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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: Eagle Zoned OHV Crew	Date of Application: 11/17/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$ 144,428 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$ 104,750 <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: USDA Forest Service, White River National Forest, Eagle-Holy Cross RD	
Mailing Address: PO Box 190 Minturn, CO 81645	
Telephone: 970-274-6267	Email: patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

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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: Trish Barrere	Title: Recreation Specialist
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Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO	

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.

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

Name: Alex Specht	Title: Grants Management Specialist
Mailing Address: 900 Grand Ave Glenwood Springs, CO 81602	
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PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Minturn, CO	
County(ies): Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield	
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Eagle, CO	
Township/Range/Section:	
State Senate District #: 5 & 8	State Representative District #: 56 & 61
LAND OWNERSHIP	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: National Forest System Lands	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" 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: <u>30</u>	Miles of 50" or less: _____ Miles of Full-sized: <u>450</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"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<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 environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration	
TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)	
% of Budget	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.)
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30	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
25	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
15	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: Eagle Zoned OHV Crew

Project No.:

(to be completed by CPW)

Project Sponsor: Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District

Application Year: 2024-2025

Project Contact: Trish Barrere

Application No.:

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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 Eagle Zoned OHV Good 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 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.

The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District (EHX) on the White River National Forest is seeking 2025 state grant funding for a four-person seasonal (May-October) Good Management OHV Crew. Our District has been a successful recipient of the State OHV Grant for the last twelve summers and is very grateful for the support we have received from State OHV Grant funds. Along with the funding of the Good Management Crew, EHX is grateful for the 3 years of equipment funding from the CPW OHV grant program which has allowed the crew to modernize the OHV fleet. The funding has allowed us to create a long-term OHV program to sustainably maintain OHV opportunities for both locals and visitors. The crew will be under the direction of the Recreation Staff and Recreation Specialist on the EHX and will work out of the Minturn Forest Service office. They will work four 10-hour days and utilize remote workstations to maximize their on-the-ground working time.

The zoned area consists of 450 miles of routes open to OHVs including 30 miles of motorized single-track, 25 miles of motorized trails open to vehicles 62" wide or less, and a variety of scenic, rugged mountain routes. The routes encompass Eagle, Garfield, and Pitkin counties and are adjacent to land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Colorado (Sylvan Lake). The proximity of the OHV areas to the I-70 corridor makes the riding areas easily accessible and very popular.

In the zoned area, four main OHV riding areas provide diverse riding experiences with heavy use.

- **Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument** and connecting areas provide OHV riders with views of Mount of the Holy Cross, access to 10th Mountain Division huts, high-elevation mountain passes, and the extremely popular and challenging Holy Cross City Jeep Road. With the new National Monument designation, it is imperative that the Eagle Zoned OHV crew maintains a high level of management in the area to provide a quality OHV experience for new and old visitors alike.
- **Red & White / Muddy Pass** area provides rugged OHV riding opportunities with spectacular views of the Gore Range, Vail valley, and OHV access for hunters with ease of access.
- **The Flattops** area provides 62 miles of OHV routes in the zoned area in a remote setting with alpine lakes, aspen groves, plenty of wildlife, access to the Deep Creek Overlook and Deep Lake Campground and connects to over 100 additional OHV miles.
- **South Eagle / Basalt to Gypsum** area provides motorized single-track opportunities linking the

Roaring Fork Valley to the OHV routes on the BLM land near Gypsum. It also encompasses motorized single-track opportunities in the Woody Creek / Triangle Peak area. All these areas include dispersed camping and developed campgrounds accessible by OHVs.

