



Grand Junction Field Office Equipment Ops Grant



2025

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2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle Program State Trail Grant Application

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| Name of Project: GJFO Equipment Ops | Date of Application: 11/14/2023 |
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

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| Total Project Cost: \$80,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i> | Grant Request: \$55,000 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i> |
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PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: BLM, Grand Junction Field Office

Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction CO 81506

Telephone: 970-244-3000

Email: Dgourley@blm.gov

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

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.

Name: Dan Gourley

Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner

Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction CO 81506

Telephone: 970-244-3000

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Is this the primary contact for this grant:
YES NO

PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Dan Gourley

Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner

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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)

Name: Chalanne Harlow

Title: Budget Analyst

Mailing Address: 2815 H. Road Grand Junction, CO 81506

Telephone: 970-244-3084

Email: charlow@blm.gov

| PROJECT LOCATION | |
|--|---|
| Nearest Town or City: Grand Junction | |
| County(ies): Mesa, Garfield, Delta | |
| Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): | |
| Township/Range/Section: Multiple | |
| State Senate District #: 6,7,8 | State Representative District #: 54, 56 |
| LAND OWNERSHIP | |
| 1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: | |
| 2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input checked="" 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: <u>135+</u> | Miles of 50" or less: <u>150+</u> |
| Miles of Full-sized: <u>1725</u> | |
| 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"/> Motorcycling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4 | <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. ~10 miles (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 environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment |
| | <input 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 20% | 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.) |
| 5% | 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.) |
| 65% | 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:

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| Project Name: GJFO Equipment Ops | Project No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small> |
| Project Sponsor: BLM Grand Junction Field Office | Application Year: 2024-2025 |
| Project Contact: Dan Gourley | Application No.: <small>(to be completed by CPW)</small> |
| Total Project Cost: \$80,000 | Grant Request: \$55,000 |

Project Description: With this grant application, the BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO), located on the Western Slope of Colorado (Map 1) and managing 1.2 million acres of public lands, will have crucial maintenance performed on large equipment purchased by the CPW Grant Program.

The GJFO currently has:

- Skid Steer
- 50” Sutter Trail Dozer
- 30” Sutter Trail Dozer
- Volvo Mini Excavator

The equipment will be used to maintain existing routes and build new ones. We are actively working on expanding recreation opportunities in Bangs SRMA, North Desert ERMA, and Cactus Park RMA. Current demand of existing routes is increasing, so maintaining those routes and providing more opportunities are recognized as priorities for our office. This equipment will so be made available to neighboring Field Offices and Ranger districts.

The Grand Junction BLM has a strong working relationship with not only the USFS, but also multiple clubs that have grant funded equipment which have been made available to GJFO when they aren’t being used on the higher elevation USFS projects. These groups include Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA), Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA), and Timberline Trail Riders. Our office has been able to accomplish some early and late season projects that would have been impossible without this additional equipment and hopes to continue this approach.

WHO

The Grand Junction Field Office, which includes McInnis Canyon and Dominguez-Escalante NCAs, manages over 1 million acres of BLM public lands. Most of the field office is within a short drive from communities in the Grand Valley (Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade). With a population over 150,000, the Grand Valley is a popular place to work and retire because of its proximity to recreation opportunities on public lands. The area has also seen an increase in visitors from around the state and the nation due to rising demand for quality outdoor recreation. The BLM estimates over 1.1 million recreational visits annually. The vast majority of recreational visits to the field office are trail-based, including ATV and UTV riding, jeeping, and motorcycle riding along with other non-motorized trail activities.

WHERE

Most work will be focused in Recreation Management Areas where management objectives are focused on OHV trail recreation (Grand Valley Open Area, North Desert, parts of Bangs Canyon, Gateway, Barrel Springs, Horse Mountain, Rabbit Valley, Cactus Park, Hunting Grounds, and Sawmill Mesa-Wagon Park). The crew will also work throughout the Grand Junction Field Office

in Mesa, Montrose, Delta and Garfield Counties. All the work will be conducted on BLM-administered public lands managed by the Grand Junction Field Office.

WHAT

This Grant will be used for maintaining the equipment that has been purchased by the CPW Grant Program. Typically, this equipment will get serviced once or twice a season, depending on how much the equipment get used for project work. Occasionally we have needed major repairs for this heavy equipment. In 2023, the Sutter 480 needed a complete engine rebuild. This fund will also be used to fix or maintain CPW purchased USFS housed equipment.

This grant will also fund a swamper for 6 months. The swamper will be used to work with Equipment Operators, whether they are on USFS public lands or BLM public lands.

WHEN

This work will be performed during the 2025 and early 2026 season.

