

# EXHIBIT A



**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources

## 2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM Grant Application

<b>Name of Project:</b> Coffee Pot Road Groomer		<b>Date of Application:</b> 04/26/2024	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 190,000		<b>Grant Request:</b> \$ 100,000	
<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form:</i>			
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)			
Organization Name: Flattoppers Snowmobile Club			
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1681			
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602		Fax: 970 945 1253	
Telephone: 970 945 5700		Email: TAZ@za-engineering.com	
<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> 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: Tom Zancanella		Title: President	
Mailing Address: Po Box 1908			
Telephone: 970 379 2926	Fax: 970 9451253	Email TAZ@za-engineering.com	
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.			
Name: Manuel Cruz		Title: District Representative	
Mailing Address: PO Box 1681 Glenwood Springs Co 81602			
Telephone: 970 355 9088	Fax:	Email: cruzmjcolorado@gmail.com	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1681 Glenwood Springs Co 81602			
Telephone: 970 355 9088	Fax:	Email:	
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>			
Nearest Town or City: Gypsum			
County(ies): Eagle\Garfield			
Township/Range/Section: see trail map			
State Senate District 5 Will Perry		State Representative District #: 57 Elizabeth Velasco	
Land Ownership:			
State	Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
<b>TRAIL USER INFORMATION :</b>			
Snowmobile	64 %	X-Country Skiing	14 %
Snow Shoeing	6 %	Camping/Hiking	5 %
Hunters, trappers	6 %	Winter Campers National Guard	5 %

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: Coffee Pot Road Groomer	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Flattoppers	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Tom Zancanella	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$ 2019 Tier IV Bison with approx. 5000 hours - \$190,000.00	Grant Request: \$ 100,000

**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).

**2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B**

**CLUB NAME:** Flattoppers Snowmobile Club

**PROJECT NAME:** Coffee Pot Road Groomer

\*\*\*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			\$100,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	-
Club Funds	100 Percent volunteers		
Volunteer Support		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 32,500.00
Contributions/Donations		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Trade In	48000 -8000 repairs	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Other	High Country Fou Frwheelers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Club Loan	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
			\$ -
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 98,500.00	\$ 98,500.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)</b>			\$ 191,000.00

← Enter amount of grant request

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**USE OF GRANT FUNDING**

List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
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transportation	
•2019 Tier IV Bison with approx. 4,500 hours - \$190,000.00	\$ 190,000.00
<b>TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b>	\$ 190,000.00

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SHOULD BE THE SAME AS AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST

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## EXHIBIT A

Complete only if application is for a capital construction project

### 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 Flattoppers Snow Cat Project Sponsor Flattoppers Snowmobile Club

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 National Forest Management Plan Date: 2002

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

Date and title of document:

Categorical exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(d)(11). "Issuance of a new special use authorization to replace an existing or expired special use authorization, when such issuance is to account only for administrative changes DM not required". On April 17, 2024 a White River National Forest specialist review determined there were no extraordinary circumstance whose potential effects may significantly affect the environment. A new 10-year permit will be issued to replace the current permit which expires in June of 2024 with no decision document required.

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:

Brenna Owen (970) 620 5958

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for. 2034

Todd Parker Rifle District Recreation Staff Officer

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

  
Land Manager Signature and Title

4/22/2024

Date

## Exhibit D

### PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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#### Needs and Urgency of the Project (40 points):

##### A. Describe the need for this project.

*A newer snowcat to groom the Coffee Pot Trail area. The current machine, a 2008 Prinoth Bison .We believe that it is one of the oldest cats in the Colorado parks fleet. The Flattoppers has been waiting their turn to cycle through the Grant process. We have continued to maintain the 2008 machine without grant assistance. We have pursued computer power problems and speed control issues both in the Field and in the Prinoth Shop. We disassembled the blade, the drag and removed the tracks to be able to transport the cat to Grand Junction to be able to move the Bison down Glenwood Canyon to Prinoth where it was in the shop for three months due to scheduling availability.*

*The club took the opportunity to re-build the tracks.*

*One was rebuilt at Zancanella and Associates Shop as a donation of \$7500.*

*The other was rebuilt at Beaumont Construction, also as a donation of \$7500.*

*Collett Distributing also provided the cost of diesel fuel at an estimated cost of \$3,500.*

*The Powder Hounds asked many of their members to join an additional club and in total donated \$1500.*

*To keep the Flattoppers up and operational on the Coffee Pot because their trail was curtailed due to logging.*

*The shop bill to Prinoth was \$19,000 in 2023.*

*We wanted to consider getting a newer cat with a tiller to better consolidate the snow in the early season. The existing machine only has a drag groomer.*

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

*The current 2008 Prinoth Bison Has had significant maintenance issues and should be replaced with a newer model. The Bison required to groom Coffee Pot Road often taking 12-14 hours to make a round trip to Carbonate. Once on top, the machine must share in the burden of the upper trails. A large cat format is needed to roll the Coffeepot Road and to have adequate flotation (0.67 psi or less) for the deep power on the east side of the Flattoppers. This makes for a safety hazard for the groomer operators and trail riders due to fatigue of the operator. The Prinoth Bison is a newer machine and should have less maintenance issues and better use for trail maintenance funds. The club uses all volunteer labor so the most dollars can be reinvested into the capital equipment.*

- 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?

