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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

Name of Project: Trail Dozer Grant 2024-2025		Date of Application: 11/27/23	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
Total Project Cost: \$151,175.32 151,176 ⁰⁰		Grant Request: \$151,175.32 151,176 ⁰⁰	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>		<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)			
Organization Name: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)			
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4283, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4283			
Telephone: 1-970-948-8924		Email: kd0vsv@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.			
Name: Jim Reed		Title: President	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4283, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4283			
Telephone: 1-970-948-8924		Email: kd0vsv@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.			
Name: Jim Reed		Title: President	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4283, Grand Junction, CO 81502-4283			
Telephone: 1-970-948-8924		Email: kd0vsv@gmail.com	
GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)			
Name:		Title:	
Mailing Address:			
Telephone:		Email:	

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Grand Junction	
County(ies): Mesa	
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):	
Township/Range/Section: Section 135, Range 96 West	
State Senate District #: 7	State Representative District #: 55
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u>400</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>350</u>
Miles of Full-sized: <u>4,000</u>	
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 type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4	<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 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 <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
	<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.)	
% of Budget 100%	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.)
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Trail Dozer Grant 2024-25	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Jim Reed	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$151,175.32	Grant Request: 151,175.32

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

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

WHO:

The WSATVA is a nonprofit organization since 1988 and provides trail maintenance to benefit all users, not just a select few. We operate out of Grand Junction and Mesa County and are major partners with the Grand Valley Ranger District and the Grand Junction BLM Field Office. WSATVA contributes between 4000 and 8000 volunteer man hours per year towards trail maintenance and upkeep.

WHERE:

Our work is concentrated on the North end of the Uncompahgre National Forest, Grand Mesa National Forest and the lands under management by the Grand Junction Field Office of the BLM.

WHAT:

We will replace our Sweco trail dozer which should be replaced due to normal use hours in extreme rocky conditions. The dozer will be used by the USFS to maintain trails in our service area. Excessive cost of repairs and downtime from those repairs is another main reason for replacement.

WHEN:

Purchase will begin upon receipt of grant funds and will be completed by December 31, 2025.

Program Funding Acknowledgement:

Program funding will be acknowledged as we have in the past, by placing decals on the equipment giving credit to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV grant program.

Budget Form

Project Name: Trail Dozer Grant 2024-2025

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA)

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)			\$ 151,176.00
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>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<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		\$ 151,176.00

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
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<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
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
Sutter 500 dozer			\$ -
Delivery expense, and support funds	\$ -		\$ 6,376.00
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ 151,176.00
III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -
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>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
Category Total			\$ -
Total			\$ 151,176.00

* 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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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 Trail Dozer Grant 2024-2025 Project Sponsor WSATVA

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:

GMUG Land and Resource Management Plan (revised) Date: 1991

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

Date and title of document:

Grand Mesa NF travel management EA and Decision 1994 and 2001

Uncompahgre NF Management EIS and Decision: 2003

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:

Lacie Jurado, Trails Coordinator, Grand Valley Ranger District 970-817-4053

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

GMUG Forest Plan Revision

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

**WILLIAM
EDWARDS**

Digitally signed by WILLIAM EDWARDS
Date: 2023.11.16 12:28:47 -07'00'

William A. Edwards, District Ranger

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name _____ N/A _____ Project Sponsor _____

The project described in this application has my approval.

_____ N/A to this grant _____

Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title **Date**

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

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

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

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

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

5. Benefits: List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

6. Environmental Compliance: Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Principle source of information: (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

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

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

- What specifically will the project accomplish?
- 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 replacement of the trail dozer will allow replacement of the currently owned dozer so that maintenance cost and delays in availability to be minimized. The trail dozer will enable the WSATVA to continue to lead the state in volunteer maintenance and keep the trails in our area as some of the best in the state. The use of equipment to maintain the trails is an absolute must. The WSATVA has provided trails dozers for maintenance since 1995. The equipment used and the WSATVA volunteer members combine to provide the best and safest routes available to the public. The routes we maintain see a variety of users, with ATV leading in usage. The users range from beginners to advance rider and from locals to people from all across the country.