Program Funding Acknowledgement – The equipment used by the crew includes a decal that notifies the public that the equipment is funded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV program. Notification sign will be on site to notify public that this project is funded by CPW OHV program. Both notifications include *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo.

DEFINITIONS

SRMA = Special Recreation Management Area: these are areas designated in our Resource Management Plan to protect and manage for specific recreation experiences. These are the priority areas for the recreation and visitor services program resources.

ERMA = Extensive Recreation Management Area: these are areas designated in our Resource Management Plan to protect specific recreation activities

NCA= National Conservation Area

Budget Form

Project Name: Grand Junction Equipment Ops

Date Project will be Completed: 5/1/2026

Project Sponsor:

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) | | | \$ 55,000.00 |
| Other Funding Sources | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Volunteer Hours 200 | \$ - | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000.00 |
| BLM oversight, Supervision, admin | \$ - | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000.00 |
| | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small> | TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT | | \$ 80,000.00 |

I. Personnel Costs

Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.

| Employee Name or Title/Grade | \$ Per Hr | Quantity | Total Cost |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| GS-5 swamper | \$ 25.00 | 6 Months | \$ 24,000.00 |
| | \$ - | | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - |
| <small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small> | 960.00 | Category Total | \$ 24,000.00 |

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 Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.

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|---|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|
| Trail Dozer, Skid Steer, Mini-ex, Sutter 300, OHV maintenance | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ 31,000.00 |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | Category Total | | \$ 31,000.00 |

III.A. FLEET Equipment

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

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

IV. Contracted Services

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

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

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.

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|--|------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | Category Total | | \$ - |
| | | | Total | \$ 55,000.00 |

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

GJFO Equipment Ops

Project
Sponsor

BLM Grand Junction Field
Office

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:

2015 Record of Decision Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan and Travel Management Plan

Colorado Canyons Environmental Impact Statement July 2004

Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan and Travel Management Plan January 2017

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 (Implementation and project level plans will be developed as needed during the implementation of the RMP).

Greg Larson District Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

GREGORY LARSON

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Land Manager Signature and Title

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)*

This project will ensure crucial maintenance is performed on large equipment purchased by the CPW Grant Program. The equipment will be used to maintain existing routes and build new ones. Equipment that is inadequately maintained may cause delays for improving and expanding riding opportunities so, well-maintained equipment is critical to the success of OHV trail building and maintenance efforts. These efforts also reduce impacts to natural resources caused by trail riding activities and enhance riding experiences by achieving trail management objectives. Trails in the GJFO are managed for a wide variety of riding opportunities and skill levels. Regular maintenance with working equipment will support and protect the vast riding opportunities that draw OHV enthusiasts to our field office.

This Grant would also fund a swamper for Equipment Operations on USFS and BLM lands. The swamper is needed to assist the operator with many duties. Checking fluid levels, loading/unloading equipment, providing safety with an extra set of eyes to make sure operator is performing work in a safe environment.

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

Grand Junction BLM's major Partner with this grant is the USFS. The Forest Service has hired a fulltime Equipment Operator to perform work on public lands. This operator works on BLM managed lands in the Spring and Fall to extend their season and provide much needed maintenance on roads and trails in the Grand Junction Field Office.

Grand Junction BLM also works cooperatively with several other surrounding BLM units including two National Conservation Areas, the Uncompahgre Field Office; Mesa, Delta, and Garfield Counties; Colorado Parks and Wildlife; the Uncompahgre, and Grand Mesa National Forests and private landowners to maintain connectivity and develop user friendly route systems.

The GJFO also works with Western Slope ATV Association, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, the Bookcliff Rattlers Motorcycle Club, the Motorcycle Trail Riders Association, Stay the Trail Colorado, Grand Valley Trails Alliance, and other groups to design and maintain routes that provides for the unique needs, riding experiences, and challenges for each group. This project has not caused any known controversy within our community and several letters of support illustrate the importance of this project to the local community. Many partners contribute through donations, contributions, materials, and volunteer services that contribute to proactive management of trail resources in the Grand Valley.

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

This project will ensure crucial maintenance is performed on large equipment purchased by the CPW Grant Program. The equipment will be used to maintain existing routes and build new ones which encourages riders to utilize existing opportunities instead of creating them. Poorly maintained trails often lead to cross-country travel and other activities that increase erosion and threaten other natural resources. These activities can result in pressure to close trails. With equipment in consistent working condition, efforts to improve drainage structures, prevent erosion, and provide sustainable riding opportunities will be efficient and timely. Providing and maintaining riding opportunities without delays will have positive direct and indirect benefits to critical resources in our project area. Examples of resources that will be protected include wildlife habitat, saline soils, cultural resources, threatened plant species, and riparian habitat.

