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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2023

TO: Fletcher Jacobs, State Trails Program

FROM: Frank McGee, Southeast Regional Manager

Subject: Wildlife Impact Review, 2024-2025 Motorized OHV Trail Grant Cycle

There are a total of twelve (12) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant applications within the Southeast Region requesting funding from the State Trails Program for the 2024-2025 grant cycle process. The applications by category include: two (2) planning, seven (7) maintenance, one (1) equipment, and two (2) Good Management crew applications. There are an additional five (5) statewide OHV grant applications. All applications were distributed to Colorado Parks and Wildlife SE Area Field Staff (Area Wildlife Managers, District Wildlife Managers, and Biologists) for review. Comments were reviewed by Southeast Region Manager Frank McGee, Deputy Region Manager Mitch Martin, and compiled by SE Regional Trails Coordinator Tappan Brown. Below is a list by application type and name with a summary of comments and concerns where applicable.

#### Southeast OHV Planning Grant Applications

- Sawyer Training- Forest Service Pikes Peak Ranger District
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Penrose Commons Trail Planning and Assessment
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.

Jeff Davis, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

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### Southeast OHV Maintenance Grant Applications

- CCMR Trail Maintenance
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- CCMR Marshall Extension
  - Recommend seasonal wildlife closure of the trail implemented from May 15th to June 15th with gates on both sides of the closure to protect Bighorn Sheep lambing areas.
  - The proposal is in potential lynx habitat. CPW is unaware of lynx presence in the area at this time.
- RGFO Trail Maintenance
  - Recommend the 27 miles of maintenance in the Four Mile area occur in late spring to protect the winter range for mule deer. USFS closures in this area are from Dec1-May1.
- OHV San Carlos Trail Project
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Ophir Creek Parking Lot Renovation
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- PPRD OHV Annual Operations
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Nelson's Trail 672 Maintenance
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.

### Southeast OHV Equipment Grant Application

- RGFO Motorcycle Funding Request
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.





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### Southeast OHV Good Management Crew Applications

- RGFO OHV Trail Crew-GM
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Upper Arkansas Motorized Trail Crew-GM
  - CPW area staff do not support the Porter Gulch project listed within the application. CPW Area 13 wildlife staff raised significant wildlife concerns during the Forest Service Salida Ranger District review of the Porter Gulch project. The Forest Service Porter Gulch Decision Memo provided a recommendation of a seasonal wildlife closure December 1 through April 15 annually in response to CPW's wildlife concerns.

### Statewide OHV Grant Applications

- COHVCO OHV Workshops
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- BLM Statewide OHV Law Enforcement
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Stay the Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- Stay the Trail Travel Management Signage
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.
- OHV Statewide Trail Crew- FS
  - No significant wildlife concerns were identified.

