

EXHIBIT A



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM Grant Application

Name of Project: 2012 Prinoth Bison X Groomer		Date of Application: 4-15-2023	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
Total Project Cost: \$ 75,000.00		Grant Request: \$75,000.00	
<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: North Fork Snowmobile Club			
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 472 Hotchkiss, CO. 81419			
		Fax: (970)921-4595	
Telephone: (970)361-5154		Email: Bradytodd.reealty@gmail.com	
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: Brady Todd		Title: Club President	
Mailing Address: 41333 D. Rd Crawford, CO 81415			
Telephone: (970)361-5154		Fax: (970)921-4595	
Email Bradytodd.reealty@gmail.com			
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
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.			
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PROJECT LOCATION			
Nearest Town or City: Hotchkiss, Paonia, Montrose, Gunnison			
County(ies): Delta, Gunnison, Montrose			
Township/Range/Section:			
State Senate District #:		State Representative District #: 54,55,58,59	
Land Ownership:			
State		Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Local Government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
TRAIL USER INFORMATION :			
Snowmobile % 90		X-Country Skiing 6 %	
Snow Shoeing % 2		Camping/Hiking 2 %	

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SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: 2012 Prinoth Bison X Groomer	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: North Fork Snowmobile Club	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Brady Todd	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
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Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project: Only need to describe what you intend to purchase with grant funds. All other information such as project background, needs and benefits will be address in the Project Selection Criteria (Exhibit D).

2012 Prinoth Bison X Groomer

2023-2024 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B

CLUB NAME: North Fork snowmobile Clup

PROJECT NAME: Groomer Purchase

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) ON YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES *(Only enter data in cells that are NOT shaded)*
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT			\$75,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	
Club Funds			-
Volunteer Support			\$ -
Contributions/Donations			\$ -
Trade In			\$ -
Other			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)			\$ 75,000.00

← Enter amount of grant request

← Worksheet will add this column

USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

Summer Maintenance on our 2015 Prinoth Bison Snowcat to include transporting groomer to and from Grand Junction	
	\$ -
Groomer Purchase	\$ 75,000.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
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	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING	\$ 75,000.00

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SHOULD BE THE SAME AS AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST

Exhibit D

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Needs and Urgency of the Project (40 points):

A. Describe the need for this project.

The club currently maintains 130 miles of trail with one groomer. This consist of three trail heads (Stevens Gulch, Leroux, Black Mesa). Two of the trail heads connect (Stevens Gulch and Leroux). The distance between the third trail heads is 45 miles. The club is seeking a second groomer to maintain the trails in a timely and cost affective matter. Transportation of the groomer is donated by the county. The wait time for transportation can be several weeks. Hiring a contractor to transport is not affordable to the club.

B. What is the importance of this project to your grooming program, the Colorado Snowmobile Program and your local community?

A groomer at both trail heads will ensure that all trails are groomed and maintained. These trails are important not only to winter sports but to search and rescue. Our community enjoys the convenience of maintain trail and access to the back country and winter terrain.

C. Why is it important to undertake this project now instead of at a later time? Please describe any elements that make this project urgent or time sensitive?

The need to undertake this project now is to eliminate the time between transports of the groomer. The wait time for transporting the groomer is unpredictable. Having a second groomer will better ensure the trails are being maintained in a timely matter.

D. What is the impact on the Statewide Snowmobile Program if this project does not get funded? The trails and parking lots will be less maintained in a timely manner. Trails and back country access is minimized.

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Benefits (30 points):

- A. What benefits will this project provide to the community and the Colorado Snowmobile Program?

A second groomer will help keep trails open and maintained for the public and emergency agencies. With the population increase in our community recently, more people are participating in winter activities. The draw to our area by visitors has also increased. Local business including restaurants, hotels, grocery stores, snowmobile dealerships, repair shops, and remote lodges benefit from the revenue brought in.

- B. How does your grooming program protect and improve winter trail opportunities?

By providing groomed trails with proper and adequate signage and markings. Avalanche beacon check points are at each trail head. Trail access to areas that connect to Grand Mesa and Glenwood Springs trail systems.

- C. What is unique about your trail system?