The main goals of the Eagle OHV Crew are to maintain OHV routes and OHV access to provide long-term sustainable riding opportunities, protect sensitive high alpine, meadow, and riparian environments, and implement the Forest's Travel Management Plan. This will be done through road and trail maintenance, including reconstruction and clearing, maintenance of trailhead facilities, installation of kiosks and bulletin boards for user education, installation of carsonites, gates, fences, and natural barriers for travel management purposes to prevent resource damage. Additionally, the crew will patrol and visit OHV riding areas, OHV camping areas, distribute Motor Vehicle Use Maps and Tread Lightly / Stay the Trail educational materials, and have a field presence during high use times (weekends, holidays, hunting season, special events) to provide information, education, assistance, and ensure compliance with forest regulations, Tread Lightly / Stay the Trail standards, and state regulations (OHV registration compliance).

Maintaining and growing partnerships with motorized groups is essential for the OHV and motorized program across the zone. The crew will continue to host trail work and project days with local clubs to grow relationships and encourage user investment in their OHV riding opportunities. Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Alliance and Rocky Mountain Sports Riders remain strong partners in trail work days along the motorized single track system. Wildridge Trail Coalition has taken a lead role in the Motorized Trail Ambassador Program. Several state jeep clubs continue to support work days on district 4x4 OHV routes.

The Eagle Zoned crew will partner with adjacent land managers in solving OHV issues across boundaries. Partnerships have remained an essential piece of the Eagle Zoned Crew's management.

2023 CPW Eagle Zoned Crew Accomplishments

- 324 trees removed from OHV routes.
- 17 drainages cleared along 10 miles of motorized single track.
- 7 new drainages built on 10 miles of motorized single track.
- Hosted 2 volunteer days with motorized clubs
42 hours total
- 133 Signs Installed along OHV routes to improve the riding experience
- New panels were designed and installed in collaboration with Stay the Trail, Rocky Mountain Sports Riders, and Colorado Backcountry Trail Rider Alliance for the Basalt to Gypsum Kiosk Panels
- The district's newest motorized partner, Eagle County 4x4, adopted Old Fulford Road, FSR 419.
- Partnering with Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, 15 miles of OHV route corridor was cleared and brushed.
- 337 Users Contacted on OHV routes and trails
- Coordinated deferred heavy maintenance with the White River NF Road Crew on FSR 529 and FSR 430 to make for a safer riding experience for OHV users and dirt bikes accessing the Basalt to Gypsum singletrack trail system.
- A landslide occurred along FSR 509 in the Lake Christine burn scar which closed public access to the route and adjoining Lone Pine Trail that accesses the Basalt to Gypsum Singletrack System. The crew assisted the White River NF Road Crew with burned hazard tree felling along FSR 509 to safely remove the landslide and open the OHV routes to the public.

The Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District continually credits the benefits that the State OHV grant funds have contributed to our forest and to managing sustainable recreation. We place Colorado Registration Dollars at Work stickers on the motorized trail signage, trail head kiosks, motorized equipment, trailer, and continually educate the public on how their registration dollars directly benefit their OHV riding opportunities through state OHV grants funding motorized trail crews.

Through the previous twelve years of State funding, the Eagle OHV Crew has made significant progress with the implementation of the Travel Management Plan and has seen an increase in OHV user awareness. A 2025 State OHV Grant will ensure the preservation of a sustainable OHV program allowing the crew to continue to foster and promote enjoyable and challenging riding opportunities on behalf of the OHV community.

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FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	Eagle Zoned OHV Crew	Project Sponsor	White River NF, Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

White River Land and Resource Management Plan

Date: 2002

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

Date and title of document:

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

For more information contact:

Trish Barrere, patricia.s.barrere@usda.gov, 970-274-6267

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

NA

Mike Smith, Acting District Ranger

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Land Manager Signature and Title

