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Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew
(UAMTC)

A Good Management Crew

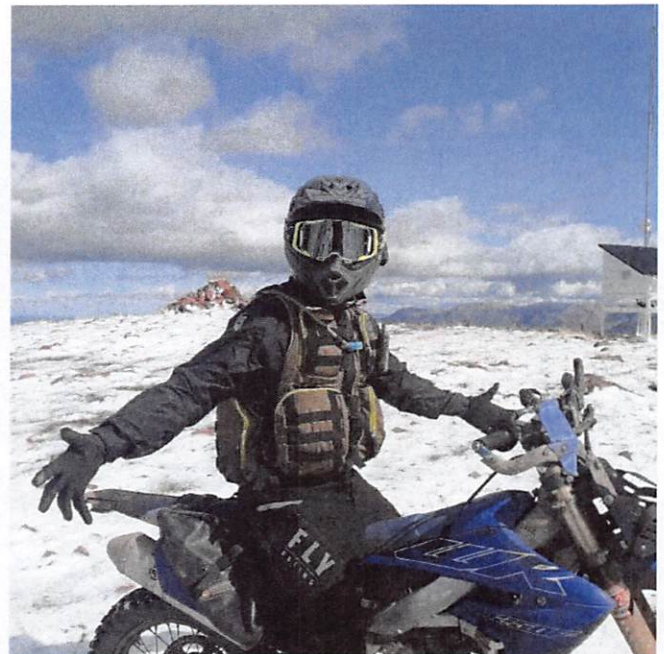
2024-2025 Grant Request:

Total Project Amount: \$187,926

OHV Grant Funding Request: \$136,052

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Name of Project: Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (GM)	Date of Application: 12/01/2023
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$49,814 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$23,032 <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: USFS Salida Ranger District	
Mailing Address: 5575 Cleora Rd; Salida CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-593-3591	

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED)

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: Allegra Torres	Title: Trails Manager
Mailing Address: 5575 Cleora Rd. Salida CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-677-8210	Email: Allegra.torres@usda.gov
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: Gabriel Hobson	Title: Recreation Staff
Mailing Address: 5575 Cleora Rd. Salida CO 81201	
Telephone: 719-530-3955	Email: gabriel.hobson@usda.gov

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

Name: TBD at later date	Title: Grants Mgmt Specialist
Mailing Address: 2840 kachina blvd; Pueblo, CO 81008	
Telephone:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Salida, Buena Vista, Cotopaxi

County(ies): Chafee, Fremont, Lake, Park, Saguache

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

Township/Range/Section: Public land boundaries in counties

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): Public Lands**TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION** (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)Miles of Singletrack: 84 Miles of 50" or less: 12 Miles of Full-sized: TBD**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project) All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
 Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

 Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation ***New Trail Construction** miles / ft. _____
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement ***Major Re-Route** miles / ft. closed _____
(that will require new or additional *environmental* miles / ft. added _____
approvals) Signs Youth Corps Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment Education Land Acquisition or Other*** New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route:** Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration**TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY** (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)**% of Budget****65****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.)**15****Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts** (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)

15	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
5	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: UAMTC (GM)	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: USFS; AHRA	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Allegra Torres	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 49,814	Grant Request: \$23,032



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

Name of Project: Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (GM)		Date of Application: 12/1/2023
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$138,112		Grant Request: \$113,020
<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: CPW – Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area		
Mailing Address: 307 W Sackett Ave Salida, CO 81201		
Telephone: 719-539-7289	Email: jeffrey.hammond@state.co.us	
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: Jeff Hammond	Title: Park Ranger	
Mailing Address: 307 W Sackett Ave Salida, CO 81201		
Telephone: 719-539-7289	Email: jeffrey.hammond@state.co.us	
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES	
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:	Title:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Email:	

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.)

The Good OHV Management Crew will develop, maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, parking and support facilities; reconstruct OHV trails and related facilities; produce, install and maintain signage for OHV trails and support facilities; develop, deliver and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service, CPW, and BLM that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement by authorized Good Management programs.

Work in 2024 and 2025 will be largely focused on implementing the record of decision of the PSICC travel management MVUM. The forest expects 2 years' time to be able to match what's on the map to what's on the ground and make the necessary changes. Changes to our MVUM include the change of some roads to trails open to all vehicles. The UAMTC will be instrumental in shaping these changes on the ground and working to ensure the OHV recreation opportunities are posted, maintained, and open to applicable users.

