1/2023
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*(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)*

Total Project Cost: \$90,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$90,000 <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: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	
Mailing Address: PO Box 532, Arvada, CO 80001	
Telephone: 303-434-0461	Email: allison@staythetrail.org

**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: Allison Needler	Title: STT Administrator
Mailing Address: PO Box 532, Arvada, CO 80001	
Telephone: 303-434-0461	Email: STT Administrator
Is this the primary contact for this grant: <b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>	

**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: Allison Needler	Title: STT Administrator
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**GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)**

Name:	Title:
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Statewide, State of Colorado	
County(ies): Statewide	
Township/Range/Section:	
State Senate District #:	State Representative District #:
LAND OWNERSHIP	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____
Miles of Full-sized: _____	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other
* <b>New Trail Construction &amp; Major Re-Route:</b> 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>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>80%</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
<b>20%</b>	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
<b>100%</b>	<b>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>



**SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:**

Project Name: Travel Management Signage	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Allison Needler	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$90,000	Grant Request: \$90,000

**Project Description**

**WHO?**

*Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that works with off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts and clubs, land management agencies, local governments, and the non-motorized recreation community. We promote responsible OHV recreation through educational programs, user contacts, ethics, groundwork, volunteer projects, signage, mapping, and science.*

*Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance employs a part-time program manager who provides project management and grant administration duties for the travel management signage grants. All activity is accomplished under the supervision of the Board of Directors.*

**WHERE?**

*The Travel Management Signage project is a state-wide effort that works with all federal and state land-managing agencies, cities, towns, counties, and OHV clubs. The goal is to install the best consistent messaging and signage in the field to allow users to quickly and easily relate the travel management signs and maps to the designated motorized use roads and trails in Colorado.*

**WHAT?**

*The grant is being requested to augment the limited funds available to the land management agencies and local governments to install travel management signage in the field to implement travel management on all the National Forests, Public Lands, and city and county roads in Colorado. Stay the Trail manages this grant and approves funding requests from the grant to be used in the purchase of fiberglass, wood, and steel or aluminum signs, posts, numbers, letters, and strip stickers. Some unique signs are occasionally needed.*

**WHEN?**

*Funds from this proposed grant would be used during the 2025 field season.*

**Program Funding Acknowledgement** – Stickers and PolyFlex signs provided by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will be used on signage and other unique signs.

**DEFINITIONS?** Stay The Trail Signage Grant, STT Sign Grant

## Budget Form

**Project Name: Travel Management Signage**

**Date Project will be Completed: 3/31/2026**

**Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance**

\*\*\*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)	\$ 90,000		\$ 90,000.00
Other Funding Sources <small>List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 90,000.00</b>
<b>Personnel Costs</b> <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
None	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Project Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Signage Materials for USFS, BLM and various Cities & Counties	\$ -		\$ 85,714.29
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,714.29</b>
<b>Grant Administrative Costs</b> (Non-profit organizations only) <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer &amp; printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Grant Administrator	\$ -		\$ 4,285.71
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,285.71</b>
			<b>Total</b>
			<b>\$ 90,000.00</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

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## PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

**Response 1:** *The goals of the Travel Management Signage Project are to:*

- *Augment the limited budgets of the land managing agencies dedicated to implementing travel management plans in the field.*
- *Assist the motorized recreation community with compliance with the travel management plans and maps that establish a system of designated motorized routes by accurately relating the maps to on-the-ground signage*
- *Help OHV users navigate the legal trail systems on the ground*
- *Minimize the need for enforcement*
- *Minimize the potential for adverse impacts from OHV use on trails closed to motorized travel*
- *Improve public perception of the OHV recreation community*

*The project will fund fiberglass, wood, steel, or aluminum signs, posts, numbers, letters, and strip stickers. Some unique signs are occasionally needed.*

*The number of OHV enthusiasts, both within Colorado and those from other states, has continued to increase. Since different forms of outdoor recreation are also on the increase, the potential for conflicts will continue. More cities and counties are opening their roads to unlicensed OHV recreation. Having good signage in the field will minimize and mitigate problems.*

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

**Response 2:** *Partnerships include the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Cities, Counties, and local OHV organizations.*

*These partners can utilize agency, state trail crew, city, county, and volunteer labor to install signs on roads and trails on public lands throughout the state. Various OHV clubs and other volunteer groups will help with this program where appropriate for sign installation. Land management agencies, cities, and counties will provide additional supplies and in-kind labor for the installation*

