



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife

2023-2024

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

Name of Project: 2024 RGFO Trail Maintenance		Date of Application: 12/2/2022
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$55,750.00	Grant Request: \$51,750.00	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<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: Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee		
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3511, Englewood Colorado 80155		
		Fax:
Telephone: 303 978-0653	Email: liason@rampartrange.org	
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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.	
Duane Zavadil	Title: Vice President - RRMCM	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3511, Englewood Colorado 80155		
Telephone: 303 638-1265	Fax:	Email: zavadilduane@gmail.com
		Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project ending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Duane Zavadil		Title: Vice President - RRMCM
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3511, Englewood Colorado 80155		
Telephone: 303 638-1265	Fax:	Email: zavadilduane@gmail.com
GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name:		Title:
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Canon City, Buena Vista

County(ies): Fremont, Chaffee		
Township/Range/Section: BLM Royal Gorge Field Office Boundary		
State Senate District #: 2		
State Representative District #: 21, 60		
LAND OWNERSHIP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the name/s of the property owners: • The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain): BLM		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: 7.25	Miles of 50" or less: 49	Miles of Full-sized: 64
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
All-Terrain Vehicle X	Side x Side X	Full Sized 4X4 X
Motorcycling X	Four-Wheeling X	Accessible Access
PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.		
Trail Maintenance X	Travel Plan Implementation X	
*New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	Resource Protection & Improvement X	
*Major Re-Route (that will require new or additional <i>environmental approvals</i>)	miles / ft. closed _____	Signs
	miles / ft. added _____	Youth Corps
Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) X	Planning	
Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement X	Capital Equipment	
Education X	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 90	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.)
0	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
10	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
0	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: 2024 RGFO Trail Maintenance	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: RRMCC	Application Year: 2023-2024
Project Contact: Duane Zavadil	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$55,750.00	Grant Request: \$51,750.00

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished.)

The Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) is an all-volunteer, 501c3 non-profit service organization that will provide sub-contractors and equipment to maintain OHV trails on BLM land managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office in 2024. RRMMC will be responsible for coordinating with the Royal Gorge Field Office and managing sub-contractors. This project will be performed on multi-use trails located in the Four Mile, Texas Creek, Seep Springs and Penrose Commons motorized trail systems and other areas that fall under the Gold Belt and Arkansas River Travel Management plans. This project consists of the following activities:

- **Coordinate with Land Managers in late 2023 and early 2024 to develop a seasonal operating plan**
- **Identify and prioritize trail maintenance needs**
- **Contract with heavy equipment operator to provide and operate a Sutter 500 trail dozer and/or Mini-X, truck, trailer and ATV.**
- **Obtain required insurance**

- **Perform the following tasks utilizing a Trail Dozer and/or Excavator to provide trail maintenance necessary to provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience. We will perform program maintenance as directed by the RGFO within:**
 - **27 miles of trail at Four Mile**
 - **17 miles of trail at Texas Creek**
 - **30 miles of trail at Penrose Commons**
 - **16 miles of trail at Seep Springs**
 - **Maintain approximately 1.5 - 3 miles of trail each work day**
 - **Build or maintain approximately 30 drainage structures per day**
 - **Fill in rain ruts as encountered**
 - **Rehabilitate trail sections as determined by operating plan**
 - **Decommission and rehabilitate non-system routes**
- **This Project would occur between January 2024 and December 2024 when BLM land is free of snow and the high country is snowed in.**
- **Use online platforms including RRMMC website and social media channels to educate OHV enthusiasts about the State OHV Program and the funding for 2024 RGFO Trail Maintenance grant.**

Budget Form

Project Name: 2024 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2024

Project Sponsor: Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC)

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)			\$ 51,750.00
Other Funding Sources (BLM employee, vehicle, overhead, supplies)	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 55,750.00

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase

Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!	Category Total	\$ -

II. Project Materials/Supplies

Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.

Price Per	Quantity	Total	
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

III. Equipment

Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.

\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

III.A. FLEET Equipment

Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.

\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

IV. Contracted Services

Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor costs

Construction contractors/subcontractors				
Dozer and operator (fuel, maintenance and transportation included)	\$ 5,400.00	9 weeks	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 48,600.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Category Total			\$ 48,600.00	

V. Volunteer Support

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.

\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Category Total			\$ -

VI. Insurance

(Non-profit organizations only)

General liability, inland marine, auto	\$ 375.00	4 months	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Category Total			\$ 1,500.00	

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)

Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)

Computer and printer supplies	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
Copies & postage	\$ 45.00		\$ 45.00
Administration costs	\$ 1,400.00		\$ 1,400.00
Category Total			\$ 1,650.00

* 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

Total	\$ 51,750.00
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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	2024 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance	Project Sponsor	RRMMC
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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:

Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan	Date: 5/13/1996
Gold Belt Byway Travel Mgt Plan	8/18/2004
Arkansas River Travel Mgt Plan	12/17/2007

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:

Linda Skinner, 719-269-8732, lskinner@blm.gov

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for N/A.