The UAMTC will continue to focus on annual maintenance of our motorized trails including clearing drains, installing crib walls, adding erosion control devices to ensure our trails are sustainable and remain open to all allowed users. Deferred maintenance projects will include minor reroutes, heavy reconstruction of trails, and additions of larger needs such as turnpikes. This crew responds immediately to safety issues including rock fall, landslides, etc. and is critical to ensuring our OHV opportunities remain safe, sustainable, and open.

Assist with the potential new motorized trail proposals. Many users created trails currently braid system routes and are continuing to grow. Designating certain trails open will help add motorized single track to the area as well as help to better manage the area. Four Mile Travel Management area is currently only offering 13 miles of motorized single track and the demand is showcased by continuous use on the non-system routes. The crew has worked to create a map with all known existing routes in the area. The Four Mile Travel Management area is contingent on the Trail conservation plan that is currently being revised however the OHV crew will be integral in implementing the final record of decision for the PSICC Motor Vehicle map.

Projects:

Porter Gulch – Implementation Summer 2024

Monarch Crest Duo- Expected decision January 2024

Other Projects – Bear Creek drainage installation, rock work near West Creek along the Rainbow Trail, Sand Gulch – turnpike maintenance, Crib wall installation along Silver Creek and 108.

Collaborative efforts on our multiuse trails with local partners CCMR, CORE, and SMT to help maintain and ensure positive OHV recreation opportunities are protected. Work parties involving these groups continue to benefit the local recreating public and pave a positive path forward for multi-use recreationalists.

Continue to provide the OHV recreating public with informational/ educational events. Messages and partners will include Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, Stay The Trail and staffing at OHV related events such as enduro and trails courses. Posting of "OHV Dollars at Work" decals and signs at all OHV trail heads. Crew continues to wear uniform jersey with the same decal on the back and educates public on how the registration dollars directly impact keeping trails open.

Budget Form

Project Name: Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area

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)	\$ 113,020		\$ 113,020.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PMII Supervisor - Employee supervision, grant management	\$ -	\$ 13,770.00	\$ 13,770.00
AHRA Staff time for training seasonal employees	\$ -	\$ 3,672.00	\$ 3,672.00
AHRA staff support time	\$ -	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 7,650.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 138,112.00

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Title 33 Ranger - Tyler Smith - 28wks	\$ 32.00	(wage + benefits)	\$ 35,840.00
Title 33 Ranger - Cory Willoughby - 28wks	\$ 32.00	(wage + benefits)	\$ 35,840.00
Title 33 Ranger - Grant Gamster - 28wks	\$ 32.00	(wage + benefits)	\$ 35,840.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,360.00	Category Total	\$ 107,520.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies

Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

III. Equipment

Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

Fuel/fluids	\$ 1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Repair parts	\$ 4,000.00	1	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 5,500.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

IV. Volunteer Support

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.

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

V. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

VI. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)

Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)

	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -

* 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

Total	\$ 113,020.00
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Budget Form

Project Name: Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew GM

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

Project Sponsor: US Forest Service- Salida Ranger District

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)	\$ 23,032		\$ 23,032.00
FS Staff Oversight, supervision, and budget time \$250/day x 55 days	\$ -	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750.00
FS Training and Travel	\$ -	\$ 8,032	\$ 8,032.00
CDT Dollars	\$5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	\$ 49,814.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

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
GS-07 OHV Member	\$ 29.09	8 weeks		\$ 13,032.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,360.00		Category Total	\$ 13,032.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
Singage/fencing (sign posts, carsonites, lumber, etc.)	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 5,000.00
III. Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
PPE	\$ 1,000.00	4	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Chainsaw Supplies and repairs	\$ 1,000.00	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 5,000.00
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>				
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			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	\$ -
Total				\$ 23,032.00

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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

Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew

Project
Sponsor

USFS Salida Ranger District

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 and 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.