*Several partners have expressed interest in helping install signs for projects in their area. BLM, Forest Service, OHV clubs, cities, counties, and State trail crews will be instrumental to the project's success. During 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> round orders were distributed to 1st round orders from 23 USFS and 13 BLM.*

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

**Response 3:** *The core message of Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance and the Stay The Trail program is to promote stewardship of our public lands and minimize the impacts of motorized recreation while enabling a robust system of sustainable, multiple-use trails in Colorado. If OHV enthusiasts consistently follow accurate signage in the field, sensitive environmental resources, and non-motorized trails can be avoided and protected.*

*Working directly with the land managing agencies, OHV clubs, and others to install accurate and uniform travel management signage will help to ensure resource protection, enhancement, and restoration. The results will be seen in the field at the staging areas and on the trails. Well-informed enthusiasts will know where to go and how to properly do what is needed to preserve sustainable trail systems for the present and future. Additional stickers will be placed on marker posts that acknowledge "Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Dollars at Work."*

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

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

**Response 4:** *This project will provide accurate and consistent travel management signage in the field. This will reduce conflicts among user groups and improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations. It will be apparent to all recreationists which activities are allowed or not allowed on each trail. Additional stickers will be placed on marker posts that acknowledge "Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Dollars at Work."*

*This project is very consistent with the long-range plans of the land managing agencies. They have had direct input into the various elements of the program. They have expressed their sincere gratitude for the signage materials provided by prior OHV grants. Agency budgets have been continuously reduced as funds are diverted to firefighting and other needs.*

##### **Education**

*This project aims to purchase and distribute consistent and uniform travel management signage for roads and trails designated for off-highway use on public lands in Colorado. Many cities and counties are opening their streets and roads to unlicensed OHV use. They are also required to provide maps and signage to the public. The project will benefit all road and trail users by clarifying the type of use and season of use for these designated motorized roads and trails. Uniform signage is critical to providing clear, concise direction to users, reducing user conflicts, and reducing the impacts caused when users are not in the correct areas. Reducing conflicts will also help keep trails open in the future and reduce enforcement costs.*

*Current signage for OHV trails and roads is not uniform or adequate. It is often confusing to the visitor and can result in improper and inappropriate usage of a trail or road with unintended impacts on the resources and consequences to motorized recreationists. Enforcement and penalties for non-compliance have increased with the adoption of new state legislation. Providing clear and uniform signage on roads and trails will significantly reduce confusion, ensure appropriate uses, reduce human and wildlife conflict, and improve tourism opportunities.*

*One of the critical tools that the Forest Service uses to implement the Travel Management Rule is the Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). This tool is enforceable, and motorized recreationists must use the map to determine if they are on legal, designated roads and trails. This presents problems since many routes are difficult to find using the MVUM in its present form. Many trailheads are difficult to locate or may have multiple access points that may not be designated. Other routes have spur trails or intersections with non-motorized routes that require signage. Signage is needed to clarify the intent of the MVUMs and other agency maps. Without proper signage, even an experienced OHV enthusiast will find it challenging to stay on legal routes and avoid penalties.*

*The current requirements found in the U.S. Forest Service Manual at 7716.42, Signs, state:*

- 1. An MVUM is required to implement and enforce designations under 36 CFR 212.51 and 36 CFR 261.13.*



2. *Administrative units should post route markers on designated routes and identification signs in designated areas as soon as practicable. Information on route markers and signs must correspond to the information shown on the MVUM.*
3. *Signs at significant access points to NFS lands may be installed to inform the public about designations in an administrative unit or a ranger district.*
4. *Administrative units and ranger districts may use informational, directional, and travel management signs to inform the public about designations and to enhance the public's recreational experience.*
5. *Signs must comply with applicable Forest Service guidelines (FSM 7160 and EM 7100-15).*

*This project will not change current management practices on public lands. It will enhance user understanding and contribute to proper usage of the road and trail systems. This proposal is partly a result of the Inter-Agency Travel Management Conference held in Denver in September of 1998, where the participants agreed that uniform signage in Colorado is lacking. This project is designed to implement the recommendations of that conference and the language of the new Travel Management Rule.*

*All users of the public lands will benefit from this project, notably the new owners/users of OHVs registered in Colorado. Also, the many out-of-state OHV enthusiasts who come to Colorado to recreate and hunt need and deserve prominent on-the-ground signage to accompany MVUMs and other maps of legal motorized routes.*