The North Fork area is surrounded by mountains with a variation of terrain. It is known for its various land marks; Grand Mesa, Saddle Mountain, Gunnison. This attracts various winter activities including snowmobiling, cross country skiing, dog sledding, snow-shoeing, ice-fishing. The trail system is cross country and not on a county or forest service road. Most of the trail connects to the SP trail, which in-turn connects to other trails maintained by other clubs. The Black mesa trail makes a loop.

- D. What types and skill level of trail users does your trail system attract?

The trails range from easy for beginners to difficult. Flat terrain to gradual slopes makes it easy for beginners. Snowmobilers, skiers, and others enjoy. Access to back country snowmobiling by trail is also used. More experienced riders enjoy the steeper and vast terrain. Avalanches are possible in these areas.

- E. Does your club offer any educational programs such as snowmobile safe riding or avalanche awareness? Explain what classes were offered last season.

Our club holds monthly meetings that include safe riding, trail updates, avalanche dangers, beacon check points, snowmobile recalls, and available safety and avalanche classes. We are involved with the local Search and Rescue teams and Fire Departments. Several classes are offered with-in the community during the winter season. The most recent avalanche class was offered in March of 2023. Several of our club members attended.

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Partnerships (10 points):

- A. List all agencies or organizations that your grooming program partners with and how these partnerships enhance and improve each other's program.

Working with our local Forest Service District (Paonia), surrounding snowmobile clubs and emergency responders helps keeps communication open and operations flowing more smoothly. Sections of the SP trail is maintained by different snowmobile clubs (North Fork Snowmobile Club, Delta Snowcruisers, Mt. Sopris Club). This SP trail connects the Grand Mesa to Glenwood Springs. Many of our club members assist in back country rescue. Knowing the conditions of the trails that other clubs maintain is beneficial to all. We help each other and communicate any needs.

- B. If your club is awarded this grant, describe how the club will promote or acknowledge the use of Colorado snowmobile registration funds and the capital grant program as a funding source for the project?

We will continue to promote the significant of the snowmobile registration funds. Explaining how these funds go toward maintaining trails, grooming, parking areas, maps, and signage. The grants the club received for grooming operations, are expressed through word of mouth, social media, signage and club promotions.

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Leverage (20 points):

- A. List and describe all sources of revenue or in-kind services that will be used to fund your grant funded project. List and explain any donations, contributions or other ways this project will be funded.

We are seeking grant money to fund this project.

- B. Describe what aspects of the clubs grooming operations are provided by volunteers. Explain and highlight the number of volunteer hours provided last grooming season.

The club members volunteer their time to maintain the trails, and maintenance on the groomer. Removing limb, cutting trees, posting signs and markers. Installing and taking down markers and beacon check points. Volunteers do routine service and small repairs on the groomer. Volunteer hours are approximately 200 hours per season.

- C. Does your program pay, contract or compensate for any services or aspects of its operations. Explain and highlight all compensated expenses from your last grooming season.

Grooming funds provided by a grant from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife helps compensate for operations. The grant is used to pay for operator's time, service and repairs, and fuel for the groomer.

- D. What are the compensation rates and how are they established?

The compensation rate for the groomer operator is voted on by the club. Currently, the operator is paid \$20.00 per hour. The number of hours is between 175-200 per season.

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REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Do you wish to present your project to the Review Committee yes