Porter Gulch- Planned Implentation July 2024

Monarch Crest Duo- Decision Expected Spring 2024

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

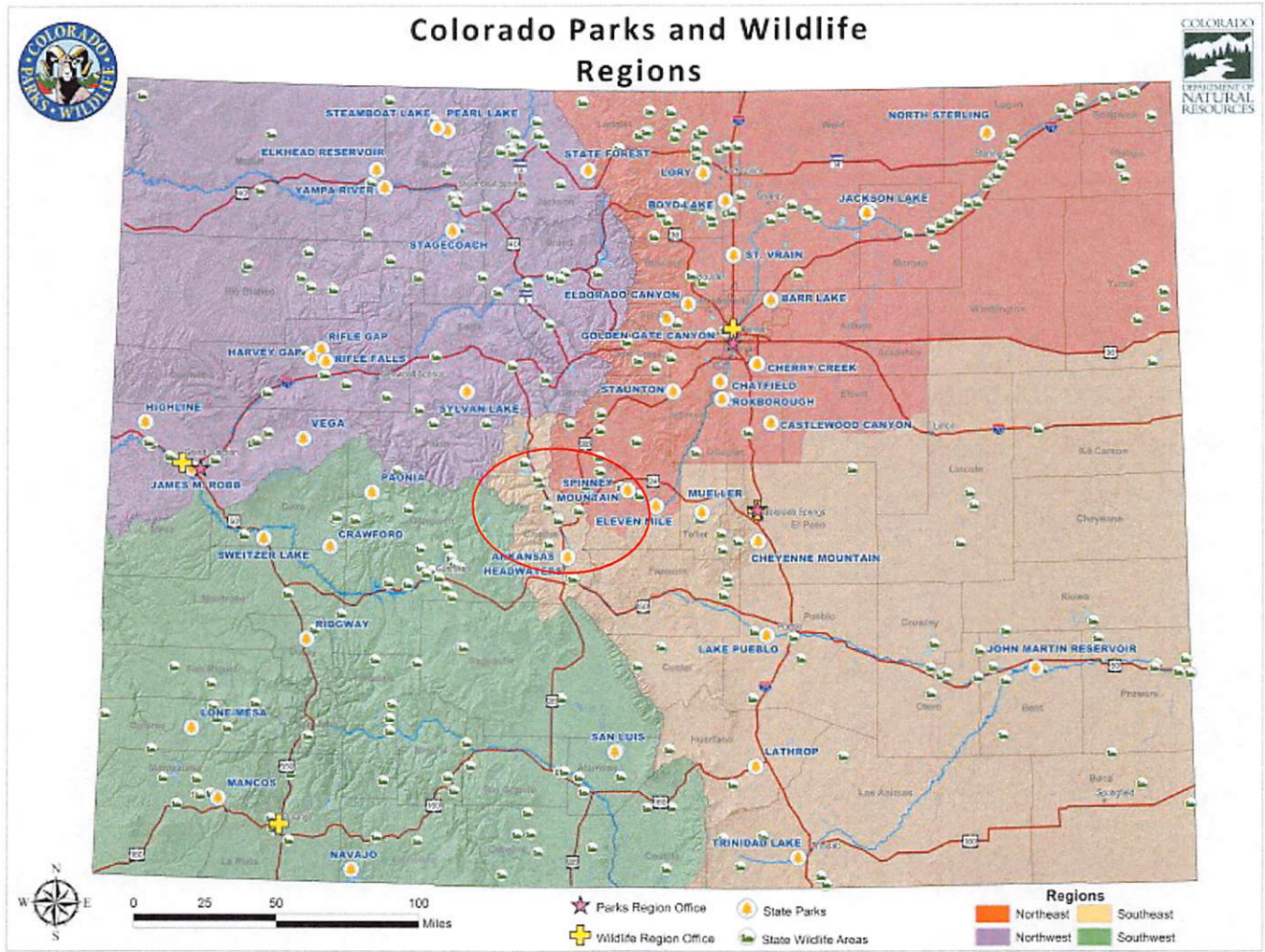
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Land Manager Signature and Title