*Due to the high cost of repairs of the 2008 machine we ran in 2024 season, we elected to try to purchase the 2019 Prinoth Bison. The left rear final drive has lost its seal; the estimated cost of the repair is \$8,000. We have developed a good reliable resource in our volunteers however going out and getting stranded 20 miles from home is no fun. Therefore updated equipment is required.*

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

*The Flattoppers Snowmobile Club has approximately 75 members, but the trail system maintained by the Club is used by hundreds of snowmobilers from western Colorado and across the state. The 87 miles of trails maintained by the Club offers access to the Colorado back country to all skill levels of snowmobilers.*

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#### Benefits (30 points):

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

*The groomed trails are used by cross country day users, snow campers, the Colorado National Guard for winter training. Fur hunters and trappers use the trails for fur harvesting of coyote, bobcat, pine martin, and lion. Private land elk season is extended to Jan 15 in the Coffee Pot area. Transfer Trail is used by winter hikers, snowshoers, and dog walkers. The Deep Creek overlook area is also utilized by ski and snowboard parasailers.*

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

*The finely groomed trails enable the beginning user to access all the trails and opens up hundreds of square miles of terrain to the advanced riders. The Coffee Pot trail is a wide 8% grade road for access to the Eastern Flattops. Many of the families in the Gypsum and Eagle are work force employees. Snowmobiling provides alternatives to high end uses in the Vail and Aspen areas that can not be afforded by the high end use of the White River National forest ski industry.*

- C. What is unique about your trail system?

*The Coffee Pot trail system provides access to all level of riders. The Transfer Trail side provides the deep powder experience with unlimited untracked parks.*

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

**Both Novice and Expert**

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

**Yes, we work with both Sopris and Rifle to offer avalanche awareness classes.**

**We require all of our volunteer snow cat operators to attend the grooming clinics to learn about snow cat safety.**

**We work with Eagle County and Garfield County in search and stabilize operations. We provide equipment recovery assistance for hunters and lost individuals that enter our trail system.**

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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.

*Hi Country 4 Wheelers provide volunteer labor for off-season trail maintenance of Transfer Trail and the Coffee Pot Trail*

*The group provides support in maintaining the trails throughout the year with trail marker maintenance.*

- 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?

*The Flattoppers Snowmobile Club maintains the trails with an all volunteer grooming staff. They provide over 400 hours of grooming and trail maintenance throughout the year. See attached letters.*



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### PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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#### 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 Flattoppers Snowmobile Club will provide for all of the labor required to modify the new groomer for trail maintenance.*

- 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.

See Budget

*The Flattoppers Snowmobile Club will provide \$30,000 towards the project as well as volunteer labor. (\$40,000 net sale of old groomer. Most of the club funds are already tied up in the existing groomer.) \$48,000 with \$8000 right hub repair.*

- 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. \$19,000 was spent with Prinoth troubleshooting the speed control computer problem that was beyond the expertise of our volunteers. Which also included the repair of a broken wind shield due to a falling log.

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

N/A we are all volunteer.

- 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?

Selling Based on equivalent sales at resort bone yard.

Please check here if you wish to present your project to the Review Committee in person.

