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**2023-2024
Off-Highway Vehicle Program
State Trail Grant Application**



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

Name of Project: : COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops (2) Date of App: 11/15/2022

(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$78,000

Grant Request: \$70,000

(round off to the nearest \$1)

Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.

PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: COHVCO Trails Partnership

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OFFICIAL USE ONLY – DUNS # (IF REQUIRED):

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 *Project Contact* changes.

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Title: COHVCO Board member

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Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES X NO

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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only)

Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

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Email:

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: To be determined		
County(ies):		
Township/Range/Section:		
State Senate District #:		
State Representative District #:		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:		
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Simple <input type="checkbox"/> Lease <input type="checkbox"/> Easement <input type="checkbox"/> License <input type="checkbox"/> Right-of-Way <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____	Miles of Full-sized: _____
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access
PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other	
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration		
TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)		
% of Budget 35%	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)	
20%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
35%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
10%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)	
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)	

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops (2)	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: COHVCO Trails Partnership	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Keith Douglas	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$78,000	Grant Request: \$70,000

Project Description: The COHVCO Trails Partnership will host a 2 day and a 3 day educational workshop and chainsaw and/or OHV trainings around these events on an as needed basis.

(1) **3 day workshop** The Great Trails Workshop (GTW) presented with the National Off-Highway Conservation Council. This years Great Trails Workshop was held on Clear Creek Ranger District and trained more than 30 people. We also held a chainsaw training before the event to certify more than a dozen sawyers. We already have requests for saw training in the upcoming summer. Never before has the trails community needed the knowledge of trail sustainability by on the ground means more than today. The Great Trails Workshop is the finest means of developing agency personnel, individuals, clubs and organizations to meet a massive future obligation. The fate of motorized recreation has been placed in our hands and if we continue to improve on what we have done for decades and continue our financial contributions through the OHV program we will continue our opportunities an minimize excessive trail closures. Now, Region 2 of the Forest Service has a region strategy that parallels the national approach.

But with our trails crews and grant program we have a huge leg up and those trails crews have new members each year that need training and this is the preeminent workshop for trails crew training and also for the public to obtain both on the ground training and certifications including chain saw, motorcycle and ATV certification. Full field training is also a big part of this workshop. Consider too, this is a means of multiplying our volunteer workforce. People who complete the Great Trails Workshop have the ability to train other volunteers about what they have learned, particularly youth who are desperately needed for the future. Recreation in the most sustainable enjoyable and environmentally responsible way must be passed on to future generations. No better way to encourage responsible use than by having top notch trails with well designed opportunities and minimal environmental impacts.

(2) The COHVCO Annual Workshop for agency personal and recreationists; open to all publics. This is one of the important annual workshops that provides a forum for motorized recreationists and agency personnel to exchange ideas, discuss major issues and plan for the future of motorized recreation. We were also able to provide an OHV certification training for agency staff prior to this event as well. This years Annual workshop was held in Montrose and attended by approximately 75 people.

The COHVCO workshop moves around the state to new locations every year to bring as many local participants as possible. The subject matter includes updates on federal and state legislation, forest service and BLM management planning, updates on the Colorado OHV Program, Stay the Trail, federal actions (Camp Hale Monument), agency planning, state legislative action, OHV grant writing, identifying areas of the state that need special attention, e.g., wildfire, deadfall, maintenance and other areas needing special attention The workshop brings in experts in numerous fields of motorized recreation to address these topics.

WHO: The COHVCO Trails Partnership is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) dedicated to the education and empower all parties involved in motorized recreation from the recreationists to the state and to the general public regarding responsible

land use, respect for nature and making Colorado trails a legacy worthy of future generations. In short: the best land stewardship skills and resources we can provide.

WHERE: As is always the case, the workshop planning and coordination with the public and the respective agencies begins in December. The CTP must rely on the availability of employees of state and federal land management agencies such as CPW and Forest Service/BLM. This takes considerable time and face to face planning.

WHAT: Great Trails. Educate all parties involved in the most up to date and highly respected programmatic trails work for purposes of sustainability and public enjoyment. As a foundation value, the workshops always bring participants together to improve communication and strengthen relationships; especially between enthusiasts and agencies. Great Trails Workshop delivers both classroom and field work with the intent on participants coming away with the necessary materials and skills to be effective stewards of the land.