11/6/2023

Date

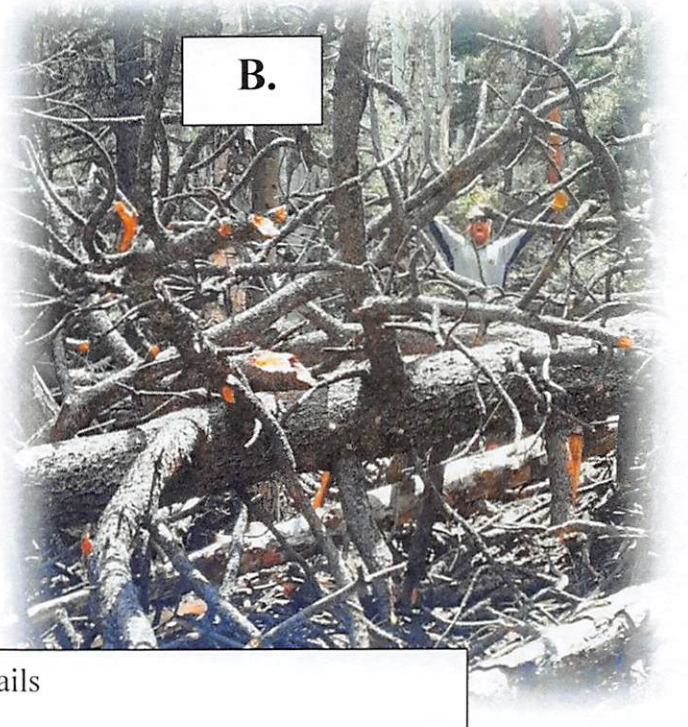
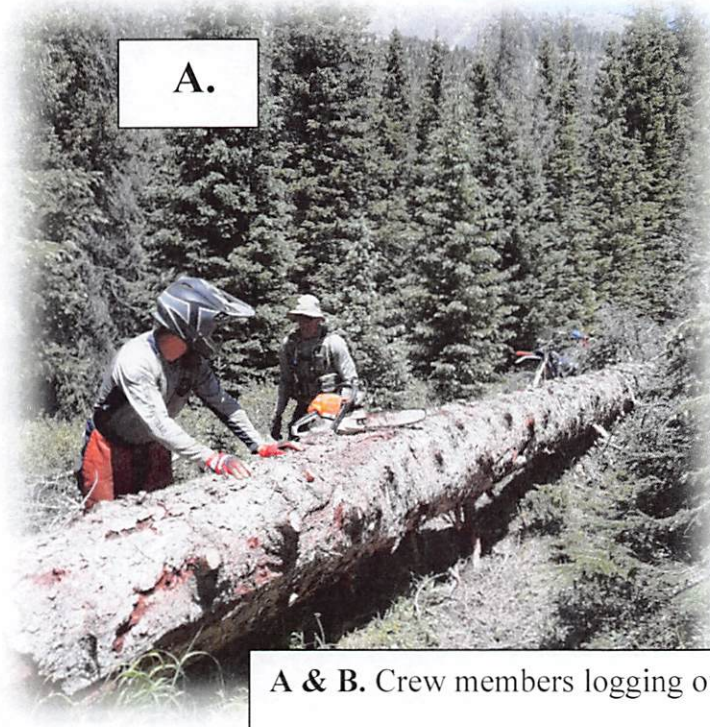
E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps



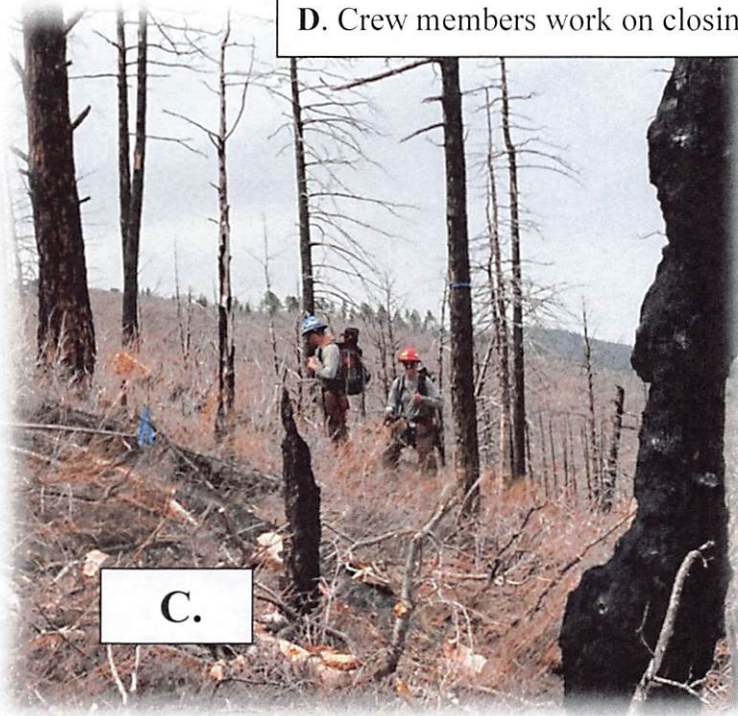
1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)