Name of Presenter: Ken Pitt

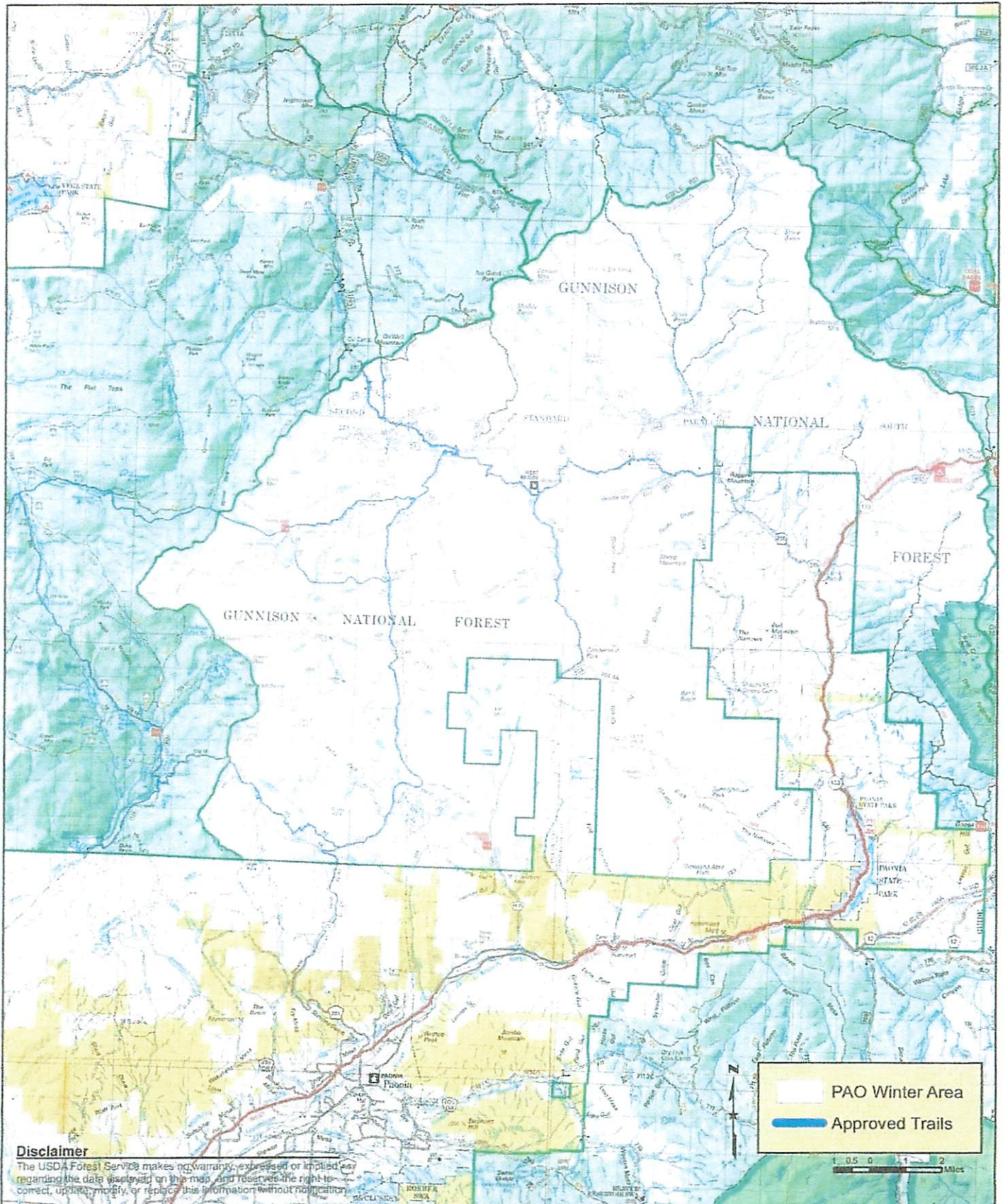
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