Application of techniques in real world situations all the way down to the use of hand tools is applied. The budget provides for venue, planning, travel, materials, food speakers scholarships and staff. It also provides for management by an expert consultant.

WHAT: COHVCO Workshops. Provides a meeting of recreationists and land managers among others to discuss all aspects of motorized recreation. Entertaining multiple points of view along with issue identification and problem solving are employed to once critical activities on the federal state and local level are identified. Discussions of the successes of the OHV program and grant writing are also presented for comment.

WHEN: Efforts are made during planning to work around the busiest times for agencies. Often this includes fire season and peak tourist season including maintenance crew scheduling. We are anticipating that planning for the Great Trails Workshop during midsummer and the COHVCO Workshop in the fall gives the best possible opportunity for the largest attendance.

Program Funding Acknowledgement. The Colorado OHV Workshops are one of the best ways to promote the Colorado OHV Program through workshop publicity, communication and related materials. All public communication and workshop materials will include acknowledgement of "Colorado Registration Dollars at Work."

Budget Form

Project Name: COHVCO 2024 OHV Workshops 2

Date Project will be Completed: 31-Dec-24

Project Sponsor: COHVCO Trails Partnership

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION. (Round amounts off to nearest dollar)

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$ 70,000		\$ 70,000.00
Other Funding Sources <small>List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 78,000.00

I. Personnel Costs <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>				
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
Scholarships for clubs members and other participants	\$ -			\$ 8,000.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!		Category Total	\$ 8,000.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
The Workshops frequently use a large amount of printed materials for education and other goals but these cannot be itemized at this time due to the highly variable > nature of the need and item specific costs	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 2,000.00
III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>				
Misc supplies as needed	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 3,000.00
IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
COHVCO Trails provides a wide range of volunteer support for the Workshop including but not limited too facilitation of the event, agenda agenda development and other services on an as needed basis	\$ -			\$ 56,500.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 56,500.00
V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>				
COHVCO Trails provides a wide range of volunteer support for the Workshop including but not limited too facilitation of the event, agenda agenda development and other services on an as needed basis	\$ -			\$ 4,000.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 4,000.00
VI. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>				
Insurance requirements are traditionally covered by contractors but occasional event specific coverage has been needed	\$ -			\$ 1,000.00
			Category Total	\$ 1,000.00
VII. Grant Administrative Costs <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small> <small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>				
Grant Admsintration 5%	\$ 3,500.00			\$ 3,500.00
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 3,500.00
			Total	\$ 78,000.00

* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - provided upon request
 Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

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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

Project
Sponsor

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:

Date: _____

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

Date and title of document:

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:

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for (date).

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name _____ Project Sponsor _____

The project described in this application has my approval.

Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern:** Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
 - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
2. **Habitats and their Values:** What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
 - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
 - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
 - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
3. **Potential Impacts:** List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
 - Disturbance of sensitive species
 - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
 - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
 - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

5. Benefits: List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

6. Environmental Compliance: Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project's timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Principle source of information: (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

1. Need for & Benefit of the Project (25 points):

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. (*Use the following as a guideline for describing your project*)

- What specifically will the project accomplish?
- How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?
- Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.
- Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?
- Why is this project a priority at this time?
- Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?
- Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?

Workshop one will be devoted to the Great Trails Workshop. Based upon the national and regional strategy of the Forest Service and BLM for volunteer stewardship by the public regarding Colorado's trails. Volunteers and agency trails' crews must know how to be the best stewards when performing trail maintenance and construction to meet the goals of stewardship.

Motorized recreationists have a huge task in employing sustainability strategies in keeping with the direction of the FS. For 30 years we have de facto assumed much of the role of stewards, but now more is being asked. But now there is a blueprint and we must know the blueprint. We must also do our best to develop conflict strategies and educate OHV users regarding their use.

Regarding workshop 2, we just received word that the Forest Service has to have our full attention and cooperation if we are to keep opportunities alive. Sustainable Trails Strategies contain ecological and social components of sustainability. These workshops address those policies. This is not just a priority; federal implementation will begin in a few months. It is an absolute necessity.