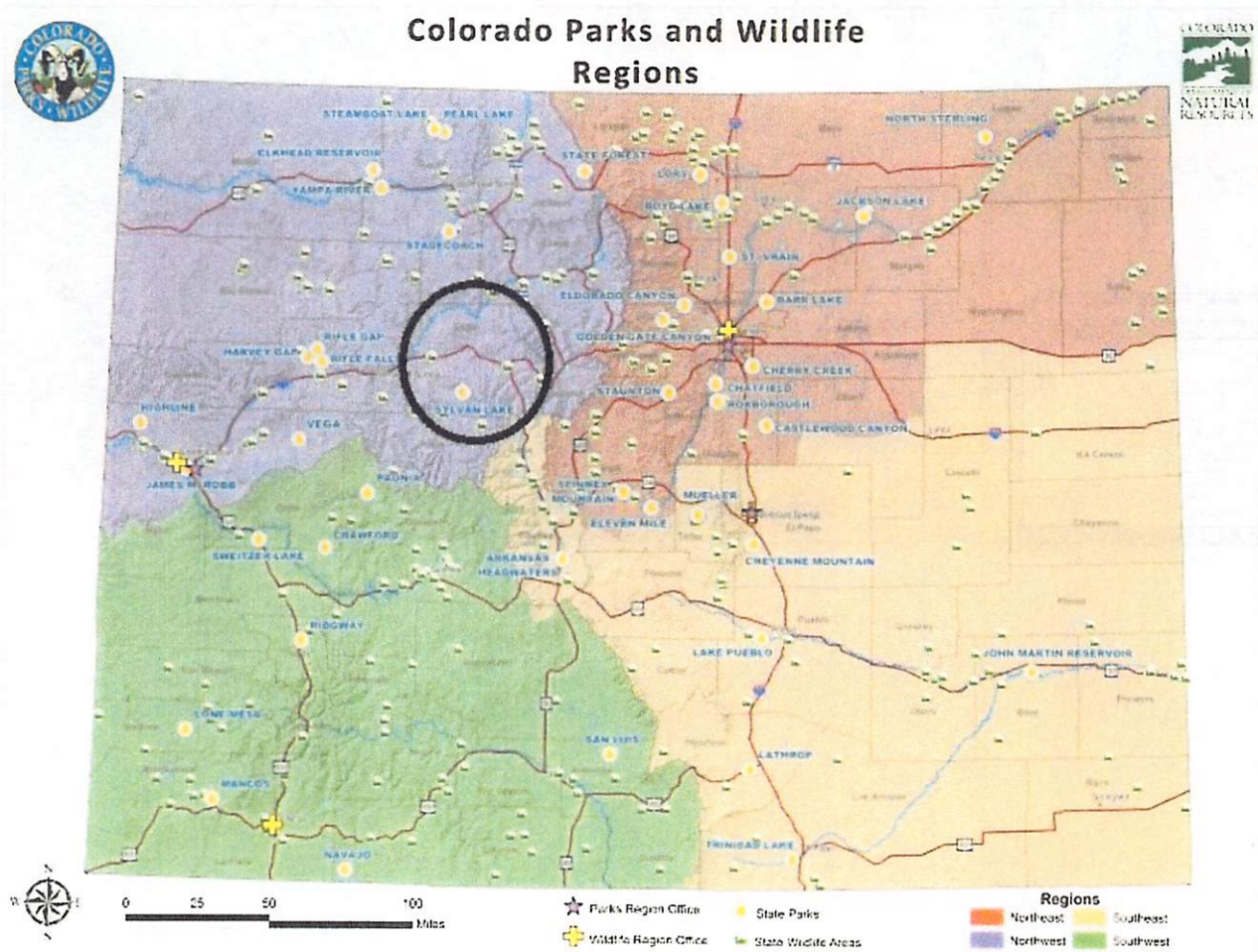
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E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

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



Annually, the crew maintains travel management features and signage across the zone to support responsible OHV use, enhance the users' experience and protect the forest resources.