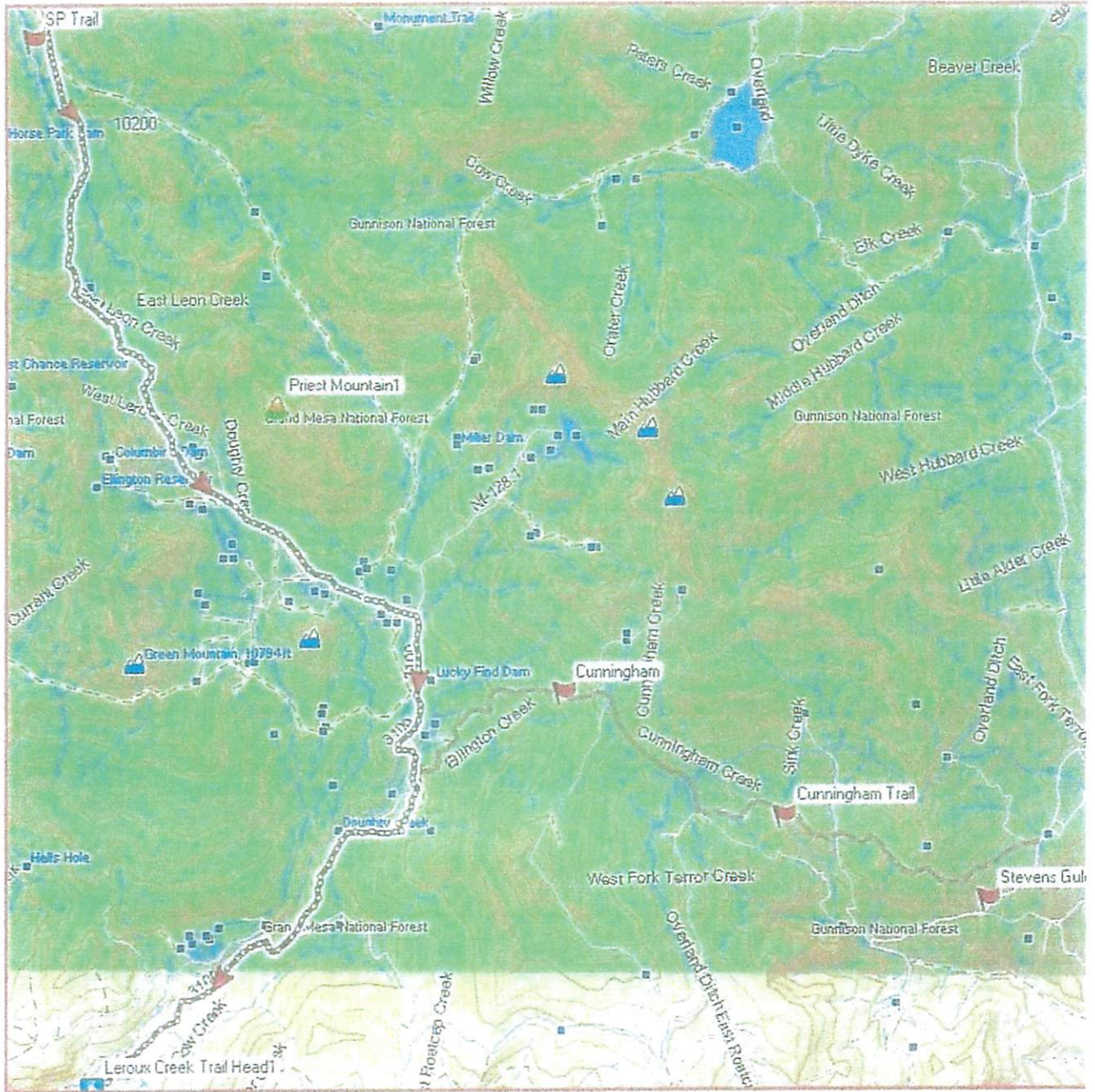
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests | Paonia Ranger District