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Discussions of the successes of the OHV program and grant writing are also presented for comment. More specifically the COHVCO workshop moves around the state to new locations every year to bring as many local participants as possible. The subject matter includes updates on federal and state legislation, forest service and BLM management planning, updates on the Colorado OHV Program, Stay the Trail, federal actions (Camp Hale Monument), agency planning, state legislative action, OHV grant writing, identifying areas of the state that need special attention, e.g., wildfire, deadfall, maintenance and other areas needing special attention. The workshop brings in experts in numerous fields of motorized recreation to address these topics.

2. Partnerships, Support and Leverage (25 points):

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather than the quantity of support letters received. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

- Describe all agencies, groups, clubs or organizations who are partners on the project. Will the project utilize volunteers or youth group services?
- Are you aware of any controversy this proposed project has caused, if at all, in the local community?
- Create a narrative or a list that includes the amounts and sources of additional (non-grant) funds, in-kind services, materials, and any other items that will be used as leverage in your project:
 - Donations, contributions, materials and other ways that this project will be leveraged
 - Describe the types of funds that will be contributed to the project
 - Itemize any funds received from other grants or sources
 - Provide your total project cost, including the total amount of all grant funds, use of volunteers, donations, and any additional contributions mentioned in your narrative

The Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) Trails Partnership is a volunteer organization whose Board will provide input and direction to professional conference/event planners on the development of the agenda, acquisition of speakers, processing of registrations, payments, contracting with Hotels & Caterers, meeting material preparation, transportation, presenter coordination and on-site assistance. All of this is uniformly done in conjunction with Parks & Wildlife, Forest Service and BLM State staff.

Instructors in different environmental disciplines may be represented including wildlife, air quality, soils, riparian and cultural resources. Other Resources will include USFS, BLM, State Parks, National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, a variety of OHV groups and their members to serve as reference information and a staff resource. OHV group members may also serve as volunteer support for conference planning, registration assistance, participate in activities such as facility clean-up, rider education and be used as onsite trail guides.

Implementation issues will be developed with the land management representatives and the public to assure implementation objectives are vetted so workshop contents will meet the necessary objectives. Educational curriculum will be coordinated with the land management representatives and allows for providing technical assistance to ensure trail maintenance and management objectives meet their standards for resource protection.

The following agencies, organizations and clubs support the workshops:

- U.S. Forest Service, BLM, and Colorado Parks & Wildlife
- Thunder Mountain Wheelers
- Northern Colorado Trail Riders
- Front Range Trail Riders
- National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)
- ATV Safety Institute (ASI)
- Public Access Preservation Association (PAPA)
- Kawasaki Motors Corporation USA
- Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado
- Trails Preservation Alliance
- Responsible Recreation Foundation
- Fay Myers Motorcycle World
- Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee
- Colorado Horse Council
- Mile High Jeep Club
- Creede OHV Club
- Colorado 4wd Association
- San Juan Trail Riders

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities (25 points):

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

- Will this project promote the protection, clean up, rehabilitation or avoidance of sensitive environmental resources such as wildlife habitat or wetlands in the project area? If so, explain how.
- Will the project include re-vegetation of eroded areas or trail that will promote the long term protection of sensitive or critical resources? If so, explain how.
- Will the project construct or improve drainage structures to prevent erosion or repair damage from excessive runoff, or harden and/or bridge stream crossings and wet areas?
- Describe any indirect benefits this project proposal will have on critical resources in the project area

Great Trails Workshop This grant is a foundational grant to develop the necessary awareness and understanding of the changes in focus, mission, focus, and allocation of the resources by the Forest Service. As mentioned earlier the BLM efforts to create *Statewide OHV Action Plans* represents a similar approach, but more limited in impact as it focuses on motorized. Existing problems of small budgets and lacking staff are the object of the national strategy. So as to not be repetitious, the core of the strategy is to literally fix our trail systems. Most conceivable and problems yet unidentified will benefit from a properly implemented trail strategy.

COHVCO Workshop Because of the nature of the workshops, they are intended to address all facets of the scoring elements of this criterion. However, since the workshops are educational in nature, they are not site specific nor project specific. It is clearly the intent of the workshops is to address every matter raised by this section.