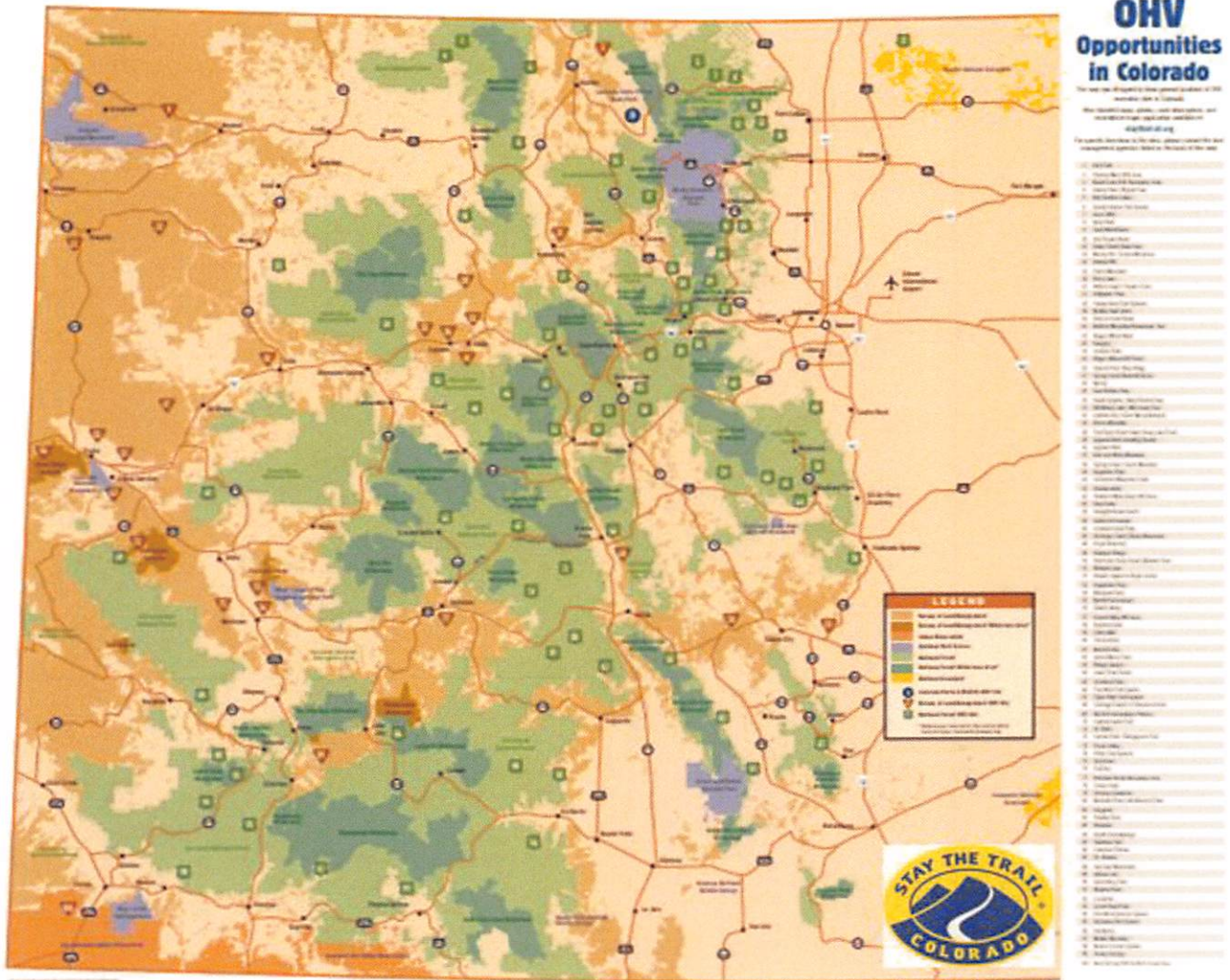
#### **Enforcement and Compliance Activities:**

*We believe education is the key to improving compliance with OHV regulations and designations. The great majority of people contacted in the field have expressed a willingness to do the right thing and operate their OHVs responsibly on public lands. They need accurate and complete information to help them. Travel management signage provides the basis for compliance.*

*The goal is to achieve a high level of buy-in by the motorized recreation community, resulting in a greater sense of ownership and a significantly reduced need for enforcement. The success of the program thus far indicates a high probability for continued positive results.*