Keith E. Berger, Field Manager, Royal Gorge Field Office

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

JAMES LENARD

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Land Manager Signature and Title

Acting for Keith Berger

Date

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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?
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This project will provide funds for the RRMCC to contract with heavy equipment operators to operate trail dozers and/or a mini excavator to perform routine maintenance such as; clean out, repair and construct drainage structures, grade trail surfaces and repair existing OHV trails on BLM Land managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office.

This project will protect and improve riding opportunities by using heavy equipment to rebuild and construct water diversion structures designed to eliminate or minimize erosion ruts that damage the trails. When existing trails are well maintained, environmental concerns of the land managers are addressed and they will not be compelled to close the trail due to lack of maintenance.

This project will enable the RRMCC to continue providing essential maintenance on OHV trails. Since 2005, the RRMCC has been managing the operation of trail dozers and other equipment to maintain OHV trails on BLM land. Operation of a trail dozer will primarily benefit 50" multiple use OHV trails. On single track trails, where appropriate, a mini excavator will be used to perform maintenance.

This project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts by addressing environmental concerns of the BLM, which if not corrected could create unsafe or unsustainable trails that could be closed. This project will maintain a diverse system of OHV trails for beginners all the way up to experts.

This project is a priority because the trails that will be maintained are used by a large number of enthusiasts and it will have been two years since they have received any maintenance. In addition, the OHV Program has invested in the construction and reconstruction of many of these of trails over the past 15 years. This project will provide the essential maintenance required to protect the OHV Programs investment.

Thousands of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from this project. In addition, all the trails on which the trail dozer will be operated are open to other types of recreational activities. These include, but are not limited to: hikers, hunters, mountain-bikers, and horseback riders. Therefore numerous recreational activities will benefit from this project. One has only to visit the communities of Canon City, Texas Creek, Salida, and Buena Vista during the riding season to observe the economic benefits derived from OHV recreation.

The RRMCMC's extensive experience constructing and maintaining OHV trails allow us to provide long term value and sustainability to the trail system by preventing erosion caused from the water shed that is not diverted off the trail. Our experience identifying water shed concerns and then constructing water diversion structures like rolling dips and water lead-offs to address the concerns creates a sustainable trail.

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 RRMMC and the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office participate in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to help one another accomplish a mutually beneficial objective of maintaining motorized trails. In addition to the grant funds, we anticipate that the BLM and RRMMC will contribute to this project in the following amounts:

• BLM Non-Cash (Employee, vehicle, overhead)	\$4,000
• Grant Funds	\$51,750
• Total Project Cost	\$55,750

The RRMMC has received the support of local businesses for over 46 years. Examples of businesses that support the RRMMC are: The Sprucewood Inn, Fay Myers Motorcycle World, Performance Cycle, Grand Prix Motorsports, Vickery Motorsports and Peak Honda.

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.

NEW Trail Construction vs. Major Trail Re-Route

New Trail Construction:

- In the case of new trail construction, provide documentation that shows all required environmental reviews are completed or indicate the current status of that work.
- Under what TM Decision the work is being performed.

- Provide a description of new trail construction.
- Provide detailed map showing the new trail location and length.

Major Re-Route: Defined as trail work that will require new and/or additional environmental approvals. (Minor re-routes taking place on an already approved trail corridor will not be considered a *major* re-route, as described here.)

- Provide the number of miles or feet that are being re-routed and why.
- Provide a detailed map of where the trail re-route is located, showing old/current route and proposed re-route.

No new trail construction is planned for this project.

The principal objectives that will be accomplished with this project; trail maintenance, reconstruction and rehabilitation will be accomplished on federal public lands, all project components are subject to the requirements of NEPA. Consequently, all project activities have been or will be approved by the appropriate agency (BLM) for compliance with NEPA.

This project promotes the protection, clean up and rehabilitation of sensitive environmental resources by diverting water from existing trails to address water shed issues and prevents erosion. In addition, trail segments that are user created or have been decommissioned will be rehabilitated and re-vegetated.

Hundreds of drainage structures such as rolling dips and water lead-offs, will be maintained and new structures will be constructed where appropriate.

All the project activity will take place on BLM Royal Gorge Field Office managed land and the BLM will greatly benefit from the proposed project by supplementing the diminished resources the BLM has available to maintain OHV trails.

Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

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?

No equipment is being purchased for this project.

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?

This project will address concerns identified in District Travel Analysis Reports (TAR's) and provide essential maintenance to minimize the impacts occurring on designated trails identified in the Pike & San Isabel National Forest Travel Management Plans and MVUM's. The project will assist in closing and rehabilitating non-system OHV routes to improve adherence to OHV regulations. This project is consistent with the Pike & San Isabel National Forest long range plans and will allow the RMMMC to continue providing essential maintenance of OHV trails as we have for the last 20 years.

The proposed project will benefit multiple use trails primarily used by motorcycles and ATVs however, all of the trails maintained in this project are open to other types of recreational activities; these include, but are not limited to: hikers, hunters, mountain-bikers, and horseback riders. Therefore numerous recreational activities will benefit from the OHV Program Grants.

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.
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This project will address concerns identified in travel analysis reports and provide essential maintenance to minimize the impacts occurring on designated trails identified in the Gold Belt and Arkansas River Travel Management Plans. The project will assist in closing and rehabilitating non-system OHV routes to improve adherence to OHV regulations. This project is consistent with the BLM RGFO long range plans and will allow the RRMMC to continue providing essential maintenance of OHV trails as we have for the last 15 years.

The proposed project will benefit multiple use trails primarily used by motorcycles and ATVs however, all of the trails maintained in this project are open to other types of recreational activities; these include, but are not limited to: hikers, hunters, mountain-bikers, and horseback riders. Therefore numerous recreational activities will benefit from the OHV Program Grants

The Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC), produces and distributes maps, informational brochures, and digital content encouraging responsible use and describing appropriate trail etiquette. These publications also provide information on the OHV Registration Program and promote “Tread Lightly” and “Stay the Trail” principles. Digital content is shared through our website and social media channels, and the brochures are provided to motorcycle and ATV dealerships and parts and accessory retailers, and are handed out at events and on-trail outreach opportunities. In addition, the RRMMC participates in recreational and OHV trade shows and open house events, by providing staff and information at our display booth or with organizations like Stay the Trail Colorado and COHVCO.

The RRMMC will describe our participation in and benefits received from the OHV Program at our work parties, organized events, and trade shows. The OHV Program will also be acknowledged on our website, RampartRange.org and through social media.

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 project will improve compliance of OHV regulations and route designations by rehabilitating off-trail, non-system OHV routes to minimize or eliminate problems associated with these types of trails, providing a safer trail riding opportunity for riders. Planned trail maintenance, consistent with BLM RGFO planning objectives, helps prevent prospective off-trail travel to bypass trail washouts and gullies. When existing trail systems are well maintained and environmental concerns of the land managers are being addressed, the likelihood of non-system OHV routes is greatly reduced.

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

Land Acquisition Grant –Criteria Questions

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

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.
- Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
 - 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?