The new trails that we are constructing with this equipment are primarily located in Recreation Management Areas where management objectives are focused on OHV trail recreation (Grand Valley Open Area, North Desert, parts of Bangs Canyon, Gateway, Barrel Springs, Horse Mountain, Rabbit Valley, Cactus Park, Hunting Grounds, and Sawmill Mesa-Wagon Park). The crew will also work throughout the Grand Junction Field Office in Mesa, Montrose, Delta and Garfield Counties. All the work will be conducted on BLM-administered public lands managed by the Grand Junction Field Office.

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

The GJFO's Resource Management Plan (RMP) describes the long-term management objectives for all resources including recreation. The Travel Management Plan (TMP) works in tandem with the RMP and is designed to help achieve the objectives outlined in the RMP, including objectives for OHV recreation areas. Maintaining the equipment that allows GJFO to accomplish the outlined OHV objectives and funding a BLM swamper will be the primary work done with the fund from this grant.

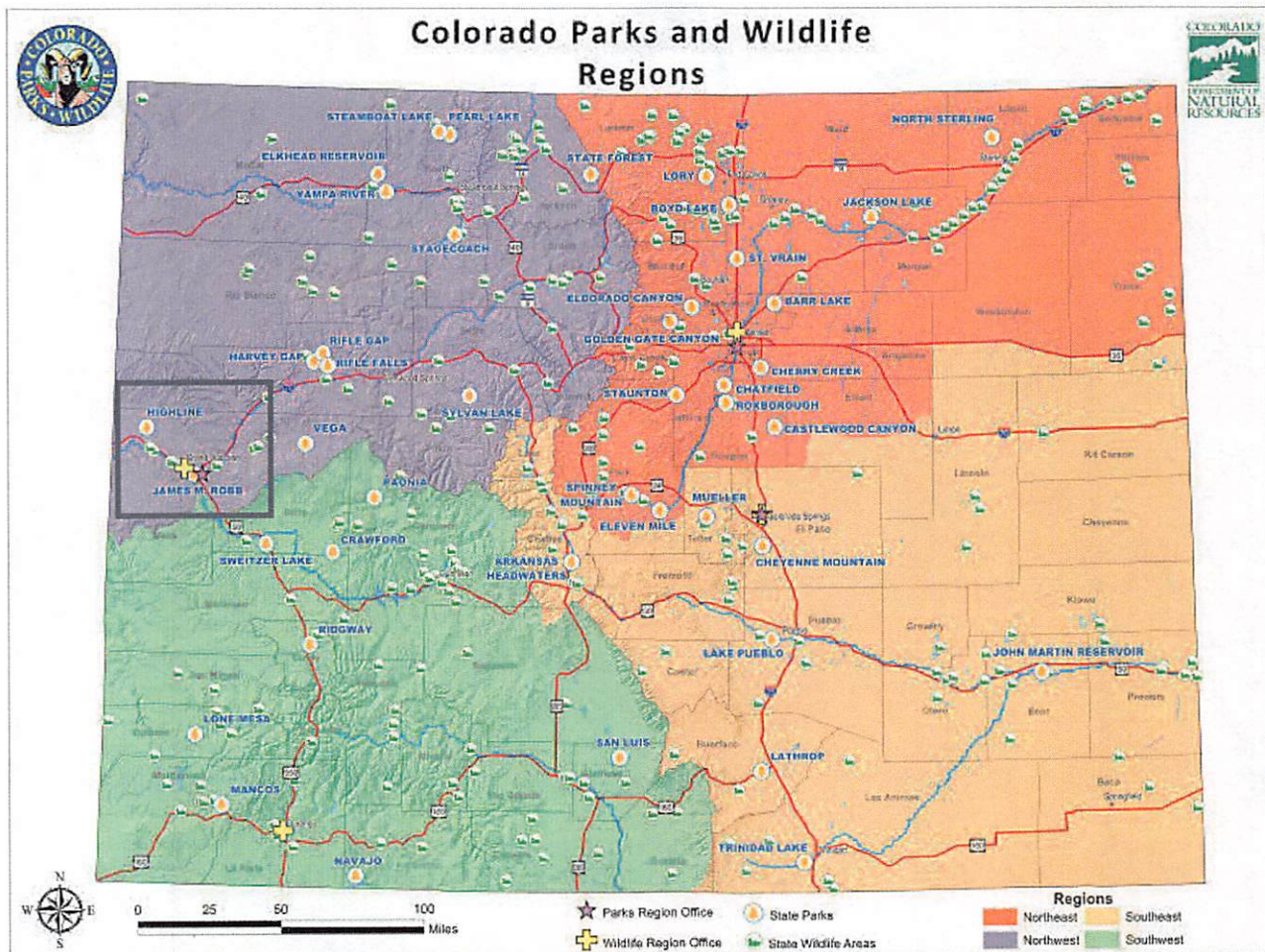
Many of the trails to be maintained are multiple-use trails shared with mountain bikes, hikers, and equestrian users. The crew will make public contact with these users which will promote multiple-use trails and provide visibility for the CPW OHV grant program. The visibility and public outreach of the project's crew will help educate users about how the OHV registration fee impacts all types of recreation opportunities. Connecting OHV objectives with non-OHV users is vital to maintaining a sense of community between different recreators and the BLM's multiple-use principles.