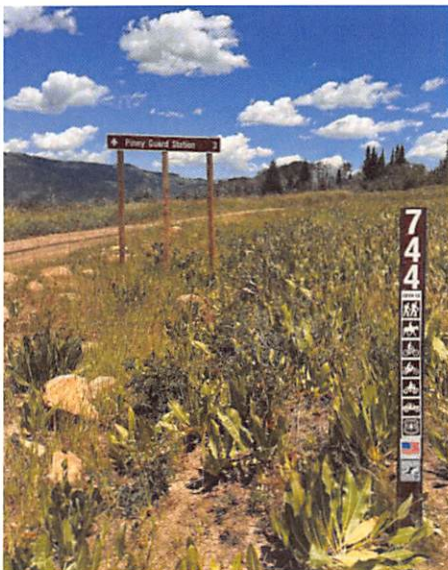
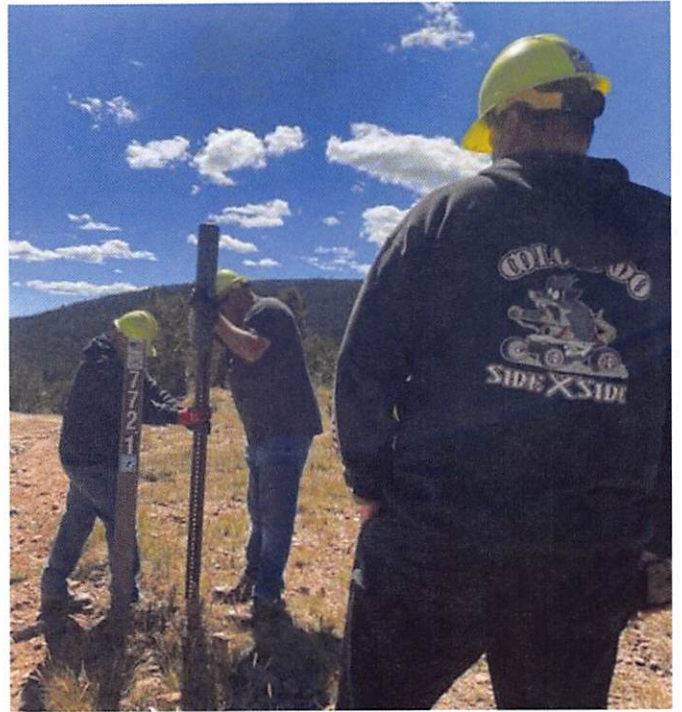
# E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

## E-1 Vicinity Map: Statewide, State of Colorado





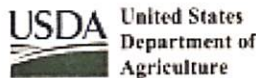
(F) Project Illustration





## (G) Letters of Project Support

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**Date:** November 6, 2023

State Trails Program  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, Colorado 80125

To the Colorado Recreational Trails Committee:

The Pikes Peak Ranger District is in high support of Stay The Trails signage grant. Throughout the years, the Stay the Trail's signage grant has been an invaluable tool for us. It saves us time, money and resources. Below you will see what it takes for us to make a purchase. By detailing this, my hope is that you will see why we depend on and highly value Stay the Trails partnership, especially when it comes to the signage grant.

The OHV Sub-Committee may or may not know what a nightmare purchasing has become within the USFS. One swipe of the government credit card is followed by a chain of admin steps which on average takes two weeks and sometimes over a month to complete. A single purchase requires anywhere from 3-5 hours of paperwork and up to 24 hours. Before every purchase we have to fill out two forms. The first form, FS-6300, is an itemized list that includes quantities ordered and costs. The second form, AD-3110 is a mandatory justification sheet for our purchases. The federal government requires us to purchase from certain online marketplaces. These online marketplaces are bad imitations of Amazon. Items are often out of stock and prices change on a whim. Oftentimes we do not know about the lack of inventory or price changes until 7-10 days after our order was placed. Because of their preferred online stores, they make it very difficult to support and order from local businesses. The AD-3110 form requires us to justify our purchases and where we purchase from. After completed, both forms have to be signed by a supervisor. At this point we can finally purchase the items and pray that they are still in stock or the prices haven't changed. If the items are out of stock or the prices have changed, we must find new places to purchase from, redo both of the forms, and get them signed again.

After purchases have been made, they must be reconciled in a pain staking computer program where the receipts, invoices and proof of delivery are uploaded. At this point a different FS employee has to comb over every little thing and they will either accept the purchase or reject it. If all is reconciled, which does not always happen, and all purchases are accepted, we can continue with our work. If things are not properly reconciled, we are put through another gambit of administration tasks until approval is achieved. All of this takes time and energy away from our fieldwork. Many within the Forest Service dread having to purchase but it's a necessary evil.