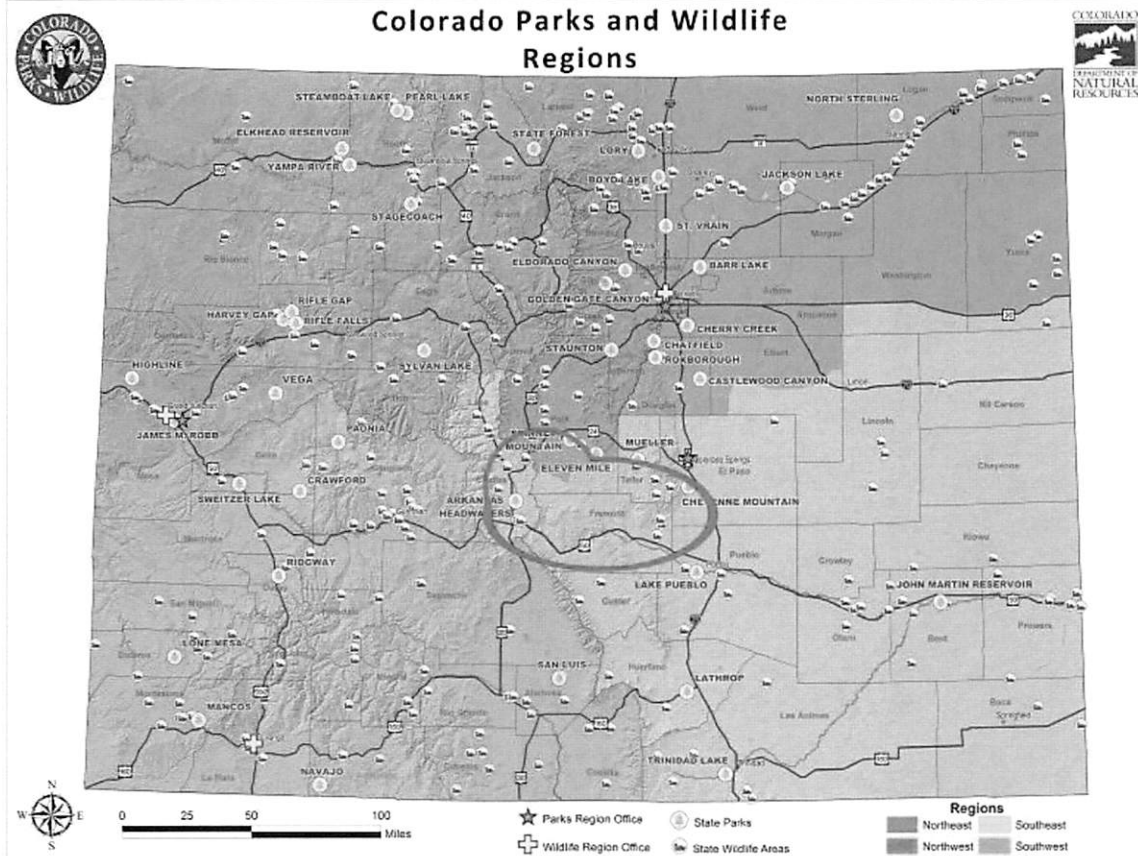
IV. Public Involvement

- 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.

No land acquisition is included in this project.

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

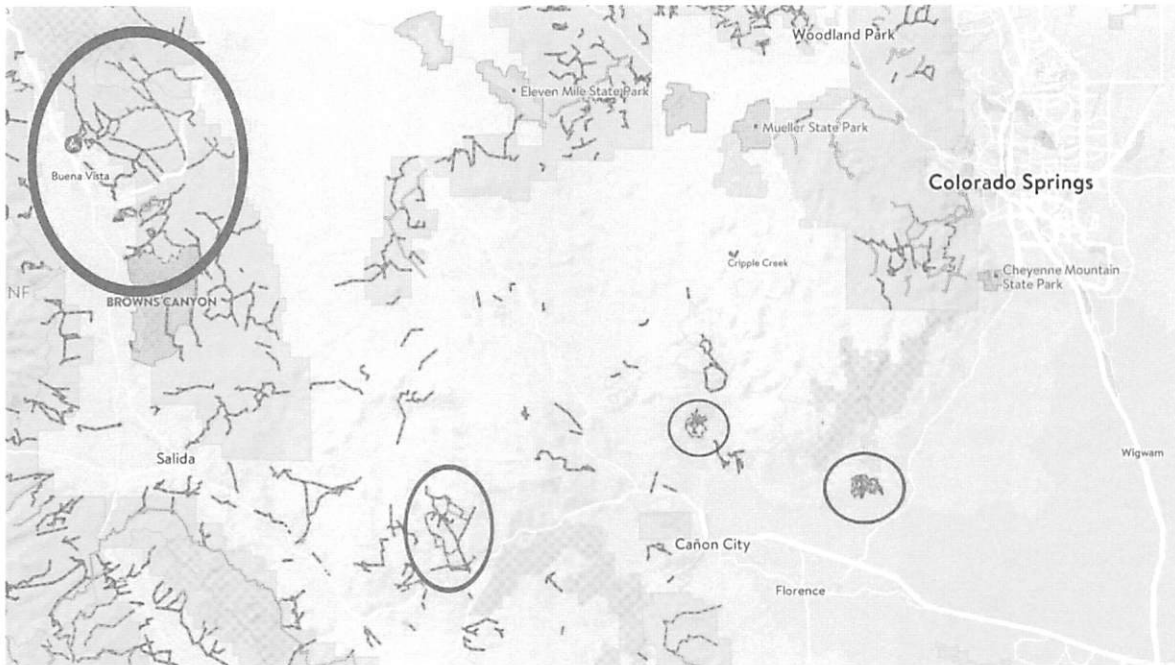
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