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

We have provided letters of support from Grand Valley Ranger District, Thunder Mountain Wheelers, Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce. These are pretty much self-explanatory, but it should be noted that Ute Water supplies drinking water from the Grand Mesa areas we work to much of the Grand Junction area. They know that our work helps ensure the integrity of the water quality in the streams and lakes in which they own water.

The U.S. Forest Service supports acquisition of the trail dozer because they have witnessed downtime from aging dozers.

There are no other partners or volunteer hours or an "in-kind" match.

We will be applying decals to the equipment recognizing the state's OHV grant program and giving the credit for the purchase funds.

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.

Major Re-Route: Defined as trail work that will require new and/or additional environmental approvals. (Minor re-routes taking place on an already approved trail corridor will not be considered a *major* re-route, as described here.)

- Provide the number of miles or feet that are being re-routed and why.
- Provide a detailed map of where the trail re-route is located, showing old/current route and proposed re-route.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

Large Equipment purchased with OHV funding must have commitment to Long-Term Maintenance and Operations and must only be used for OHV Trail Maintenance Activities. When not in use, equipment will be made available for use on other OHV projects currently or previously supported by CPW. When equipment is no longer in use or needed, it should be passed on to another OHV Club, the BLM or Forest Service, or returned to CPW to insure continued OHV trail maintenance activities. Describe provisions to be made for the following:

- Who will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the equipment?
- What is the expected annual budget for operations, maintenance and fuel?
- How many (machine) hours are needed to maintain the trail system?
- What is the expected annual cost for future operations and maintenance and will that be dependent upon additional OHV grants?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

The trail dozer will continue to be serviced by the U.S. Forest Service and the local equipment company on Grand Junction. It will likely continue to work for 350 to 400 hours per year. There will be no maintenance cost paid by WSATVA.

An example of maintenance procedures is: Let's begin toward season end and progress—In September or October a dozer is taken to a local equipment shop to be checked out and serviced in preparation for the next season's use and then picked up by a Forest Service crew. The next spring when the Forest Service crew comes on board they will check the dozer over for anything they think it needs prior to taking it to the forest. Depending on usage it may be serviced in the shop again prior to the end of season shop visit. There are always breakdowns. Some require the dozer to be taken to the shop for repair and some don't.

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.

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

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

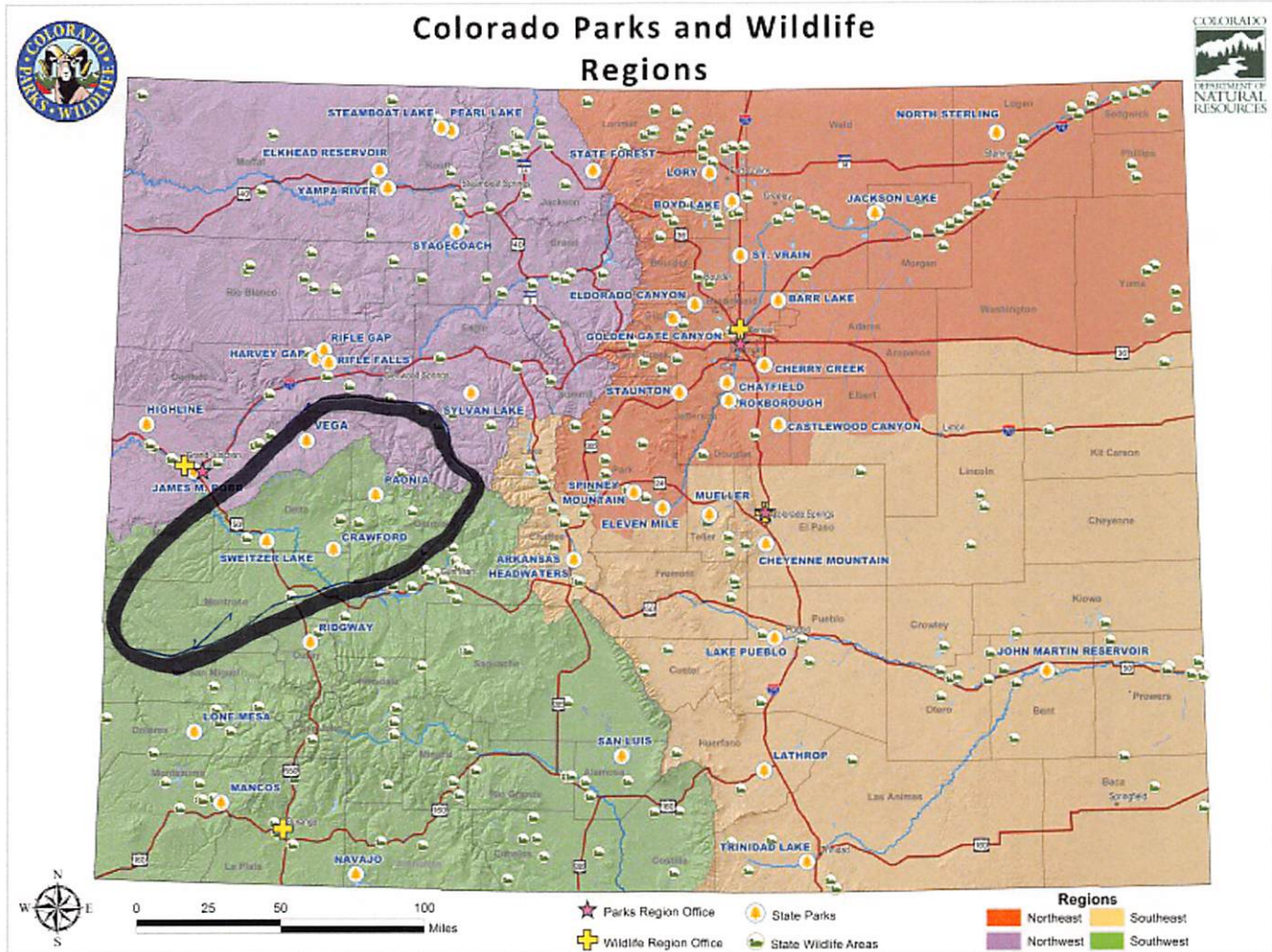
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments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