The workshops are designed to have the maximum ongoing positive impact as it becomes applicable to most, if not all, future OHV grants.

For example:

- OHV trail design and construction
- Route Designation, the processes by which the USFS and BLM are moving to systems that limit motorized travel to designated trails, roads and areas. This requires a strategy for signs and trail identification that is complimentary to the Motor Vehicle Use Maps
- Developing a system approach to OHV signs that provides the appropriate guidance and is neither misleading nor inadequate as is often the case.
- Seeking a means to close routes with minimal expense and maximum effect. Law enforcement studies show that poor trail signs may require remedial action to gain maximum compliance.
- Maintenance and monitoring go hand in hand. There is still more maintenance identification and consequently monitoring that have to be matched to meet public need and protect resources.
- Developing stronger collaborative efforts in land stewardship through education and awareness with enhanced social, economic and environmental monitoring, maintenance and management are needed to implement the management techniques mentioned above. The agencies require volunteer help, cooperation on effective strategies and help with outside resources to implement good management.
- Effective OHV grant application process including related support and partnerships
- Changes and trends in federal, state and local laws.
- Building consensus

New Trail Construction: NA

- In the case of new trail construction, provide documentation that shows all required

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition: NA

Large Equipment purchased with OHV funding must have commitment to Long-Term Maintenance and Operations and must only be used for OHV Trail Maintenance Activities. When not in use, equipment will be made available for use on other OHV projects currently or previously supported by CPW. When equipment is no longer in use or needed, it should be passed on to another OHV Club, the BLM or Forest Service, or returned to CPW to insure continued OHV trail maintenance activities. Describe provisions to be made for the following:

- Who will be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the equipment?
- What is the expected annual budget for operations, maintenance and fuel?
- How many (machine) hours are needed to maintain the trail system?
- What is the expected annual cost for future operations and maintenance and will that be dependent upon additional OHV grants?
- What is the plan for equipment when not in use or when no longer needed?

4. Travel Management Plan Implementation, Education and Enforcement (25 points):

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

Travel Management:

- Will this project employ one or more travel management measures such as educational tools, signage, control structures, methods to reduce conflicts among user groups, visitor contacts and/or increased compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulations and designations? If so, explain those measures.
- Include information as to how the project will enhance and promote multiple-use trails.
- Will the project assist in monitoring or closing or rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes in compliance with TMPs or MVUMs or address damaged or closed routes pursuant to an MVUM? (e.g., repair, or the placement or replacement of signage, fencing, and trail barriers or reseeding, resurfacing, decommissioning, or re-contouring trails, etc.). If so, explain how.
- Describe how this project is consistent with the long term plans of the land management agency with jurisdiction over the project area?

Education

- Describe the educational components of the project and how this will specifically benefit OHV riders, as well as other area visitors and residents. Note, the most effective educational efforts are those targeted to “on the ground” user education in the field encouraging responsible use through educational materials such as signs, brochures, maps, kiosks, and field contacts.
- Explain how this project will encourage responsible use through education.
- Does this project use or provide educational tools such as maps, signs, brochures, kiosks, or patrols to educate riders? If so, explain.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

- How will the project improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations?
- Will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, measures to increase compliance and law enforcement efforts?
- How will the project utilize law enforcement or compliance measures to increase compliance with state OHV laws, designated routes and OHV registration requirements for both resident and non-resident OHV recreationists?
- How will project assess, document and report the results of compliance and laws enforcement efforts?
- Include an estimate of the time and/or financial resources that will be devoted specifically to visitor contacts, compliance and law enforcement under this proposal.

The principle purpose of the workshops is the implementation of travel management. Therefore, any topic related to implementation of future grants are designed to be discussed, but not necessarily in a site-specific context except by a case analysis. This includes improved mapping, signs, barriers, inexpensive but effective methods of closure, identifying priorities and sources of funding. All of which are subject to a newly developed Regional Trails Strategy.

Maintenance and monitoring will be discussed, along with the best approach to providing quality multiple use trail experiences. Active management is also a key. Where required, rerouting and repairing trails per the implementation plan will be discussed as will the role of volunteers. Implementation is a long-term proposition and can take quite some time. Expediting implementation is a topic unto itself.