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



A & B. Crew members logging out trails
C. Crew aids in post fire mitigation of hazard trees and logging out.
D. Crew members work on closing illegally made trails.





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14 November, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Attn: Mr. Tom Metsa
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: USFS - Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew grant application

Dear Mr. Metsa,

On behalf of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, please accept this letter of support for the US Forest Service - Pike San Isabel Forest's grant application to Colorado Parks and Wildlife to fund their Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (UAMTC) - a Good Management crew. This crew works on local and regional Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails from spring through fall and is a key component to ensuring community OHV recreation opportunities are protected and maintained, as well as helps neighboring districts and land management agencies to strengthen OHV recreation opportunities and partnerships.

The Arkansas River valley continues to grow exponentially in both visitor and residents, with an increase in the number of recreators on Chaffee County's trail systems. This has resulted in increased impacts of recreation use, including from OHV user groups. We can anticipate growing needs related to local recreation infrastructure appropriate to varied user types will only continue.

As proposed by USFS within their grant application, Chaffee County sees UAMTC playing an integral role with aiding future resiliency of OHV trails and improving recreation infrastructure sustainability for our existing OHV trails in the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

Thank you for your consideration of USFS's grant proposal to CPW for the Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew funding.

Respectfully,

Keith Baker
Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Chaffee County Government

06 November, 2023

Mr. Tom Metsa
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125



Re: USFS- Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew



Dear Mr. Metsa,

Envision Chaffee County and the Envision Recreation in Balance Regional Partnership supports the funding request for the Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (UAMTC) - a Good Management crew. The crew works on local and neighboring OHV trails from spring through fall and is a key component to ensuring our OHV recreation opportunities are maintained.

Envision believes the UAMTC plays an integral role in maintaining sustainable trails as use increases, helping to retain quality outdoor recreation experiences. This is a key need and an important opportunity.

In the 2023 Chaffee County Recreation Survey, with 1,248 respondents, roughly 50% of respondents say the quality of their outdoor recreation experiences has degraded in the past 5 years. One of four top factors is impact from increasing (and sometimes irresponsible) motorized use including route damage, speeding and off trail use. Examples of comments received to an open-ended question about why experience quality has changed include, "Degraded roads, erosion, trash, dog waste, too many users and extreme concern for human-caused wildfires.", "OHVs flying down roads" and "We loved to 4-wheel back-country high mountain passes. Now these "jeep roads" are impassible for us, worn away by OHVs". The UAMTC is a critical asset, providing much needed boots on the ground to help address these issues and to ensure that high quality motorized recreation is sustainable.

Chaffee County is also working to complete a county-wide Trails System and Conservation Plan. The plan will identify critical needs and opportunities to improve the existing trail/route system for people and for wildlife. Funding the UAMTC crews will provide essential resources to help implement top community priorities.

The Envision Recreation in Balance Partnership strongly recommends approve of the UAMTC proposal, supporting route maintenance and positive user behaviors.

Respectfully,

CindyLW

Cindy Williams
Co-Chair Envision Chaffee County



Central Colorado Mountain Riders

2 November 2023

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

Re: USFS - Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew

Dear Mr. Metsa,

Please accept this letter of support from the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) for the 2025 OHV Good Management Grant for the Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (UAMTC). The UAMTC works on our local OHV trails from Spring through Fall ensuring our recreation opportunities are protected and maintained. Not only has the crew helped foster excellent relationships with organizations such as ours, but they also help neighboring districts and land managers strengthen their OHV recreation and non-motorized recreation opportunities.

CCMR is an all-volunteer, 501 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to preserve, maintain and create motorized trail opportunities in the central Colorado area through cooperation, education, etiquette, and stewardship. We represent over 200 off-highway motorcycle enthusiasts all of whom contribute to the CPW OHV funding annually with the purchase of hundreds of OHV stickers. CCMR partners with public lands managers, working with the USFS and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation.