Boundary Trail(#525)and
Divide Trail (#523)
Dozer work clearing
brush by Forest Service
and WSATVA crew
replacing and installing
cattleguard.



In Progress
WSATVA
Work Crew



Work Done by
Subcontractor



Completed



Dozer working
on Road 266

(G) Letters of Project Support

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

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

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Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-242-8211
Fax: 970-263-5819

File Code: 1560; 2350
Date: November 16, 2023

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

Re: WSATVA 2025 Equipment Grant Application

Dear OHV Subcommittee Members:

Please accept my support for the grant application submitted by the Western Slope ATV Association for 2025. WSATV Association is arguably Grand Valley Ranger District's largest partner providing thousands of volunteer hours each year. The organization is coming up on 40 years of being active and is responsible for conducting work on hundreds of miles of OHV trails across Western Colorado. As the number of recreationists seeking OHV opportunities on their public lands continues to increase, so does the importance of volunteer efforts, such as WSATVA, in maintaining these opportunities in a manner that also protects the natural resource.

Their proposal would allow the association to purchase a new trail dozer which is necessary to provide maintenance to trails and critical support to the hundreds of members conducting volunteer work. The provision of these funds, in the amount of \$151,176, would include \$144,800 for the trail dozer and \$6,376 for the delivery expense, winch, and additional hardware funds.

As always, we are thankful for the support from Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS
District Ranger



Thunder Mountain Wheelers
P.O. Box 203
Delta, Colorado 81416



Mr. Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
13787 S Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

November 8, 2023

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter of support for the Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA) grant request for the 2025 field season. They are requesting monies to replace one of there two dozers with a new Sutter model. As we all know the trail dozers are the work horse of the ATV 50" trail maintenance program. Along with the new trail dozer WSATVA has also requested Items:

Chainsaw replacement

QuickCrete concrete mix

Batteries for pruners, chainsaws and other battery operated equipment

Geo Grid re-enforcement mesh

Tires and other maintenance items

Mileage Reimbursements for volunteers

The WSATVA Grant request will allow for continued maintenance of their adopted trails on the GMUG National Forest. It would put funds in areas where the WSATVA do a lot of work and will help to provide a safe and enjoyable ride for the ATV enthusiast. It is impossible to foresee what actually needs to be done or purchased two years in advance. Most damage occurs in hunting season being the wettest time of the year and the demand for trail maintenance work is always high the following year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely

Mike LeMaster

TMW President and Trail Coordinator



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Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks and Recreation
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November 16, 2023

Dear Mr. Metsa,

I am writing in full support of the Western Slope ATV Association's three requests for a Dozer Grant, Supplies and Equipment Grant, and Sub-Contractor Grant in 2024. As a representative of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, an organization representing nearly 800 small businesses employing over 83,000 employees across Mesa County, I have witnessed the positive impact this organization has on our community.