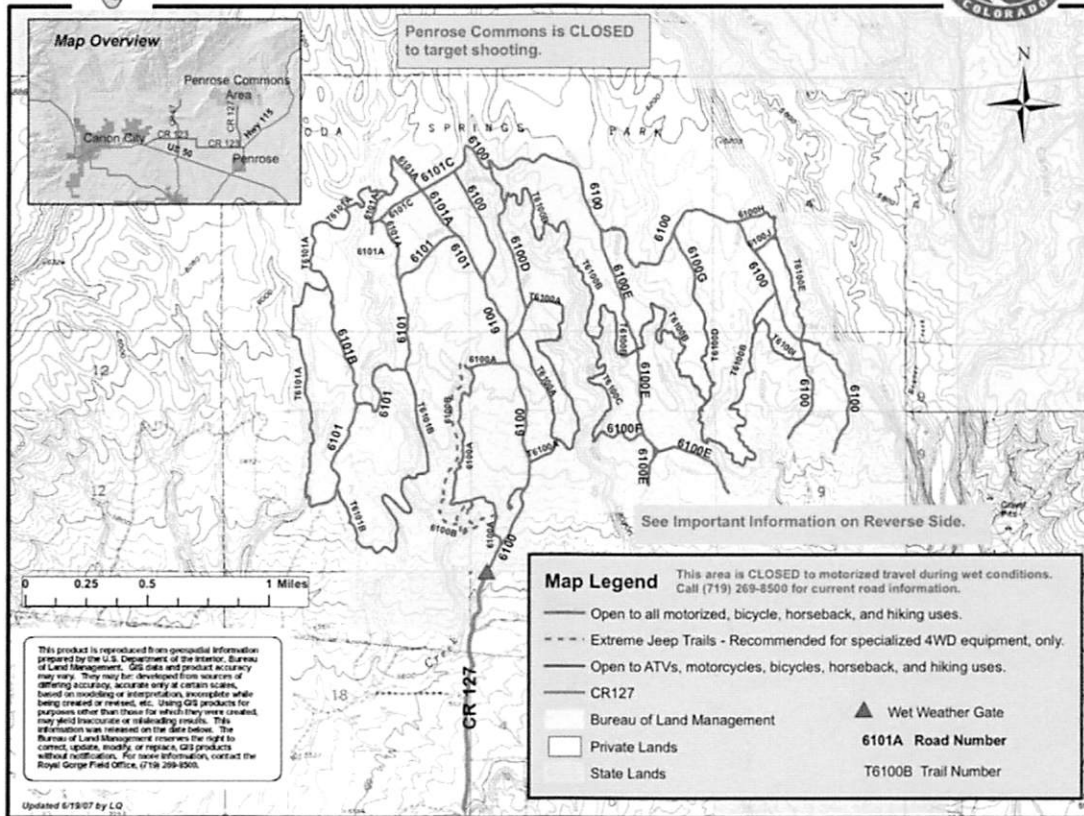
E-2 Project Map: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.

(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.