As a partner, Stay the Trail does not have the bureaucratic ropes that keep us bound to the office chair and computer. They are efficient in areas that we are not. Together, our partnership allows more time for fieldwork, doing the work that we all agree should be our number one priority for our stake holders. Every year I look forward to Allison Needler's email for the signage grant. Early Spring I start preparing. I survey our District's signing and carsonite sticker needs. I look for areas where we can improve. As soon as her email hits my inbox, I simply input



what we need and hit the send button. Like magic signs show up a few weeks later. This grant, Stay the Trail, and the public taxpayer deserves such efficiency. It is truly a valuable resource! Thank you for your time and consideration.



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In Reply Refer To:  
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November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance: Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

This letter will serve as official support from The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kremmling Field Office for the Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant.

As an agency, the (BLM) Kremmling Field Office outdoor recreation program areas have been heavily impacted by a significant influx of visitors, and by the East Troublesome Wildfire. Grand County's area attractions and close proximity to Front Range communities is a destination area for both in-state residents and visitors to Colorado. In past years, we have seen a dramatic increase in the desire to take advantage of our phenomenal outdoor opportunities by locals and tourists alike. In addition with increased use comes a need for signage, directions and proper management on the ground. If utilizing the purchase program of the BLM, many of the needed Travel Management projects would go unaccomplished. Due to the rapidly changing challenges of managing public lands, having less restrictions on the award would be significantly beneficial.

Receipt of the Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant would allow the above issues to be addressed primarily through additional Travel Management objectives, especially in the priority Sage Grouse landscape of Jackson County. Controlling use to designated routes and protecting habitat is a direct benefit of this grant. Without its funding, significantly less protection of critical habitat would be possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

*Andrew (Andy) Borek*  
Outdoor Recreation Planner  
BLM Kremmling Field Office  
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**File Code:** 1560; 2350  
**Date:** November 16, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
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Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance: Uniform Trail and Road Signage Proposal

Dear OHV Subcommittee Members:

The United States Forest Service- Grand Valley Ranger District supports the signage grant submitted by the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado C Highway Vehicle Grants Program. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continu funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in

Stay the Trail's program has greatly benefited the Grand Valley Ranger District by providing sign and educational materials. We use these resources to help implement travel management on the ground as well as ensure a uniformity to the districts sign plan. The materials ensure the district can educate users on the allowed use of the OHV trail systems as well as the overall management of OHV use. As items increase in price, our ability to spend becomes more difficult within the agency due to our purchasing limits. Having a partner group with the ability to purchase these materials is very beneficial for these reasons.

USFS Grand Valley Ranger District strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS  
District Ranger





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Date: 11/13/2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance: Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District fully supports the 2025 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant application to fund the Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant under Stay the Trail-Education and Stewardship Alliance.

Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District has participated in the program and received trail and road signage requests every year from Stay the Trail funded through previous grants awarded through the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program.

Stay The Trail has provided ease in ordering and supplying clear and consistent signage on the ground in conjunction with the implementation of new travel management rules and maps. The process that Stay the Trail has implemented makes ordering timely and easy during busy field season months. Stay the Trail offers a template that creates uniform signage across the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to enhance the experience of OHV users across the state. This grant has made it easier to maintain signage on the district.

Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District strongly recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

Sincerely,

Mike Smith  
Acting District Ranger







## United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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In Reply Refer To:  
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November 17, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
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Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

Subject: Letter of Support for Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

The Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office (GFO) supports the referenced application for an off-highway vehicle (OHV) grant submitted by the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance under the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Grants Program. The purpose of the proposed grant is to provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands in Colorado. Our partnership with Stay The Trail program is at the core of GFO provides information, education, and ethics messaging to public land users.

For many years, the Stay The Trail signage grant has helped our office purchase uniform signage materials that allow us to provide consistent messaging as we implement travel management decisions and construct new trails and facilities. Each of our OHV areas have specific needs; we would like to request more flexibility in the types of signs and materials that we can request. Flexibility will allow us to address resource issues and convey clear expectations to the OHV community.

The GFO recommends approval of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance grant application and we pledge our support toward continued implementation of this program. The OHV community deserves and requires clear and consistent on-the-ground signage and information to help them comply with the new motorized road and trail designations and maps.

Sincerely,

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Jon F. Kaminsky  
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Gunnison Field Office





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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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November 16, 2023

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

Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance: Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear CPW State Trails Committee,

The Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office strongly supports the Stay The Trail grant application for funding to support its outreach, education, and signage program to help protect our natural resources.