The Workshops have a long-proven history of educating OHV users and land managers. The Workshops have proven to be an ideal tool for these efforts as the free exchange of ideas and input on challenges faced among users and agency personnel is paramount. These Workshops identify ways of educating the public on a wide range of issues including wildlife habitat, T&E species, law enforcement issues, changing needs of the recreational users and other issues in an open forum. The Workshops also provide onsite evaluations of appropriate implementation of statutory changes, plan changes or best management practices in real world

situations. The Workshops have also proven highly successful in connecting local user groups with land managers in their area, which has proven effective in developing partnerships and improving trails for all users in the long term.

In short all of the elements put in practice over the years by the agency and the public will be profoundly impacted by a new national and regional trails strategy. regarding travel management, education and enforcement will allow these efforts to be successful.

Education

The workshops will educate OHV users about travel management regulations and plans and the reasons for the existence of these plans. It will assist land management agencies in successfully implementing and enforcing travel management plans. The workshop is the educational tool in this instance. All OHV workshops, including this one become a primary tool for the exchange of ideas among trail users and agencies. This workshop identifies ways of educating the OHV public and trail users in general about everything from responsible use to proper signs. It is the one time each year when discussions on wildlife habitat, T & E Species, law enforcement and opportunities can be discussed by all stakeholders in an open forum. The workshop also includes an onsite evaluation of appropriate implementation of TMP.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

This is a consistent category of application to all future grants and will be discussed both in depth in the Great Trails Workshop and the Grant Writing Workshop. The modern approach to trails suggests that planning, design, implementation, signage, closure techniques and opportunity are the first steps toward enforcement. The modern approach does not abandon typical law enforcement but supplements it by what are essentially strategies that assist and direct the public in the most environmentally friendly ways to use and share trails.

D-2

Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria

An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering. Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

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I. Site Description

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

II. Planning

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

III. Public Notice

- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

IV. Public Involvement

- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

1:24,000 scale map OR a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)
That clearly shows roads, trails, streams, management area boundaries, and other significant natural and developed features in the vicinity of the project.

(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

Provide project illustrations or photos to further demonstrate the needs of the project.

Items to consider including may be:

- Photos (4-6) of the project area or photos of another project's outcome that illustrates what you will do for this project
- Engineering drawings of the project
- Diagrams/plans of the project

(G) Letters of Project Support

Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators



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Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
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Subject: RRMCMC letter of support for COHVCO grant applications

Dear Tom,

The Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) is writing to support the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition's (COHVCO), OHV State Trail Grant Applications to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Off-Highway Vehicle Program this year. For more than 28 years, COHVCO has been hosting Annual OHV Workshops to educate recreationists and land managers about critical topics impacting OHV recreation. COHVCO has been providing partnerships and education to all stakeholders in positive, sustainable, OHV, 4wd and snowmobile recreation. Participants to these events typically include OHV enthusiasts, staff members from Colorado Parks and Wildlife, USFS and BLM. These workshops focus on the vision and goals for OHV recreation in the future.

The relationship COHVCO has developed with OHV enthusiasts and land managers is an excellent example of the cooperative effort needed to ensure a successful future for OHV recreation on public lands. We appreciate the OHV Grant Programs past support for COHVCO's workshops and would encourage you to support their requests for this grant cycle.

Thank you,

Jim Peasley,
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Thunder Mountain Wheelers
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Nov. 22, 2022



Tom Metsa
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Re: 2023 OHV Workshop Grant Application

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter from the Thunder Mountain Wheelers (TMW) club as an official letter of support for the COHVCO OHV Workshop Grant Application that will be presented in 2023.

Thunder Mountain Wheelers ATV club strongly supports the COHVCO Workshop regarding this year's grant application. TMW has participated in these events for many years and have found that the workshops have provided an exceptional opportunity to educate both land managers, users and elected officials as to best available science on issues ranging from trail design to economic benefits to local and state governments from multiple use trail recreation.

TMW continues to partner with Public Land Managers and other interested groups to encourage and practice the development and implementation of environmentally responsible methods for the construction, re-construction, preservation, and maintenance of ATV/UTV/OHV trails on the Western Slope of Colorado. We are strong advocates of the "Multiple Use" management philosophy of our Public Lands.