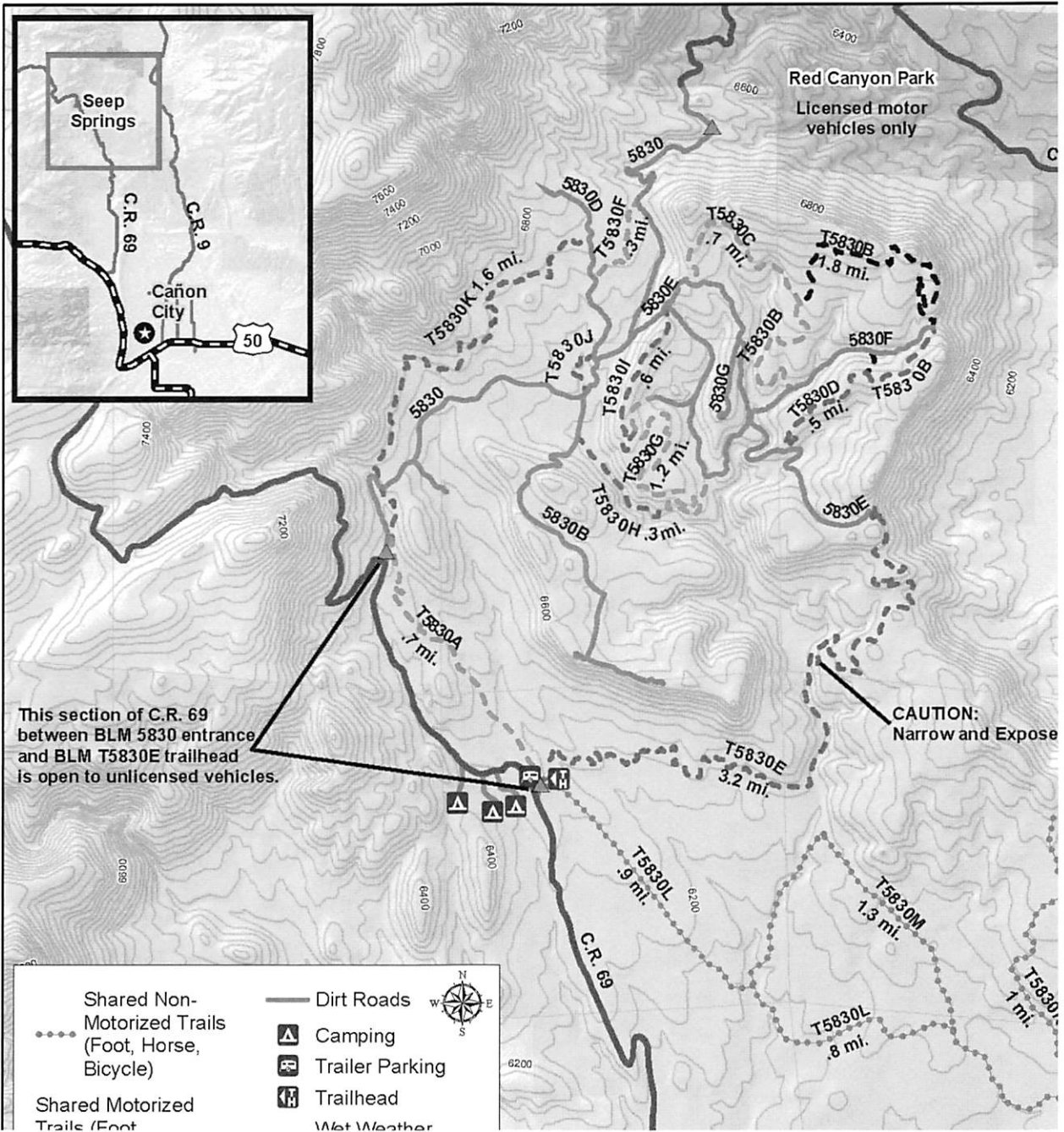


Penrose Commons Roads and Trails BLM Royal Gorge Field Office





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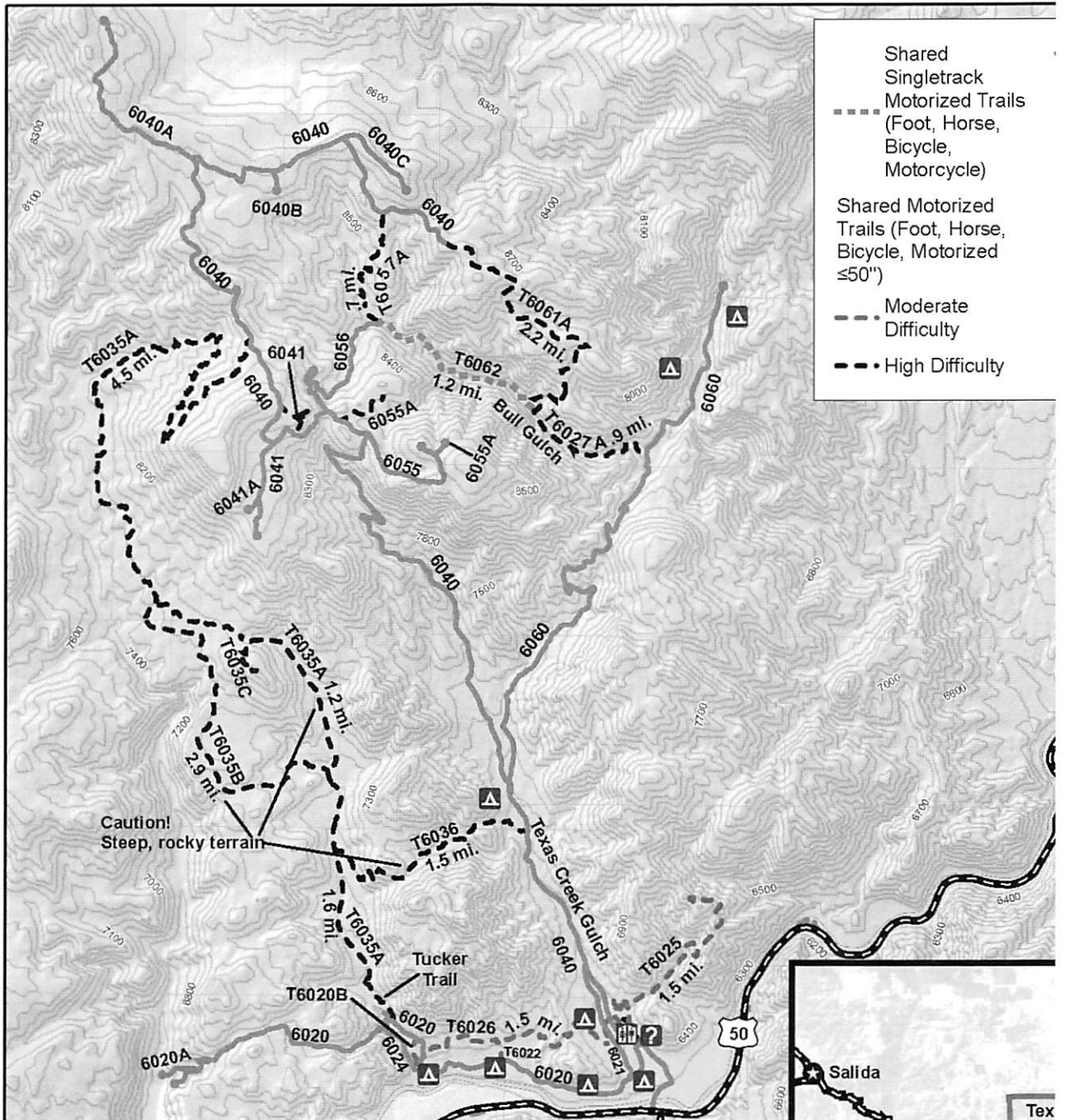