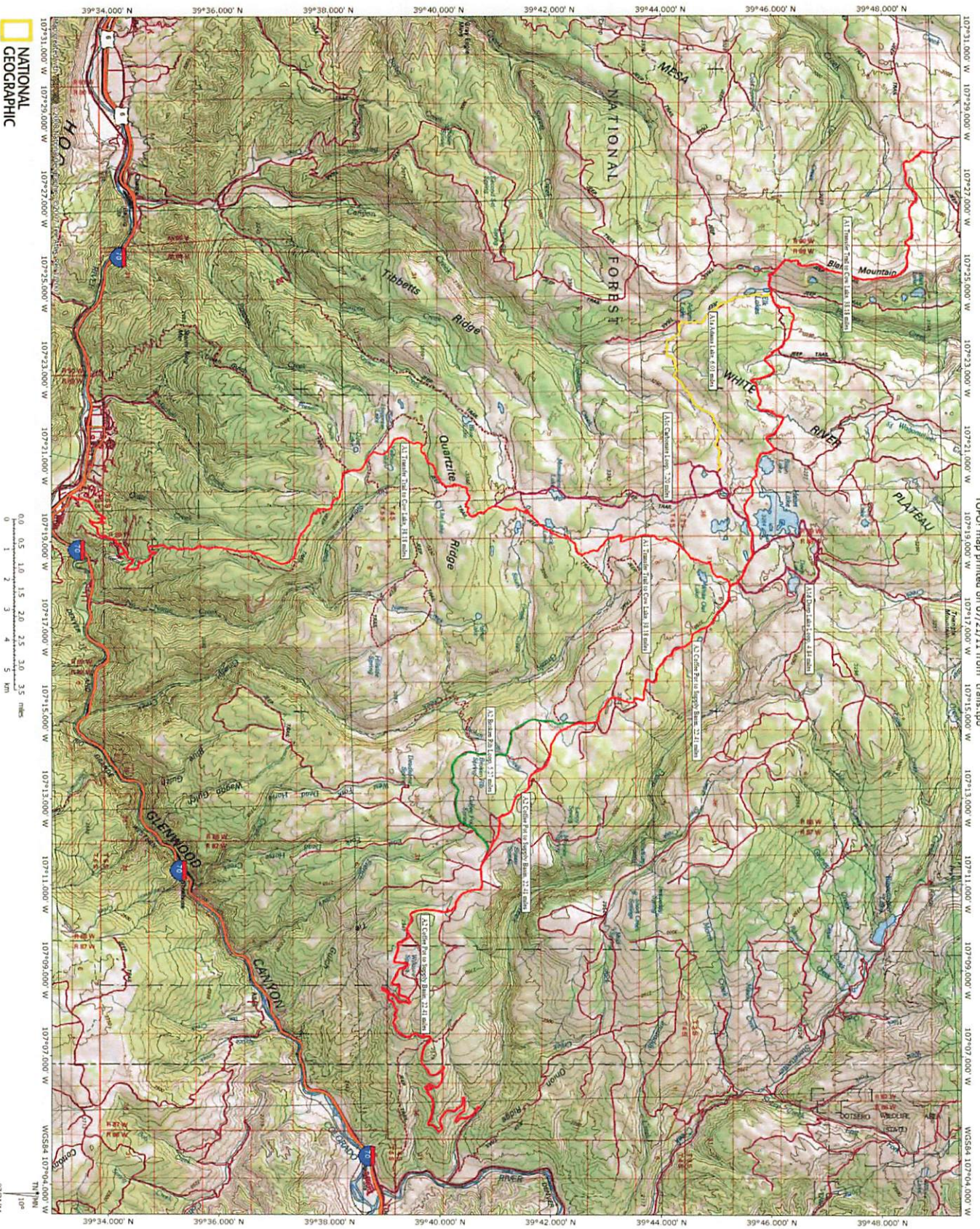
Name of Presenter: Tom Zancanella

Phone Number: 970 945-5700

Cell Phone: 970 379-2926



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



Topo map printed on 07/21/11 from "trail1.tpo"

07/21/11  
10°  
TN  
WGS84 107°04.000' W

# Exhibit F

## PROJECT ILLUSTRATION

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Attach separately: photographs, drawings, engineering plans, diagrams and dealer quote

**From:** STEPHENS Scott <[scott.stephens@prinoth.com](mailto:scott.stephens@prinoth.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 7:09 PM

**To:** Thomas Zancanella <[taz@za-engineering.com](mailto:taz@za-engineering.com)>

**Subject:** Snowcats

Tom,

Greg mentioned that you were looking for some snowcat pricing this evening for your CSA grant. It is still a bit early to get firm pricing due to machines still being at the resorts and running, but here is a ballpark scenario.

- 2019 Tier IV Bison with approx. 4,500 hours - \$190,000.00
- 2021 Stage V Bison with approx. 3,500 hours - \$275,000.00
- 2022 Stage V Bison with approx. 3,200 hours - \$295,000.00

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you,

**Scott Stephens**  
Sales Representative



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## EXHIBIT G

### Letters of Support

Attach separately any letters of support for your project:

Hi Tom,

The signed Land Managers Approval Form is attached for the Flattoppers snow grooming equipment grant. Let us know if we can be of further assistance and good luck!



**Todd Parker**  
Recreation Staff Officer

**Forest Service**  
**White River National Forest, Rifle Ranger District**

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**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.

*Thomas A Zancanella*

Signature

Thomas A Zancanella  
Printed Name

4/26/2024  
Date