We look forward to the continuation of the COHVCO OHV workshops here in Colorado that is an educational process for all involved.

Sincerely,

Lloyd J Liebetrau

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Thunder Mountain Wheelers Executive Board

Using, Not Abusing, Our Public Lands



22 November 2022

Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the COHVCO 2023 OHV Workshops OHV Grant Application

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the State Trails Committee, OHV Subcommittee:

Please accept this Letter of Support from the Colorado Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) for the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), Trails Partnership 2023 OHV Workshops Grant application. The TPA is an advocacy organization created to be a viable partner to public lands managers, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiple-use recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for the sport and takes the necessary action to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate a fair and equitable percentage of public lands access to diverse multiple-use trail recreational opportunities.

These workshops have historically and consistently provided an excellent opportunity for recreationists and land managers to collaborate to discuss the numerous and complex aspects of motorized recreation throughout the State of Colorado. The workshops facilitate the sharing of multiple and diverse points of view from the participants along with issue identification and creative problem solving. The TPA supports, and often participates in these workshops and endorses COHVCO's application for OHV grant funds to help finance the workshops. The COHVCO workshops have proven to be one of the best approaches to promote communication, collaboration and cooperation between OHV users, clubs, advocacy groups, land managers, and resources specialists.

The TPA supports funding the COHVCO 2023 OHV Workshops OHV Grant application.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance

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November 19, 2022

Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
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Dear Mr. Metsa:

Please accept this letter of support from the Powersports Dealers Association of Colorado on behalf of the COHVCO Trails Partnership grant

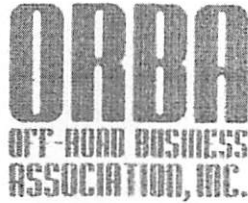
As original supporters of the OHV Registration Program, we have seen the great strides it has made in the enjoyment of OHV recreation and its ability to protect and maintain Colorado's beauty and natural resources. No question OHV use is on the rise, and we believe the previous workshops were enormously helpful in both training F.S and BLM crews and volunteers in trail maintenance, sustainability and construction using the best available science.

Likewise, the COHVCO Workshop is one of the most important statewide forums to learn everything that is taking place in the world of motorized recreation in Colorado and the rest of the U.S. From the workings of Parks and Wildlife to new state and federal agency policy, to state and federal law and rules, it is the forum for education of the subject matter and the critical exchange of new ideas.

Please support this grant and fund it so we can continue to benefit people and the environment. A true win-win.

Sincerely,

Brady Welton
Chairman of the Board
PDAC



November 20, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Att: Grant Committees
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Re: COHVCO Workshops Grant Application

Dear Committee Members:

Please accept this correspondence as the vigorous support of the Off-Road Business Association ("ORBA") with regard to the COHVCO grant application to CPW relative to educational workshops to be undertaken in Colorado in 2023. ORBA is a national not-for-profit trade association of motorized off-road related businesses formed to promote and preserve off-road recreation in an environmentally responsible manner and appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on this issue. ORBA has several members who are based in Colorado and works closely with numerous groups like COHVCO, TPA and others. ORBA works to address OHV related recreational issues in a proactive and collaborative manner with land managers and is very familiar with the principals of educational workshops and the fact that COHVCO workshops are often identified as a national model for collaborative education.

These workshops are an exceptional opportunity to educate both land managers, various elected officials and users as to best available science on issues ranging from trail design to economic benefits to local and state governments from multiple trail recreation. ORBA further vigorously supports the flexibility in grant awards that has been provided in the past and expanded the program to two workshops per year. ORBA further supports possible additional events to attempt to engage certain user groups and educate the public on the OHV program and value in organizing into formal clubs. This flexibility in addressing issues and locations has proven highly valuable in providing an event that is both topically relevant and able to leverage local resources and momentum that simply could not be identified at the time the grant is awarded.

ORBA would welcome a discussion of these opportunities and any other issues that might be arise relative to this grant application at your convenience. If you have questions please feel free to contact Fred Wiley, ORBA's President and CEO at 1701 Westwind Drive #108, Bakersfield, CA. Mr. Wiley phone is 661-323-1464 and his email is fwiley@orba.biz.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred M. Wiley".

Fred Wiley, ORBA President and CEO