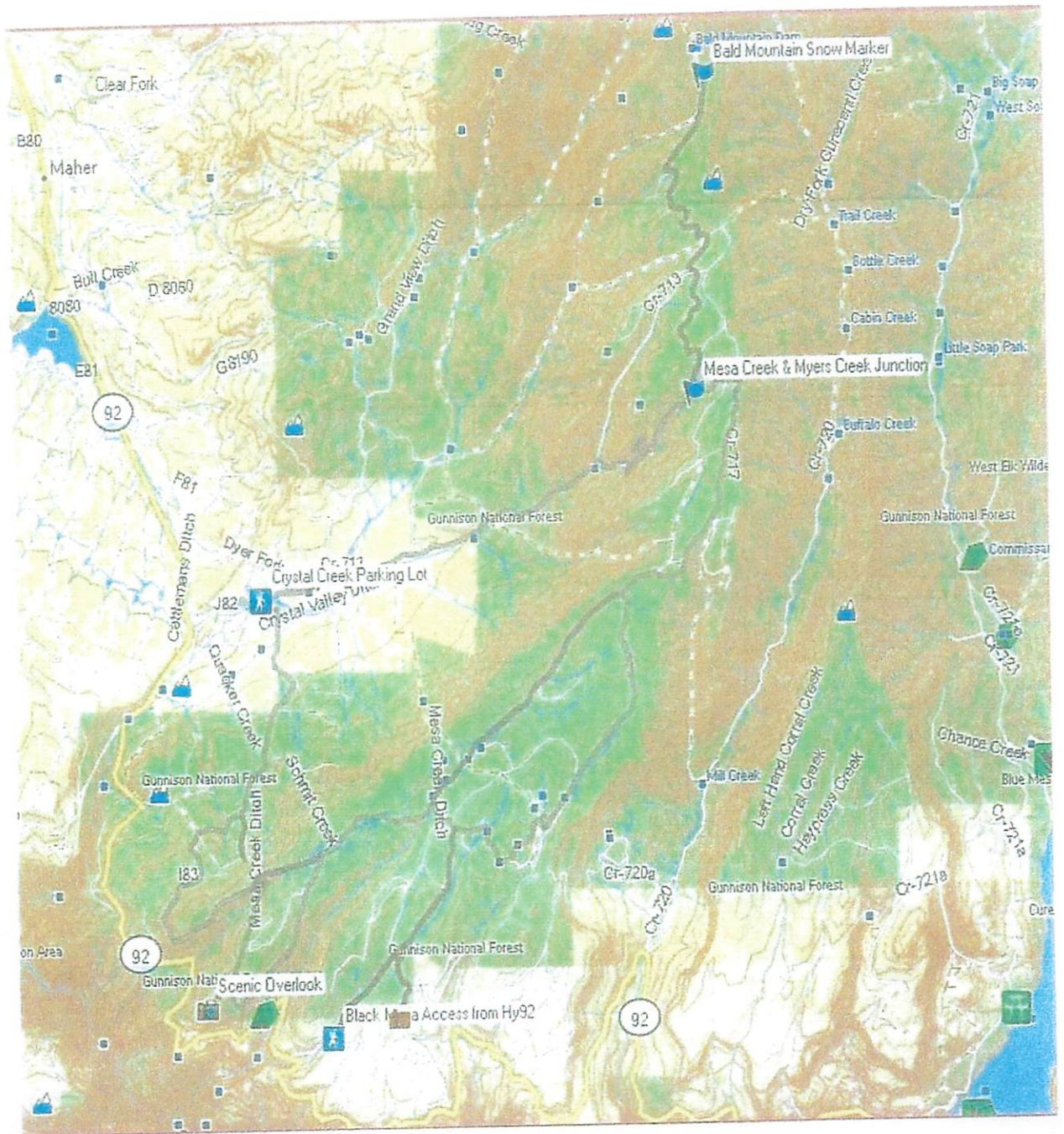
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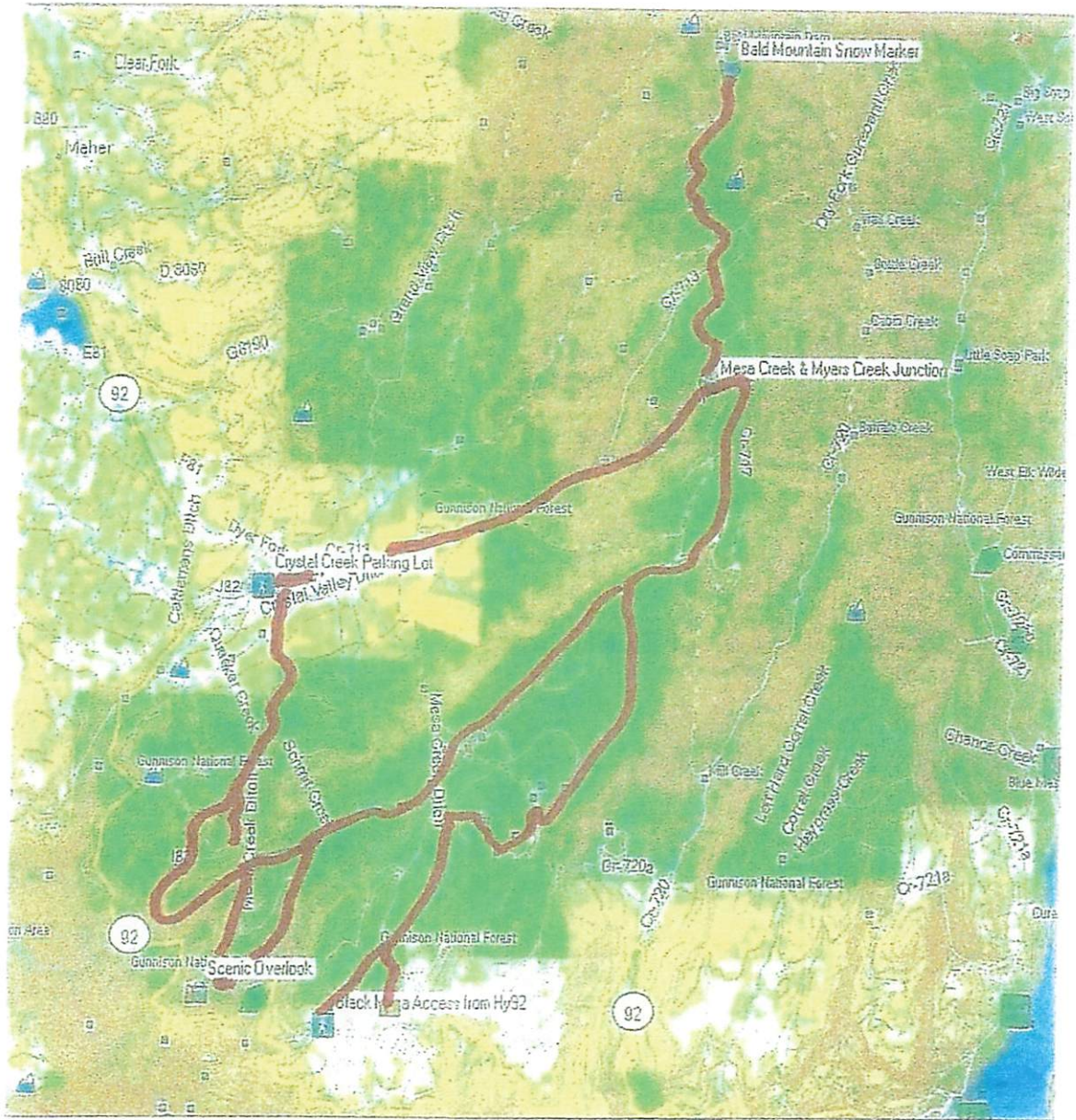
Part E Leroux Creek