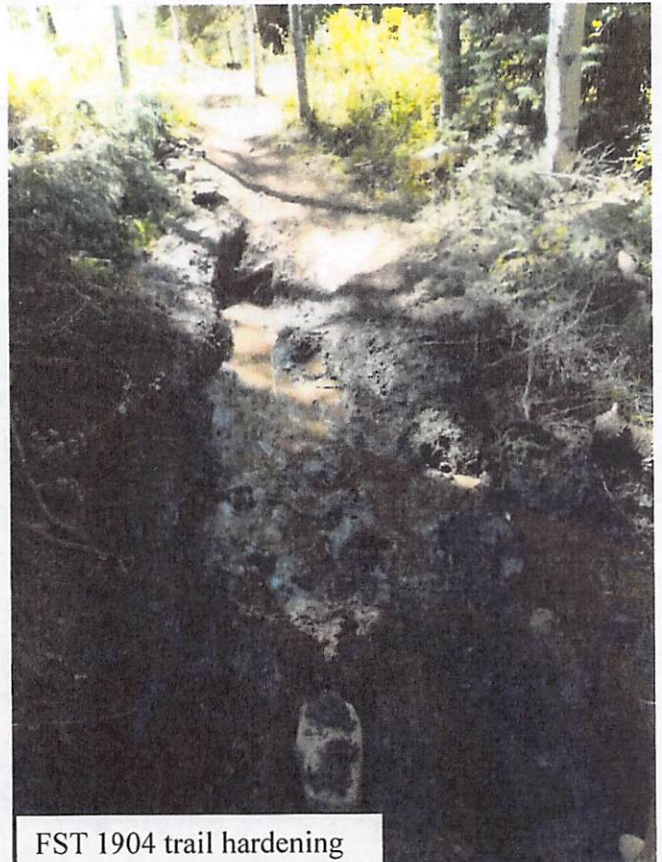


Heavy maintenance on FSR 759, Holy Cross City Jeep Road, will be completed in 2024 in partnership with CORE and National Forest Foundation. The focus is to address water erosion which is impacting adjacent riparian areas and eroded the base of the road.

Identified motorized single track trail projects in addition to annual maintenance.



FST 1934 water crossing



FST 1904 trail hardening



Engaging and educating OHV users. Side by side use in the Flat Tops is growing, so there need is to have a presence for evolving use on public lands.

(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

Please find attached four letters of support from Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Alliance, Wildridge Trail Coalition, Eagle County 4x4 and Eagle County Department of Open Space and Natural Resources.

(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

Eagle Zoned 2024 Plan of Work

Scope of Work

The Eagle Zoned crew will perform standard maintenance of drainage structures and tread, ensure routes are properly signed, clear corridor of debris, and early season log out on the 480 miles of open OHV routes. We will be maintaining relationships with Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Association, Rocky Mountain Sport Riders, Eagle County 4x4, Bighorn Jeep club, Wildridge Trail Coalition and other partners that benefit motorized recreation. Several projects will enhance the motorized users' experience, connect local clubs through volunteer days, and ensure sustainable motorized recreation opportunities within the White River National Forest.

Early Season

- S212, ATV/UTV, Motorcycle, and FPO trainings
- Service OHV fleet for summer season

June and early July

- Log out of zoned OHV routes and motorized trails
- Report any major safety concerns (blown culverts, excessive road/trail erosion damage)

Signage

- Signage replacement across the district including based on a zoned approach started in 2023

Focus Areas

Hardscrabble, FSR 413, August

- Close and restore two hill climbs off of the designated OHV route

Holy Cross City Jeep Road, FSR 759

- Host 2-day volunteer weekend to extend buck and rail fence at Holy Cross City historical site in partnership with Bighorn Jeep Club
- Applied for National Forest Foundation Ski Conservation Fund Grant to fund heavy equipment to address drainage and erosion issues around French Creek and the bog. Partnering with CORE.

