

EXHIBIT A



COLORADO

Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM Grant Application

Name of Project: Westend Sledders New Snowcat Purchase		Date of Application: 04/12/2024	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
Total Project Cost: \$ 190,000		Grant Request: \$ 160,000	
<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: Westend Sledders			
Mailing Address: PO Box 1443 Norwood, CO 81432			
		Fax: N/A	
Telephone: (207) 272-9768		Email: snwdr@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: Kurt Crockett		Title: club member	
Mailing Address: PO Box 1238 Norwood, CO 81432			
Telephone: (207) 272-9768		Fax: N/A	
Email: snwdr@gmail.com			
Is this the primary contact for this grant: x YES 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.			
Name: Kurt Crockett		Title: club member	
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Mailing Address:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
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PROJECT LOCATION			
Nearest Town or City: Norwood			
County(ies): San Miguel County			
Township/Range/Section: Uncompahgre Plateau			
State Senate District #: 6		State Representative District #: 58	
Land Ownership:			
State Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Local Government			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
TRAIL USER INFORMATION :			
Snowmobile 85 %		X-Country Skiing 5 %	
Snow Shoeing 5 %		Camping/Hiking 5 %	

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: New Snowcat Purchase	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Westend Sledders	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Kurt Crockett	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).

To receive this grant through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Program would allow Westend Sledders (WES) the opportunity to purchase a new snowcat for operations on the Uncompahgre Plateau. We would seek to upgrade our current 2005 Piston Bully machine and wish to purchase a 2016 Prinoth Bison S Tier IV. WES would sponsor \$30,000 in trade in cost from old snowcat towards the project and we request \$160,000 in grant funding.

2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B

CLUB NAME: Westend Sledders

PROJECT NAME: New Snowcat 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			\$160,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	
Club Funds			
Volunteer Support			\$ -
Contributions/Donations			\$ -
Trade In			\$ 30,000.00
Other			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)			\$ 190,000.00

← Enter amount of grant request

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USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

Purchase of 2016 Prinoth Bison S Tier IV	\$ 190,000.00
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TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING	\$ 190,000.00

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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.

Currently the Westend Sledders operate a 2005 Piston Bully that requires much maintenance for trailing systems on the Uncompahgre Plateau. At almost twenty years old, we believe that acquiring a new snowcat would be in our best interest. Maintenance this year alone was \$4500 in replacement parts and enhancements. Over the past three years the total of all maintenance costs is \$18,909.

After having these high expenses over the years our organization is still recovering our finances in order to continue to maintain and fix our current operational equipment. Purchasing a new machine will not only help to avoid these expenditures moving forward but we would also be able to get our grooming operations in a more established order allowing our organization to enhance other club other priorities instead of being held back by maintenance costs.

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

The importance of this project to both our grooming program as well as the community at large would be that many of our community members are outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy snowmobiling, xcountry skiing, snowshoeing, fat tire bike riding and more during the winter months. Most people who live in Norwood are here because they enjoy these kinds of activities and it is their way of life. With the purchase of a new machine, which supports our ability to have these activities in the first place, is vital to our rural community and those venturing into our wilderness as visitors.

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?

As previously mentioned, WES has already contributed almost \$20,000 over the past few years towards maintenance costs through our organization. If we want to continue to effectively operate at a realistic capacity we would need to purchase a new machine this year. Time is of the essence due to the fact that it continues to be a challenge to find good, used, more affordable equipment. It is vital to upgrade our machine at this point in time to keep our operations moving and to ensure productivity for years to come.

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

Without taking the opportunity to upgrade our equipment will only further impact our trailing system in a negative way. It is important to have newer machines to allow for smooth operations in remote areas, often providing safety to those operating the equipment. As our area is very remote, it is very probable that one of our volunteer operators could get stranded out in the wilderness without a working machine in an area with no cellular service. This is very dangerous when you consider the trailing system WES maintains is a vast amount of far removed wilderness.

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Benefits (30 points):

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

Being able to properly maintain the trails in the San Juan region will help to support all winter outdoor enthusiasts by providing well groomed and maintained trails. Accessed by both visitors and locals alike, this will support the entire Colorado Snowmobile Program as well as WES for years to come.