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(F) Project Illustration

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



RRMMC trail dozer at work on a section of blown out trail that had seen extreme erosion and degradation.



Section of trail at Penrose Commons that had been severely eroded, now rehabilitated with the RRMMC trail dozer.

Section of trail at Penrose Commons that had been severely rutted, now rehabilitated with the RRMMC trail dozer.



Section of trail at Penrose Commons that had been severely eroded, now rehabilitated with the RRMMC trail dozer and water diversion added to mitigate future damage.

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(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

Letters of Support for 2024 RRMMC Trail Maintenance provided by the following:

- **Royal Gorge Field Office, BLM**
- **Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources**
- **Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery**
- **ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Services of Douglas and Elbert Counties**
- **Douglas County Search and Rescue**
- **Mountain Motorsports**



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November 22, 2022

State Trails Committee
Colorado State Parks, State Trails Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Grant Review Committee Member:

The BLM Royal Gorge Field Office is pleased to submit this letter of support for Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC) for two grants submissions "2024 RRMMC Trail Maintenance" and "2024 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance". RRMMC has supported the RGFO and Pike & San Isabel National Forest with annual trail maintenance for over 20 years.

The RGFO manages four OHV recreation areas with 56 miles of motorized 50" or less trails available for recreationists. An additional 64 miles are open to full size vehicles, side by sides and smaller. Although most maintenance can be accomplished using hand tools, projects such as trail damage due to erosion, major weather events or general maintenance require specialized equipment and a skilled operator. The RRMMC grant proposal assists the BLM and US Forest Service with this need.

RRMMC and the BLM work in partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding confirming the long-term relationship in supporting OHV program maintenance work and providing quality access to popular motorized areas.

The BLM recognizes that the efforts of RRMMC would not be possible without the funding received by the Colorado Parks & Wildlife OHV Trail Grant Program. We appreciate your support over the years and hope you will look favorably upon their applications.

Sincerely,

**JAMES
LENARD**

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Acting for Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office

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COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, UTAH, WYOMING

November 22, 2022

Tom Metsa
Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Program Manager
13787 S. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Letter of Support for RRMCM Trails Grant Application
Dear Mr. Metsa:

Douglas County is writing in support of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC's) OHV Trail Grant Program application (2024 RRMCM Trail Maintenance application). The RRMCM has requested funding for the operation of a trail dozer and mini excavator to conduct trail maintenance on OHV trails on USFS and BLM lands within the region. RRMCM has proven themselves competent and reliable in servicing trails for federal agencies over more than two decades.

The US Forest Service staff is overburdened maintaining their vast network of motorized trails over 1.1 million acres of the Pike National Forest, and the surrounding region beyond. The services RRMCM provides are crucial to the ongoing maintenance of these trails that need regular attention in the pliable decomposed granite of the region.

Motorized recreation is hugely popular with the residents of Douglas County and the great number of Front Range visitors that frequent the Pike and surrounding National Forests and BLM lands. Motorized recreation is an excellent release for those that may have disabilities or just lack the physical stamina to enjoy hiking or accessing more remote portions of our public lands without the assistance of these vehicles. Recreation in the beautiful backdrop of the mountains of forests of these public lands shores up the mental health of our community. It provides wholesome times of enjoyment with family or friends. These outcomes hit dead center withing the Douglas County Commissioners' Health and Human Services priority.

The volume of motorized recreation that occurs within Douglas County and the nearby region is an important economic driver for our businesses and communities. Economic Foundations is another of the Douglas County Commissioners' six key priorities.