Fitzpatrick, FSR 430/529, June

- Continue heavy corridor clearing along OHV routes to improve line of sight and enhance rider experience to complete system

Motorized Singletrack Systems

- Basalt to Gypsum
 - Lone Pine Trail, FST 1913- tread hardening and water diversion
 - Install signage at intersections within the system

- Woody Creek
 - Triangle Peak, FST 1937- heavy trail maintenance to address erosion from water and steep sections
 - Replace failing signage at all THs on the system

Outreach

- The OHV crew will continue to have a presence at community events that include the GoPro Games, Wild West Days, and Crawlin' for a Cure or similar truck rally
- Lead King Basin Loop patrols. FSR 314/315
- Host 1 outreach day in coordination with Stay the Trail and BLM
- Host 2-3 trail workdays with moto clubs

In 2023, hiring issues presented across the agency in attracting new candidates. With a permanent OHV crew lead and two new seasonals hired in January of 2023, the Eagle Zoned Crew was ¾ staffed. Unfortunately, a candidate backed out the week before the season started which lead to unspent funds in the 2023 grant. To combat seasonal hiring issues, the district is moving towards hiring Permanent Seasonals at higher pay rates for better retention. The White River NF is leading the charge on increasing wages for resort communities that will include EHX. I am looking to upgrade two of the crew member's GS levels (pay rate) by one grade level and hire two crew members as Permanent Seasonals, rather than Temporary Seasonals. The lead position will be a GS7, along with two GS5 crew members and one GS6. If unable to hire through the FS Permanent Seasonal event or seasonal hiring, I would like to hire 1-2 crew members through RMYC as indicated in the budget.

11/13/2023

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OHV/Developed/Dispersed Recreation Manager
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**OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125**

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Member:

Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders Alliance, CBTRA fully supports Eagle-Holy Cross's request for a 2025 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Program OHV Grant to continuing funding for the Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew.

The Good Management grant is essential in enhancing the OHV experience by ensuring system routes and trails are accessible and up to standard and properly signed across the zone for a satisfactory riding experience. Hundreds of OHV users are contacted by the crew in which they educate users on responsible OHV use, the importance of state registrations, and OHV opportunities within in the zone and throughout Colorado. This all equates to a better experience for the OHV user and keeps OHV recreation dollars coming into our counties. The work completed by the crew and the user outreach helps to sustain OHV recreation opportunities into the future in our area.

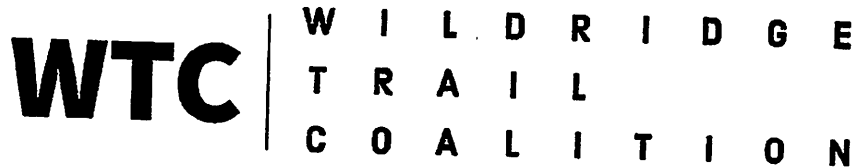
With the help of the OHV Recreation Team, the trail system on Basalt Mountain and Red Table trails stays open and clear. The team has helped us with numerous projects including early season down timber clearing, the installation of new trail signs at 3 different locations which include, the trail head to Green Gate, the OHV park lot off Cottonwood Pass Road, and the Basalt Mountain Park area. The signs turned out great and I have heard lots of positive comments about them.

Chris Walsh and his crew are a huge asset to the trail system. When I see issues on the trails that need to be addressed, I can always rely on Chris and his crew to take care of these problems.

CBTRA looks forward to working with the Eagle/Holly Cross Ranger District in 2024.

CBTRA respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.

Dave Fond
President, CBTRA



November 15, 2023

Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and the Members of the OHV Subcommittee,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to offer my full support for the Good Management grant application submitted by the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District. Over the years, their dedication to responsible forest management has significantly improved our local recreational areas, and I believe their current grant proposal is deserving of your consideration.

The past utilization of good management funds by the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District has resulted in notable achievements, such as the seasonal logging of OHV routes, proactive engagement with OHV users for educational purposes, and the installation of informative signage along these routes. These initiatives have not only enhanced the safety and enjoyment of outdoor activities but also demonstrated a commitment to preserving the integrity of our forested areas.