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

Without grooming provided by WES, people would be unable to access winter trail opportunities whatsoever. With proper operational equipment we will be able to improve conditions in our trailing system and provide safer recreation for those exploring the backcountry.

C. What is unique about your trail system?

People are continue to relocate to the Westend area and exploring our trail system is becoming more and more popular for the community and visitors. Our trail systems explore the San Juan mountain range providing incredible views, outdoor experience and a chance to truly explore our national forest.

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

Our trail system is conducive for trail users of all skill level. Beginner, intermediate and advanced elements provide a unique experience for any type of outdoor individual.

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

Currently, we do not offer any classes but we would be enthusiastic to provide educational classes, snowmobile safety courses and bring awareness by having professional presenters on winter safety topics this next winter if we have the operational capacity, volunteer engagement and our finances in place to do so.

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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.

WES partners with the Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest and the Town of Norwood providing outdoor recreation. We have worked with the Nordic Association supporting nordic skiing in the area and partner with Telluride Outside additionally. We provide updates on ESA for the trail systems weekly and work with the local sheriff's office when necessary.

- 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?

WES is in a bit of a rejuvenation transition and a goal of ours for this year is to get presence on social media and do improvements for the website in the coming months. We would promote here as well as try to have events where we would acknowledge the support of the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. We could also seek to do a feature with KOTO radio out of Telluride potentially and would take advantage of other advertising opportunities when presented.

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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.

Trade in of the 2005 Piston Bully for \$30,000

- 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. Although WES receives approximately 220 hours worth of compensation throughout the season, grooming operations are provided entirely by six dedicated volunteers. Last season we worked to extend grooming hours with an additional 20 hours and 50 gallons of fuel donated by a club member that were unpaid in any degree. Current members of WES are animate about enhancing our operational capacity next season and hope to increase our hours spent operating the trail systems and potentially seek more volunteers to build upon the success should we be the recipient of this grant.

- 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.

Any compensation WES receives goes towards our operation costs. We do not contract out for any of these organizational expenditures.

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

The compensation received currently addresses grooming operation costs mentioned prior.

- 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?

WES is planning to sell the old snowcat for \$30,000. This was established by our Piston Bully dealer out of Grand Junction.

