

EXHIBIT A



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM Grant Application

Name of Project:		Date of Application: 4/17/2023	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
Total Project Cost: \$ 270,000		Grant Request: \$ 70,000	
		<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: Rifle Snowmobile Club			
Mailing Address: P.O.Box 692, Rifle ,CO. 81650			
		Fax:	
Telephone: 970-625-5352		Email: hilldblkc@aol.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: Kurt Hill		Title: Grooming chairman	
Mailing Address: PO.Box 923, Rifle,CO. 81650			
Telephone: 970-625-5352	Fax:	Email hilldblkc@aol.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: Kurt Hill		Title: Grooming chairman	
Mailing Address: PO.Box 923, Rifle ,CO 81650			
Telephone: 970-625-5352	Fax:	Email: hilldblkc@aol.com	
Mailing Address:			
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:	
PROJECT LOCATION			
Nearest Town or City: Rifle			
County(ies): Garfield			
Township/Range/Section:			
State Senate District #: 8		State Representative District #: 57	
Land Ownership:			

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State	Federal X	Private	Local Government
Other:			
TRAIL USER INFORMATION :			
Snowmobile	80 %	X-Country Skiing	15 %
Snow Shoeing	3 %	Camping/Hiking	2 %

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:

Project Name: Rifle snowmobile club Groomer	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Rifle snowmobile club	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact :Kurt Hill	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$270,000	Grant Request: \$70,000

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).

Purchase a used 2021 Bison Bombardier groomer with 3,000- 3,500 hrs of previous use . This would replace our present groomer which is a BR350 bombardier model yr 2009. we have had this groomer since 2016.

~~Exhibit B
Budget~~

2023-2024 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B

CLUB NAME: Rifle Snowmobile Club

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			\$70,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	
Club Funds		\$ 170,000.00	\$ 170,000.00
Volunteer Support			\$ -
Contributions/Donations			\$ -
Trade In		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Other			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
		TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)	\$ 270,000.00

← Enter amount of grant request

← Worksheet will add this column

USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

Prinoth 2021 groomer (3,000-3,500Hrs) or Equivalent	\$ 70,000.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING	\$ 70,000.00

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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.

We will be purchasing a 2021 yr Bison Bombardier groomer. It would come from one of the Aspen ski areas. These groomers are in a 2 year lease program and are serviced and maintained at a high level. These machines will have 3,000- 3,500 hrs . We usually put 250-300 hrs on a groomer per season, so this should last us 10 years or more. This will upgrade our current machine which is a 2009 BR350 groomer which has approximately 6,000 hrs. We have had this groomer since 2016 and feel it is time to get a newer groomer with lower hours. We have been able to avoid break downs and expensive repairs by trading in machines every 6-8 yrs along with good maintenance. We are beginning to have a few more needed repairs to this groomer. Fortunately the club has the funds to consider getting a newer groomer. The prices of used groomers are going up rapidly and in 1-2 years we might not be able to have the money get a newer groomer.

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

To be able to continue to have good snowmobile trails we need to operate grooming equipment that is reliable and efficient. If we continue to upgrade to newer groomers ,we avoid costly repairs and breakdowns that destroy the grooming program.

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?

It is important to get groomers that have lower hours of use when they are available. It is also to our advantage to trade in our present groomer while it has the highest trade value, the longer we have it the less we will get back .

D. What is the impact on the Statewide Snowmobile Program if this project does not get funded?

If this project is not funded, we will have to continue to use older groomers which will eventually cost more to operate and maintain.

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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?

The Rifle snowmobile club has a very good trail system and we can provide quality trails only by improving the equipment and the techniques we are using. We also operate our grooming program more efficiently with less repairs and maintenance. So we are using the grooming monies for trail work and not repairs.

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

This year it has taken extra efforts to keep the trails groomed with the large amounts of snow we have received. The number of trees down across the trails has been 4-5 times the normal. Maintaining the parking areas is also required extra effort with the extra snow we received.

- C. What is unique about your trail system?

Our trail system has every type of terrain and skill level for snowmobilers. Good trails for trail riders, powder and trees and steep hills. The trail system covers almost 91 miles and it will take several days to see most of it.

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

All skill levels of riders will find places to ride in our area, trails riders, tree riders powder riders, steep hills and meadows.

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

This last season we had a club event geared for kids and younger riders. We had stations with avalanche experts, survival skills with local search and rescue, map reading and trail riding hand signals.

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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.