I would like to express particular appreciation for the collaborative efforts on the Forest Service Road 779 heavy maintenance project, funded through this program. This partnership exemplifies the positive outcomes that can be achieved through effective cooperation between the community, local and state government, and the ranger district.

Furthermore, the hosting of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for corridor clearing along the Fitzpatrick OHV riding area and the Basalt to Gypsum motorized single track showcases the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District's commitment to environmental stewardship and the long-term sustainability of our local forest.

While celebrating these accomplishments, I wish to highlight the need for additional legal and sustainable motorized single track riding opportunities. As the demand for such activities continues to grow, investing in responsible trail expansion is crucial to meeting the needs of enthusiasts while preserving the natural balance of our ecosystem.

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Wildridge Trail Coalition is a Colorado nonprofit corporation and public charity approved under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), Federal Tax ID #85-4214696.

Wildridge Trail Coalition's mission is to collaborate with and provide direction to key stakeholders to ensure all user groups, machine or muscle powered, have sustainable access to designated trails in Eagle County, Colorado.

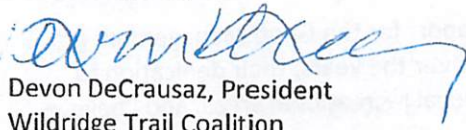
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In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the grant application submitted by the Eagle/Holy Cross Ranger District. Their track record of responsible forest management, community collaboration, and dedication to sustainable recreation makes them a worthy recipient of support. I am confident that the successful approval of this grant will further enhance our local forest's recreational offerings and contribute to its long-term health.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kindest regards,



Devon DeCrausaz, President
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November 6, 2023

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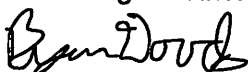
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As the local 4x4 club, Eagle County 4x4 is dedicated to the preservation and stewardship of our public lands across the county. In a county where tourists outnumber locals two to one during peak seasons, we see a high number of visitors to our public lands. Whether they be from the Front Range or out of state, these visitors are largely unfamiliar with the local terrain. The OHV Crew provides a crucial role in educating this user base.

The seasonal work accomplished by the OHV Crew is critical in reducing the number of distress calls directed to our local Vail Mountain Rescue and Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery teams. Our club has several members who regularly respond to calls for help. Often these calls come from areas not yet opened or cleared for the season, or from beyond legal OHV routes. The signage install by the OHV Crew is important in keeping users on maintained trails.

Eagle County 4x4 respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's generous support of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.



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November 8; 2023

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Dear OHV Subcommittee Member:

Eagle County Open Space and Natural Resources Department fully supports the U.S. Forest Service Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's request to receive a 2025 Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Program Grant to continue funding for the Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew.

The Good Management OHV Crew is essential in enhancing the OHV experience on Forest Service lands by ensuring system routes and trails are accessible, up to standard, and properly signed across the zone. Hundreds of OHV users are contacted by the crew in which they educate users on responsible OHV use, the importance of state registrations, and OHV opportunities within the zone and throughout Colorado. This all equates to a better experience for the OHV user and keeps OHV recreation dollars coming into Eagle County. The trail maintenance work completed by the crew and the user outreach helps to sustain OHV recreation opportunities in our area into the future.

The work that the Eagle Zoned Good Management OHV Crew accomplishes provides many benefits to the residents and visitors of Eagle County. These benefits include:

- Maintaining the OHV routes for residents and visitors in Eagle County
- Educating OHV users on OHV regulations and Stay the Trail principles to protect Eagle County's landscapes
- Hosting Rocky Mountain Youth Corps crews for 2 weeks to clear corridors along the Fitzpatrick OHV system and the Basalt to Gypsum motorized trail system
- Economic benefit that OHV users provide by recreating on the several OHV systems within the vicinity of Eagle County

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Director, Eagle County Open Space and Natural Resources