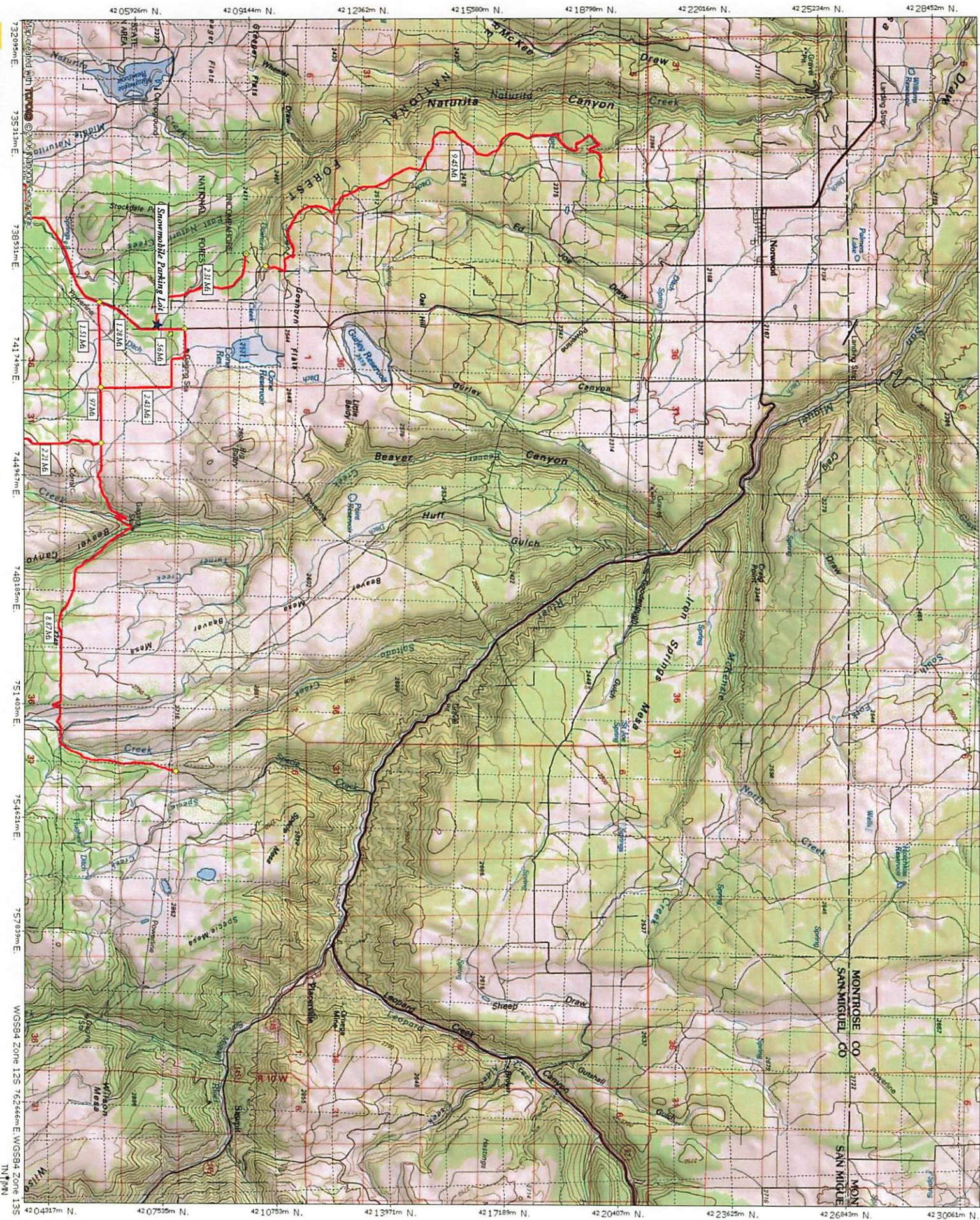
REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Do you wish to present your project to the Review Committee

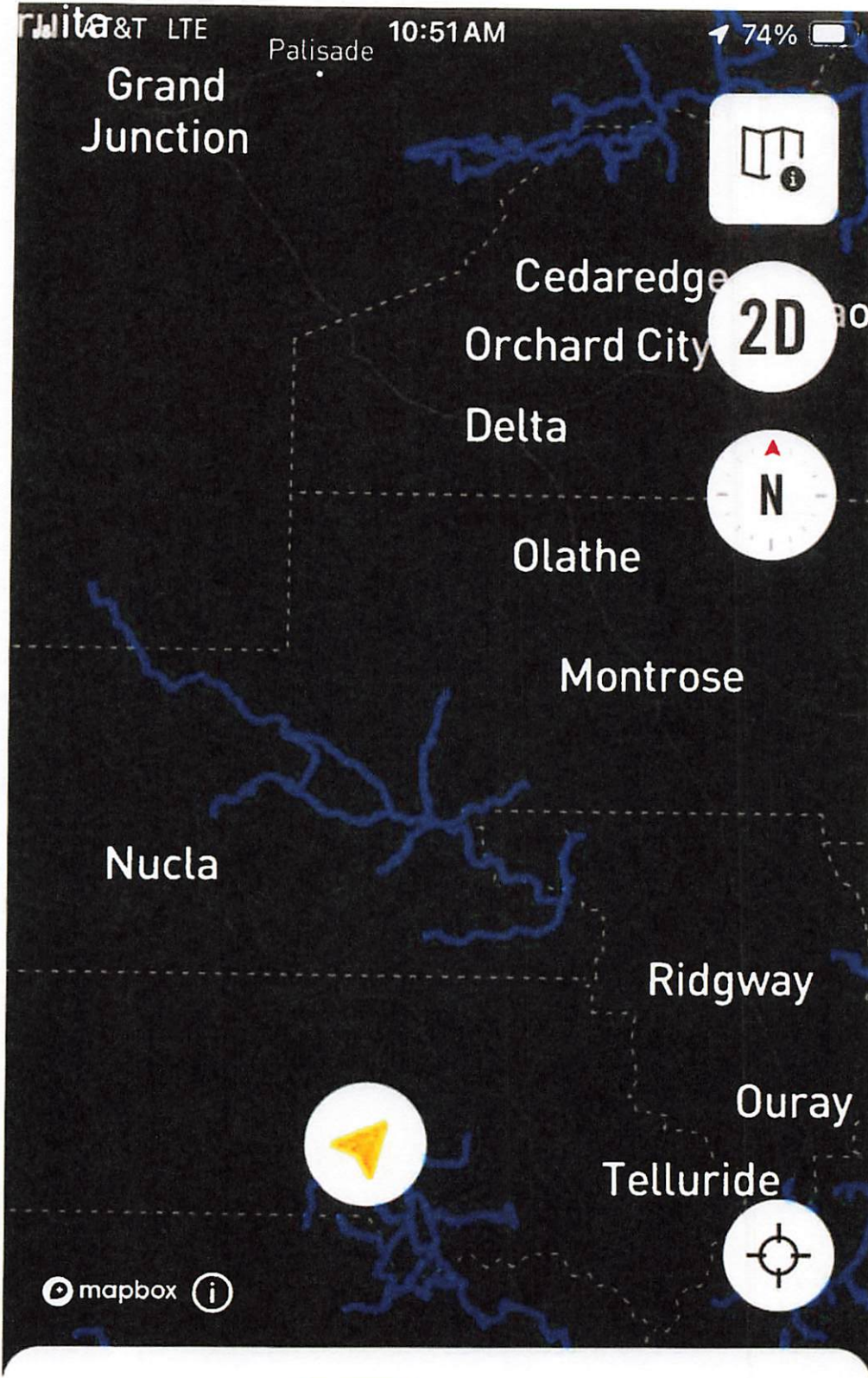
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April 22, 2024