Public Safety is a the third of the Commissioners' priorities addressed by this project. Motorized recreation on narrow National Forest system trails is not without risk. That risk is compounded with trails degraded by erosion, shifting soils, and any number of other factors. Regular maintenance is essential to keeping these trails in top condition to minimize these risks to our residents and visitors that choose to recreate on these popular facilities. It also reduces the demand on emergency service providers that are spread thin and have extended response times in these remote areas.

While less used than our highways and community road networks, these motorized trails connect millions of acres of public land. They allow our residents and visitors to access locations otherwise inaccessible to most by the use of OHVs. People can effectively get to hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking locations

rapidly and with some gear because of these trails. This hits the heart of the Commissioners' Transportation priority.

Finally, all motorized roads and trails serviced have been cleared through the NEPA process. The maintenance work to be funded by this grant award is similarly cleared through NEPA. Environmental concerns have been addressed. Furthermore, regular maintenance ensures proper drainage and reduces soil erosion. Surface water resources are critical to the Front Range. Water quality is essential to healthy water resources. The aquatic life that inhabits these waters depend on that water quality. The reduction in turbidity, sedimentation, and nutrient loading that occurs by regular maintenance ensures a healthy environment and the flora and fauna that depend on it. This addresses the fifth of the Commissioners' priorities, Historic and Natural Resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for this project. With over 26% of Douglas County's lands lying within the National Forest, and for the reasons articulated in the paragraphs above, the public trail system within this region is very important to us. This project furthers five of the six key priorities of the Douglas County Commissioners. Regular, professional maintenance of this system is crucial to the trail system's functionality. We hope you will give serious consideration to this application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Dertz', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Dertz
Director, Open Space and Natural Resources (Interim)

Mr. Tom Metsa
Colorado State Parks
OHV Program Manager
13787 So. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

I, Kristal Florquist, am writing this letter on behalf of Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery in support of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC) OHV Trail Grant Program Applications; "2024 RRMMC Trail Maintenance" and "2024 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance". The RRMMC has requested funds to operate trail dozers and a mini excavator to perform maintenance on OHV trails on USFS and BLM lands. The RRMMC has performed this type of service since 2000 and have demonstrated that they are more than capable of completing these types of projects based on decades of involvement with the OHV Trail Grant program.

The working relationship the RRMMC has developed with the Pike & San Isabel National Forest and BLM Royal Gorge Field office regarding trail maintenance is an excellent example of the cooperative effort needed to maintain motorized trails on public lands.

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I appreciate the OHV Programs past support of the RRMMC and encourage the Colorado State Parks OHV Trail Grant Program to award and fund these grants.

Sincerely,

 Kristal Florquist, 17 Nov 22

Kristal Florquist
President
Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery



17 Nov 2022

Mr. Tom Metsa
Colorado State Parks
OHV Program Manager
13787 So. Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

I am writing this letter in support of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC) OHV Trail Grant Program Applications for both "2024 RRMMC Trail Maintenance" and "2024 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance".

Though not directly involved with their Trail Maintenance program, ARESDEC (Amateur Radio Emergency Services of Douglas and Elbert Counties) has had a direct working relationship with RRMMC for several years. To help raise funds for trail maintenance in the Rampart Range Motorized Recreation Area, RRMMC sponsors a spring and fall Poker Run. ARESDEC supports their communications needs for both routine and emergency traffic from their Operations Base to all the check points.

These two events not only raise much needed funds for trail maintenance, but provide outstanding training events for ARESDEC members to exercise their radio equipment in a remote area, and operate on solar and battery power for the day of the event. Additionally, the two events provide us an excellent opportunity to deploy our mobile Incident Command Post (ICP) trailer, and exercise all the communications equipment installed.

ARESDEC appreciates the OHV Program's past support of the RRMMC and we encourage the Colorado State Parks OHV Trail Grant Program to again award and fund these grants.

Sincerely,

Richard D Williams

Richard Williams
Emergency Coordinator
Amateur Radio Emergency Services of Douglas and Elbert Counties



Douglas County Search and Rescue

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In our search and rescue work in DCSAR, the maintenance of the trails is critical both in enabling safe travel by those using the trails recreationally – and by our mission teams when an incident does occur and we need to get a person or people out in an expedient manner to enable further medical care.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Dave Arnett
DCSAR 732 - Field Director and PIO (Public Information Officer)
303-886-7004, dave.732@dcsarco.org
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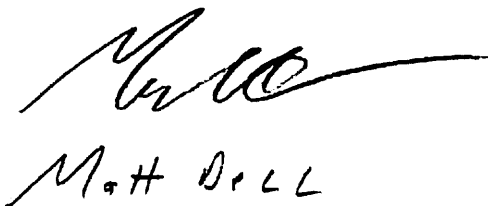
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Matt Dell