We have two snowmobile dealers in town that help us with events. We partner with the Forest Service by keeping the bathrooms clean at the parking areas and plowing the parking lots. This also helps out the cross-country skiers and snowshoers who also use this trail head.

- 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 always try to educate the snowmobilers that the grooming efforts and equipment are funded by the registration of snowmobiles.

Exhibit D

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.

The funds that that come from the club are from our savings and additional donations from members plus the trade in value of our present groomer.

- 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 grooming operations of this club and maintenance /repairs are 100% volunteer. this year we groomed 349 hrs with all volunteer operators. Club members also put trail poles out and gathering them back in, groomer repair and maintenance, trail clean up and marking. Total volunteer hours was at least 700 this year.

- 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.

NO

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

- E. Is your club trading or selling a snow cat or any equipment as part of this grant funded project? What is the value of trade/sale and how was this price established?

YES

Value Trading in a 2009 BR 350 with 5930 hrs. The \$30,000 trade in value was given to us by Prinoth in Grand Junction based on the year, model and hours. They did not give it a physical evaluation.

REVIEW COMMITTEE:

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

Name of Presenter: Kurt Hill

Phone number: 970-625-5352

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From: STEPHENS Scott scott.stephens@prinoth.com 
Subject: Bison Groomer
Date: April 14, 2023 at 4:55 PM
To: Kurt & Kathy Hill hilldblck@aol.com

SS

Kurt,

Attached is the brochure for the Stage V Bison that we talked about this morning.

For the used Bison's that we are getting back from Aspen they will be approximately \$270,000.00, but we won't know exact price until we get the machines with final hours on them. They are all 2021 model year machines with approximately 3,000 hours on them. Some will be Bison X's and others are Bison S's (Standard Groomers). It would include the remainder of the initial 4 year / 4,800 hour CAT Platinum ESC warranty on the engine and aftertreatment system. We could add one season / 600 hours of Prinoth warranty as well. All machines will be center seat operator position with the instructor seat on the RH side and a full size seat on the left hand side. Depending on the machine it should have the rear view camera and possibly the tiller camera with lights as well. All machines will be fully serviced and ready to groom.

I spoke with Jesse this afternoon and it looks like the trade value on your 2009 BR350 would be approximately \$30,000 pending a machine evaluation.

Please give me a call if you have any questions and/or need any additional information.

Scott Stephens
Sales Representative



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To Whom It May Concern

As a business owner I am writing this letter on behalf of the Rifle Snowmobile Club and their trail grooming activity. I believe that having good groomed trails are an economic boost to our community because it brings in people from all over the state to our riding area. As a local snowmobile business I think the groomed trails are good for us because it brings newcomers to the sport and makes it easier for a whole family to enjoy the sport. The groomed trails provide a safer roadway that about anyone even with not much experience to the sport of snowmobiling can enjoy it and have fun. I have seen the outdoor winter sports grow so much since 2020 and it is important to have the groomed trails for all to enjoy and safely use. I have been a member of the Rifle Snowmobile Club for over 29 years and our club has very dedicated volunteers to keep our trails in the best of shape for all.

Thank you,

4-15-2023

Kyle Costanzo Owner Rifle Performance Motorsports LLC





Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Snowmobile Subcommittee
13787 US HWY 85 Littleton, CO 80125
RE: Letter of Support for Rifle Snowmobile Club

4/14/2023

This letter is intended to offer support to the Rifle Snowmobile Club for a grant to assist in purchasing a replacement trail groomer for their operations.

The club conducts snow grooming operations on the Rifle and Blanco Ranger Districts of the White River National Forest under a winter grooming permit which is renewable every five years. Their current permit is in good standing and expires on June 30, 2024, with grooming services provided at frequent intervals, in conformance with their approved operating plan.

The club provides a valuable service to our local communities and visitors alike through their efforts to maintain, groom and sign 124 miles of trail. Snowmobiling is the predominant winter use in this area and visitation has been steadily increasing with winter trailhead parking often filling to capacity. They are instrumental in plowing the parking area for our multi use winter trailhead and assisting the Rifle District in managing recreational use with directional signs and maintenance of the trailhead bathroom facilities. The trail marking, signing, and grooming contributes to a safe, high quality recreation experience for the public while reducing the need for search and rescue callouts.

The Rifle Snowmobile Club continues to be an excellent partner with the Forest Service with no outstanding issues and the Rifle Ranger District fully supports their efforts to replace aging equipment, to ensure reliable winter recreational access to the Flattops.

Sincerely,

4/14/2023

X 

Michael Smith
Acting District Ranger
Signed by: Department of Agriculture