Part E Black Mesa



Appendix A, Continued Black Mesa Trails Map





West Elk Mountain Rescue
P.O. Box 1044
Paonia, CO 81428

April 16, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Colorado OHV and Snowmobile Program
13787 US HWY 85
Littleton, CO 80125

To Whom It May Concern,

West Elk Mountain Rescue (WEMR) is a volunteer, non-profit search and rescue organization that serves western Gunnison County and the North Fork Valley and surrounding areas. We are a member of the Colorado Search and Rescue Association and operate under the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office.

This letter expresses our support for the North Fork Snowmobile Club in acquiring a snow cat groomer through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife 2023-2024 Snowmobile Program Project Grant. The popularity of winter backcountry recreation is increasing every year in our area and many of our calls are occurring in the winter months. Having a snow cat available at both the Stevens Gulch and Black Mesa trailheads, and regularly maintaining those trail systems would greatly improve WEMR's ability to respond to missing and injured parties in a safe and timely manner. Several WEMR members are also active members of the North Fork Snowmobile Club, and mutual assistance and coordination between the two groups is well established and seamless.

West Elk Mountain Rescue's mission is only possible because of donations, grants, and in-kind rescue equipment contributions. Thank you for your consideration in helping us advance our mission. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Holder
Treasurer
West Elk Mountain Rescue
paholder@gmail.com

West Elk Mountain Rescue is a tax-exempt organization. Our federal tax ID number is 84-1446181.

Electric Mountain Recreational Subdivision Landowners Association
Emily Hancock, Sec/Tres
PO Box 430
Paonia, CO 81428

April 17, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Electric Mountain Recreational Subdivision Landowners Association (Electric Mountain RSLA) would like to express our support in favor of the North Fork Snowmobile Club, and explain the value of additional snowcat and grooming services provided by the club.