West End Sledders
Norwood, CO 81423

Kurt.

I am pleased to present you the following pricing as you requested for a 2018 Used Bison X. Please let me know if you have any questions.

2016 Prinoth Bison S Tier IV equipped as follows:

- Used 2016 Bison S serial number 908930063 with approx. 4,700 hours
- Center cabin operator seat with left side passenger seat and right side instructor seat
- Full LED lighting package
- Heated side windows, windshield, rear window, and mirrors
- Multifunctional joystick with steering levers
- 12-way MASTER blade with quick mount
- Premium POSIFLEX tiller with side finishers
- Short rear lift frame
- Snow fenders
- Solid rubber tires
- 66" Aluminum tracks with ice caulks and premium belting
- Rexroth drive system
- Front hydrostatic drive
- Caterpillar C9.3 406hp Tier 4F electronic engine

Vehicle price:	\$190,000.00
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File Code: 2720
Date: April 24, 2024

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
6060 Broadway
Denver, CO 80216

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the West End Sledders Snowmobile Club (WESSC) grant request for funding to purchase a used snowcat. Purchase of this machine is vital to the club's efforts to maintain snowmobile trails on the Uncompahgre National Forest and the San Juan National Forest. The nonprofit volunteers over 200 hours to maintain over 120 miles of groomed trails that support winter recreation including snowmobiling, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Having access to these opportunities is vital to the local community during the winter months.

Purchasing a new snowcat will reduce long-term maintenance costs and improve efficiency of grooming operations. If approved, funds from this grant will help to upgrade equipment which will improve the WESSC ongoing efforts to provide winter recreation activities on National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brian Hoefling
BRIAN HOEFLING
Acting District Ranger



April 24,2024

Michael J. Grafmyer

HI-COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS, INC.

1395 Grand Ave. P.O. Box 611

Norwood, CO 81423

970-327-4271

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

To whom it may concern;

As a founding member of the West End Sledders and a past President of the club for 20 plus years, I would appreciate your time in seriously considering the West End Sledders grant request for a newer groomer. We started the club with a double track Grizzly with a pull behind groomer in 1990. We purchased a used groomer from the local ski area in 1993 with our own money. Since that time, the club with the help of the snow funds have been able to upgrade the equipment. The groomer that is looking to be replaced is the third groomer we purchased in 1999 with our own funds.