OHV recreation in Western Colorado continues to grow year over year, and it continues to be a challenge to manage the impacts and provide informative, on-the-ground trail signs. Stay The Trail has made a significant contribution to CRVFO's OHV program by providing a path to easily acquire necessary signs. I see many benefits from the program opening up the grant to additional options, including streamlining sign purchases and allowing rangers to do their jobs seamlessly without having to work through challenging financial obstacles.

As Western Colorado's population and recreation use continues to grow, it is essential that we work together to address, manage, and mitigate impacts. The Stay The Trail sign grant is a necessary resource to help achieve these objectives to ensure the sustainability of our community's trails and natural resources.

The Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance has been and continues to be a trusted partner within our community. We strongly support the CPW State Trails Committee awarding these funds to the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance.

Sincerely,

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Hilary Boyd  
Assistant Field Manager

**(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**

This grant helps the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management by alleviating the difficult and time-consuming process of ordering signs/decals through their own purchase cards or budget restrictions. The life of signs, decals, and other identification numbers is fairly short due to environmental factors, shooting abuse, disgruntled users, and changes on the ground. Keeping an area well signed with fresh decals indicates a managed and cared for area. This also allows the OHV user to better navigate the legal trail systems on the ground across Colorado. We have worked personally with crews to help install signs and monitored areas with new installations. The signage grants' main benefit is for the OHV users on the ground and the land they recreate on.



## Additional Letters of Support



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**File Code:** 2300  
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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance: Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

We are writing this letter in support of the Stay the Trail funding request for the Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant. The benefit of this grant for Clear Creek Ranger District's OHV crew is invaluable. This allows for less ordering restrictions helping to create a sign standard and surplus for sign installations throughout districts statewide.

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

This signage grant will allow the continuation to install informational and regulatory signs to inform and remind users to Stay the Trail. Through this grant Clear Creek Ranger District's OHV crew was able to assist with the installation and standardization of signage with the Boulder RD new seasonal crew (first year crew) to create a uniform installation of signs throughout both districts, helping to create a consistency within multiple districts. Without this opportunity provided by Stay The Trail, our supplies would have been limited therefore not allowing us to provide assistance to the extent we did. Within the signage grant, Stay the Trail sends 20 "OHV Dollars at Work Stickers" and one poly-flex sign including the necessary CPW literature required on each road sign, etc.

Funding for this grant request is critical for establishing and maintaining signage repairs, installations, and helping to create a uniform and standardized sign plan throughout multiple areas.

Sincerely,

NICOLE MALANDRI

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8300 (COF03-STN)

November 29, 2023

TO: OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee  
Colorado State Parks OHV Program  
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Littleton, CO 80125

RE: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance; Uniform Trail and Road Signage Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Bureau of Land Management's San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) is proud to support this OHV State Trails grant request by Stay The Trail – Education and Stewardship Alliance, for funding to continue their important work of providing consistent signage across agency boundaries and throughout Colorado.

For years, Stay The Trail has offered agencies, like the BLM, the opportunity to annually purchase critical supplies for motorized trails benefitting both OHV participants and the lands on which they recreate. The need for consistent signing throughout Colorado, regardless of jurisdiction, benefits users by helping them understand, as Stay The Trail puts it, where to keep their wheels where they belong.

Without signage such as that provided through this grant and STT's signage program, OHV participants are often left to interpret where they are supposed to go and what the allowable uses may be. With the reliable opportunity provided by STT, land managers can chip away at the never-ending need for good signage on Colorado's public lands. This benefits OHV opportunities by preventing resource damage and reducing user conflict, while making for a better experience by motorized trail users.

After many years of benefitting from this opportunity, however, the San Luis Valley Field Office has purchased as many of the available supplies as it needs from this grant opportunity for the foreseeable future. One request from this office for your consideration, would be to expand the allowable supplies available for purchase through the Rockart Signs and Markers partnership. We can only achieve so much with a small set of available decals, and many units like the San Luis Valley Field Office would benefit from greater flexibility in ordering a wider variety of supplies from Rockart.



**BLM-SLVFO recognizes the important role this project represents to improving motorized trail experiences and sustainability across the San Luis Valley landscape. We urge the OHV Subcommittee to fully fund the request by Stay The Trail – Education and Stewardship Alliance, so that they may continue this vital work that benefits the San Luis Valley and all of Colorado’s treasured landscapes. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

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