The Western Slope ATV Association's commitment to responsible outdoor recreation aligns with our region's values, contributing significantly to our community's economic and social well-being. Their emphasis on responsible ATV use, educational programs, and environmental stewardship demonstrates a dedication to both the enjoyment of our landscapes and their preservation.

The economic boost generated by the Western Slope ATV Association, along with their collaboration with local authorities on cleanup and habitat restoration, underscores their commitment to the sustainable development of Western Colorado.

I urge you to strongly consider and support their grant request, as it not only enhances recreational opportunities but also ensures the long-term health and prosperity of our community.

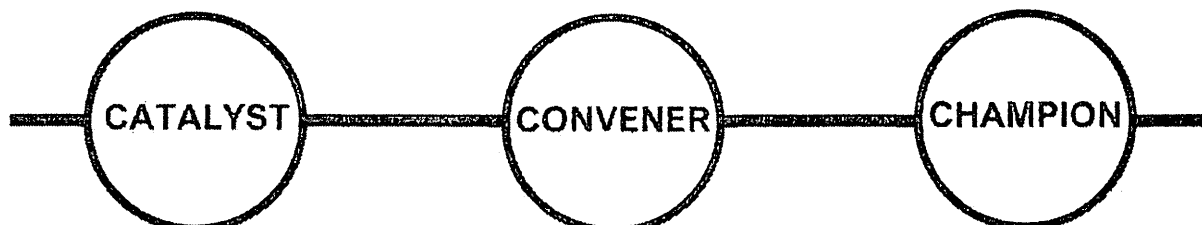
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Nov. 22, 2023

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

Please accept this letter from me as a former OHV subcommittee member of over 28 years as an official letter of support for the WSATVA OHV sub-contractor grant for the 2024-2025 grant season.

The reason I support this grant request is because it is a solution to the existing problems that **have not been solved**. The biggest problem is the ability for the clubs to get insurance to work on trails. And based on the latest meetings and feedback from clubs, it is almost impossible to get insurance for working on trails.

This grant is to use a sub-contractor that can get insurance and in this grant the estimates given are from contractors that currently work for the FS or have in the past. Using contractors is nothing new. This grant is **not** competition to the FS but support for voids that may occur in their hiring process and would do work the clubs will no longer be able to do because of the restrictions and the average age of these clubs. Most members are in their late sixties or older. This club turns in over three thousand volunteer hours a year and if they cannot work on the trails like in the past because of insurance and additional training, this is a solution to fill that void. If there are other options, I have not heard of any through the countless meetings we have sat through. This type of program is a partnership that allows the clubs to stay involved as they will oversee the contractor. Rampart Range has been doing a similar program for over 18 years.

WSATVA still plans to collaborate with the volunteer agreement to remove fallen trees, clear water bars and basic trail clearing (Adopt a Trail). They do an excellent job of working with the Grand Valley Ranger District and Ouray Ranger District and this program would assist needed trail maintenance without competing with existing FS grants. Together this program provides the important consistency in trail maintenance on the GMUG. The sub-contractor grant that WSATVA received this past year has been working very well.

It is our understanding that this grant would specifically target Monument Trail (#518) and other trails in that area that need trail maintenance. Together this program provides the very important consistency in trail maintenance on the GMUG.

I support a program such as the grant application that WSATVA is applying for. This program would increase funding to do routine trail maintenance knowing that clubs cannot do what they have done in the past because of insurance along with the ongoing hiring problems the FS has. I do not see any changes for next year except hiring one or two full time people and that does not solve the hiring issues for the Good Management crews and other support crews.

I support the concept of this grant application for WSATVA and would like to see move innovative and collaborative efforts like this in the future.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Liebetrau

TMW Board Member, Uncompahgre Trail Riders member and former OHV Sub-Committee Member

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

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