The UAMTC consistently provides positive community impact by providing trail maintenance and construction keeping our trails open and safe. Specially, on Nationals Trails Day, last June, the UAMTC assisted CCMR and the local mountain bike club on a major workday with more than 50 people. The UAMTC also assisted CCMR with designing several Rainbow Trail reroutes to improve trail maintainability. CCMR then let subcontracts, using the OHV Trail Maintenance grant, to make these trail improvements. The UAMTC provided invaluable support throughout these projects. The UAMTC also proved continual support during the CCMR managed Youth Corps Rainbow Trail project this Fall. More than 18 miles of multiuse trail was improved and made safer for all users. CCMR recognizes and values the retention of these highly skilled crew members.

CCMR is also aware and appreciates the support provided by the high number of hours the UAMTCs puts on their motorcycles each season and highly recommends the equipment upgrades they are requesting to enable the crew to safely perform their duties.

CCMR strongly recommends the approval of USFS's Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Grant application.

Sincerely,

Bob Daniel

President – CCMR



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

Re: USFS- Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew

Dear Mr. Metsa,

On behalf of Salida Mountain Trails (SMT) I'm writing in support of the funding request for the Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew (UAMTC) — a Good Management crew.

SMT has worked alongside the UAMTC crew and seen first-hand the value they bring to protecting and maintaining recreation opportunities in our area, and to fostering excellent relationships with local clubs and organizations. As a few examples, together this year we:

- Partnered for a second-straight year on National Trails Day with Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), the local motorized trail stewards, for a major volunteer event on the Rainbow Trail. More than 50 volunteers participated in routine maintenance to repair damage from the 2019 Decker Fire and subsequent rainstorms.
- Cleared lingering cornices on the Monarch Crest, also with CCMR, to mitigate resource damage from people riding around the snow.
- Completed the final bit of tread to open the new South Fooses Creek Trail.

There is an increasing need for UAMTC's work in our valley. The local population is growing, and recreational tourism is rising, necessitating more routine trail maintenance. With the Chaffee County Trails and Conservation Plan now underway, we also expect to soon identify critical infrastructure needs and opportunities to improve and expand the current trail system. The UAMTC will play a key role in planning, building and maintaining these new trails.

SMT believes the UAMTC plays an integral role in supporting the sustainability of well-loved trails in our area, and we look forward to working with the UAMTC in providing world-class trail experiences for the public to enjoy. SMT strongly recommends the approval of the Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew grant request, and we pledge our support towards the continuation of this project.

Sincerely,
Jon Terbush
Executive Director, Salida Mountain Trails

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

Provide a trail crew work plan for the **2025 work season**

(H). 2024-2025 UAMTC Work Plan

- Work through NEPA process, if NEPA starts, to propose and plan motorized single track trail system at Four Mile Travel Management Area. Work would deeply involve local partners and likely require much time spent with District Resource Specialists to mitigate various concerns.
- Clear down trees from the Rainbow and all motorized trails on the Salida Ranger District as we always do.
- Assist other adjacent USFS Districts such as the Leadville Ranger District and the San Carlos Ranger District to complete trail work.
- Continue to clear and reinforce burn scar areas along the Rainbow Trail such as redefining tread work and felling hazard trees.
- Work with local Trail Adopters to plan their work on adopted trail sections.
- Work with Central Colorado Motorcycle Riders to aid in maintaining, constructing, and improve trail systems
- Educate OHV users on how OHV Sticker money is spent, educate users on OHV rules and regulations, and build trust and respect with OHV Community by assisting Partners with quality OHV project work.
- Install crib walls on Silver Creek section of the Rainbow or have Trail Adopters perform this work.
- Install infrastructure at 4 mile to prevent OHV resource damage.
- Install travel management signs and width limiters as needed.
- Implement new trail designations with the finalized MVUM ROD district wide. New signage, gates and rehab is anticipated where FS roads have become trails on the Salida Ranger District. On the ground planning will be necessary to prevent motorized users from becoming confused with new changes.
- Perform heavy rock tread armoring work on Poplar Gulch trail and West Creek area.
- Install drainage and clear corridor along high use motorized trails.