The groomed trails in our area allow for safe travel and enjoyable rides. The trail system brings in snowmobilers to our local communities and are a big part of our winter economy.

Again, thank you for your valuable time and consideration of the West End Sledders grant request.

Please feel free to contact me for more history on the club's grooming efforts in our area.

Michael J. Grafmyer

Owner of HI-COUNTRY MOTORSPORTS, INC.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kris Knackendoffel and I am one of the owners and operators of Telluride Outside. Among several other activities, Telluride Outside runs guided snowmobile tours based out of the Fall Creek valley one mile north of Woods Lake. Our half and full day tours explore as far west as the Beaver Park, Dunton and Little Cone areas. We offer these tours daily from as early as Thanksgiving through the first weekend in April and have so for the last 12 years. One of our most pivotal partners in insuring a successful and more importantly safe operation throughout our season is the West End Sledders snowmobile club. Their role in the building and maintenance of a vast trail system in Uncompahgre National Forest is paramount not only to Telluride Outside's operation but also to a thriving snowmobile and nordic skiing community in Telluride and Norwood. Simply put, the trail grooming by the West End Sledders helps the outdoor community in San Miguel County utilize their public lands. They have Telluride Outside's full support.

Thank you and sincerely,

Kris Knackendoffel
Co-owner and snowmobile operations manger
Telluride Outside



4/21/2024

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the West End Sledders and their grant application for funding to put towards improving grooming equipment. I represent the Norwood Nordic Association (NNA). We are a 100% volunteer run nordic ski group who maintains 5 miles of free groomed trail available to the public through a permit to operate on Forest Service land in Norwood.

NNA maintains our own trail and our own grooming equipment, however, we have worked with the West End Sledders in the past and look forward to working with them more in the future. The location of our trail is approximated .25 miles from an access point to the West End Sledder's maintained snowmobile trails. On the days when there is fresh grooming on the snowmobile trails, we always notify our list of nordic skiers to get out as soon as possible to skate the seemingly endless miles of fresh track before anyone else can. We have had discussions in the past with the West End Sledders about potentially adding a classic track on the edge of the snowmobile trails to expand our trail opportunities out here in Norwood. I have also discussed with several members the potential to do a large ski marathon at some point in the years to come, something that would be extremely unique for this region!

The organization has always been open to discussion about working together when possible and I know this is only the case if they can have functioning, safe, and reliable equipment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hannah Rossman
Norwood Nordic President.

Jeremy & Carrie Townsend

Owners of

Norwood Pit Stop, 1645 Grand Ave, Norwood, CO 81423

San Miguel Veterinary Clinic, 40775 Hwy 145, P.O. Box 960, Norwood, CO 81423

JET Trucking, 11746 County Rd 44ZS, Norwood, CO 81423

Members At Large, Norwood Chambers of Commerce

(970) 327-4279

4/25/2024

Colorado Parks & Wildlife

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing you this letter to support the West End Sledders and the group's need for financial support in the much-needed future endeavor to purchase a new groomer for the area's snowmobiling trails.

As a family we have many other friends and family members that join us in the winter to enjoy the snowmobile trails of our area. The West End Sledders have, for many years, maintained these trails ensuring they are groomed properly and in good condition for both experienced and beginning riders. The group is currently in need of a new groomer for these trails and are seeking this grant to help with the purchase of this equipment.

Our area is very rural, and the small towns including Norwood, Nucla, Naturita and more, does not have many activities or events that occur during the winter. One activity that brings people to the area is the wonderful locations for snowmobiling. Trails that are well cared for help to encourage riders to come to our area and thus also assist our small towns' economy.

We ask that West End Sledders be genuinely considered to receive this grant to help support these small communities' economies during their slowest time of the year. This support is accomplished by drawing in people that need services such as hotel stays, maintenance of vehicles & snowmobiles, gasoline, groceries, etc.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the West End Sledders grant request.

Sincerely,

Jeremy & Carrie Townsend

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.



Kurt Crockett

04/23/2024

Signature

Printed Name

Date