Our Association consists of property and home owners on 19 lots in a recreational subdivision in the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest, on the eastern side of the Grand Mesa. We are located about 20 miles up Stevens Gulch Rd from the town of Paonia, in a valley called Hubbard Park, with a winter trailhead located at the Windy Point Parking Lot. From Windy Point to our subdivision it is about 9 miles of snowmobile/snow machine access only during the winter months. In a typical year this can be from mid-December to end of April. In heavier snowfall years such as 2022/2023, it can be late October to end of May.

Thus, reliable and safe access to our properties, cabins and homes is essential, and depends on consistent grooming of the Stevens Gulch trail from Windy Point to Hubbard Park. We have full-time residents who live here year-round and commute regularly on the trail during the winter time. We also have many residents and families who travel to and from the area every weekend throughout the winter, so access to a well maintained trail is crucial to our members' safety and livelihoods.

The North Fork Snowmobile Club (NFSC) has historically been a reliable, consistent and essential partner in providing grooming services on the Stevens Gulch snowmobile trail to the utmost best of their capability. They have provided a well-maintained snowcat capable of handling the conditions here, and a skilled snowcat operator. We could not be more pleased with the club's partnership over many years in maintaining the trails in our area.

Our Association and members are strongly in support of the club's need for an additional permanently stationed snowcat at the Windy Point lot. With additional equipment, the NFSC would be able to keep the trail more regularly groomed and improve access and safety for all of our residents.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the North Fork Snowmobile Club for many years of partnership and show our support for the club in receiving additional funds and equipment needed to continue providing a safe and accessible trail for not only our Association property owners but for all winter recreation enthusiasts in the region.

Sincerely,

The Electric Mountain Recreational Subdivision Landowners Association

Board of Directors:

Dennis Durmas, President

Matt Verheul, Vice President

Emily Hancock, Secretary/Treasure



Delta County Search & Rescue
All Volunteer, Self Funded Non-Profit

April 17, 2023

To whom it may concern;

We are writing on behalf of the North Fork Snowmobile Association, in support of their grant request for a snowcat to service the trails and maintenance on the East side of the Grand Mesa. It would be a great asset to the community for recreation, as well a huge benefit to the rescue and first responder community. To be able to have a reliably groomed trail system for times when emergency response is needed, as well as a vehicle to help remotes access would be very helpful when we are called to respond on that side of the mountain.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for more information.

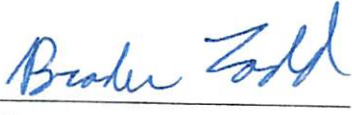
Sincerely,

Randy Toltz, Commander,
Delta County Search and Rescue
(303) 676-7036 Cell
randy@detlasar.org


Exhibit H – Additional Terms and Conditions

1. Subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in this document, title to equipment acquired under a grant will vest upon acquisition to the grantee.
2. The grantee's use of the equipment is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The grantee shall use the equipment only for activities and uses that are consistent with the uses outlined by the Snowmobile Recreation fund. The equipment shall not be used to benefit private individuals, lands or projects without prior written approval from CPW.
 - b. The grantee shall be liable to CPW for any failure to use the equipment in accordance with the applicable statute, including the premature sale or disposition of the equipment. The grantee's liability for such a failure shall be equal to funds contributed by CPW under a grant from the purchase or acquisition of equipment.
3. Record Keeping Requirements
 - a. Records must be maintained that include, at a minimum; a description of the equipment; a serial number or other identification number; who holds title; the acquisition date and cost of equipment; the percentage of State or grant funds used in the acquisition of the equipment; the location, use and condition of the equipment; and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the equipment. CPW shall at all times have the right to inspect these records upon request.
 - b. A physical inventory of the equipment must be taken and the results shared with CPW in order to be reconciled with the property records held by CPW at least once every two years.
 - c. A control system must be developed by grantee to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage or theft of equipment. Any confirmed or suspected loss, damage, or theft – whether discovered via the process described in 3.b. or otherwise, shall be investigated by grantee in cooperation with CPW.
 - d. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed and implemented to keep the equipment in good and working condition.

If awarded a snowmobile capital grant; I acknowledge and agree to the above terms and conditions.


Signature


Printed Name


Date