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

Maps being requested include:

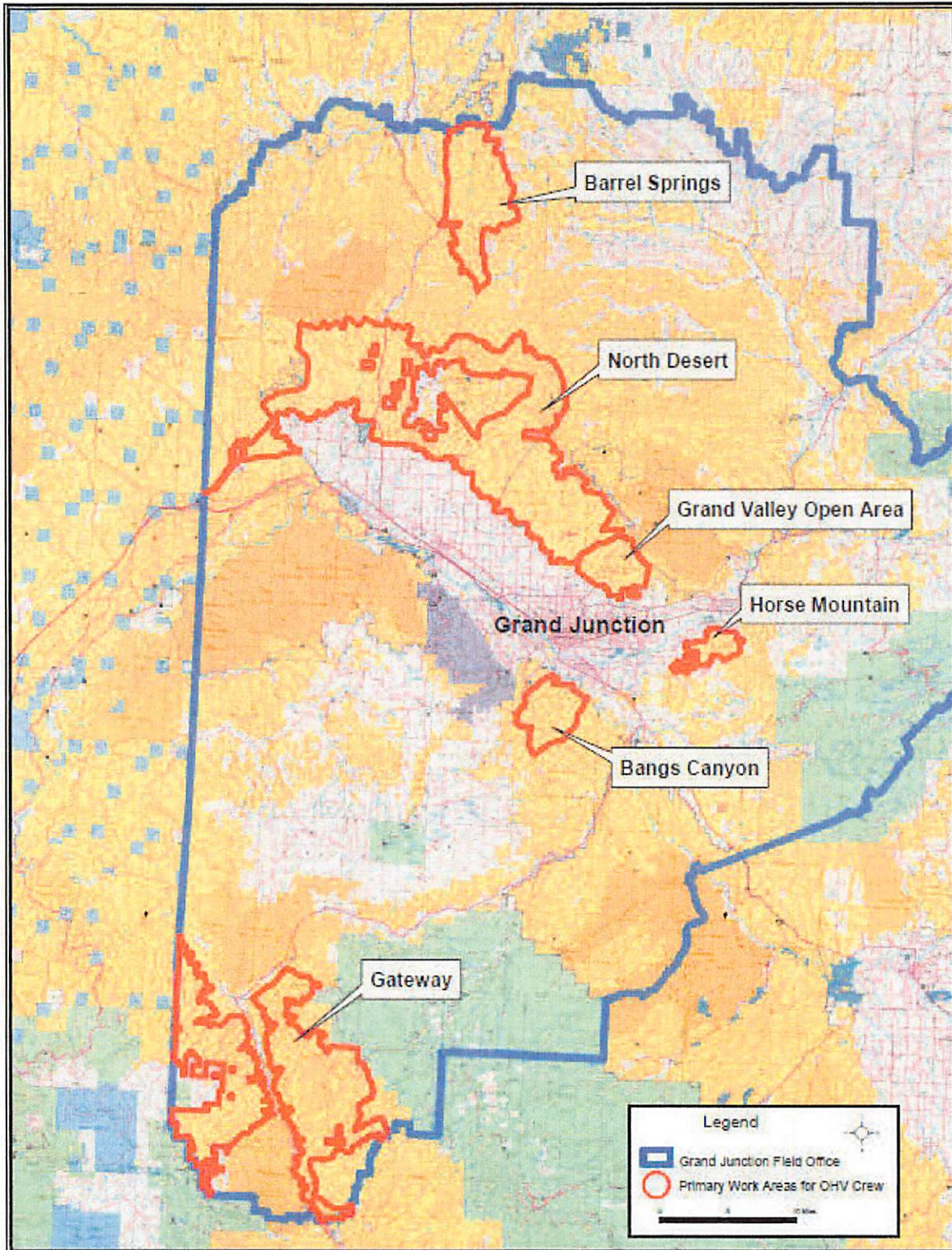
- "General area" (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* "project vicinity". (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

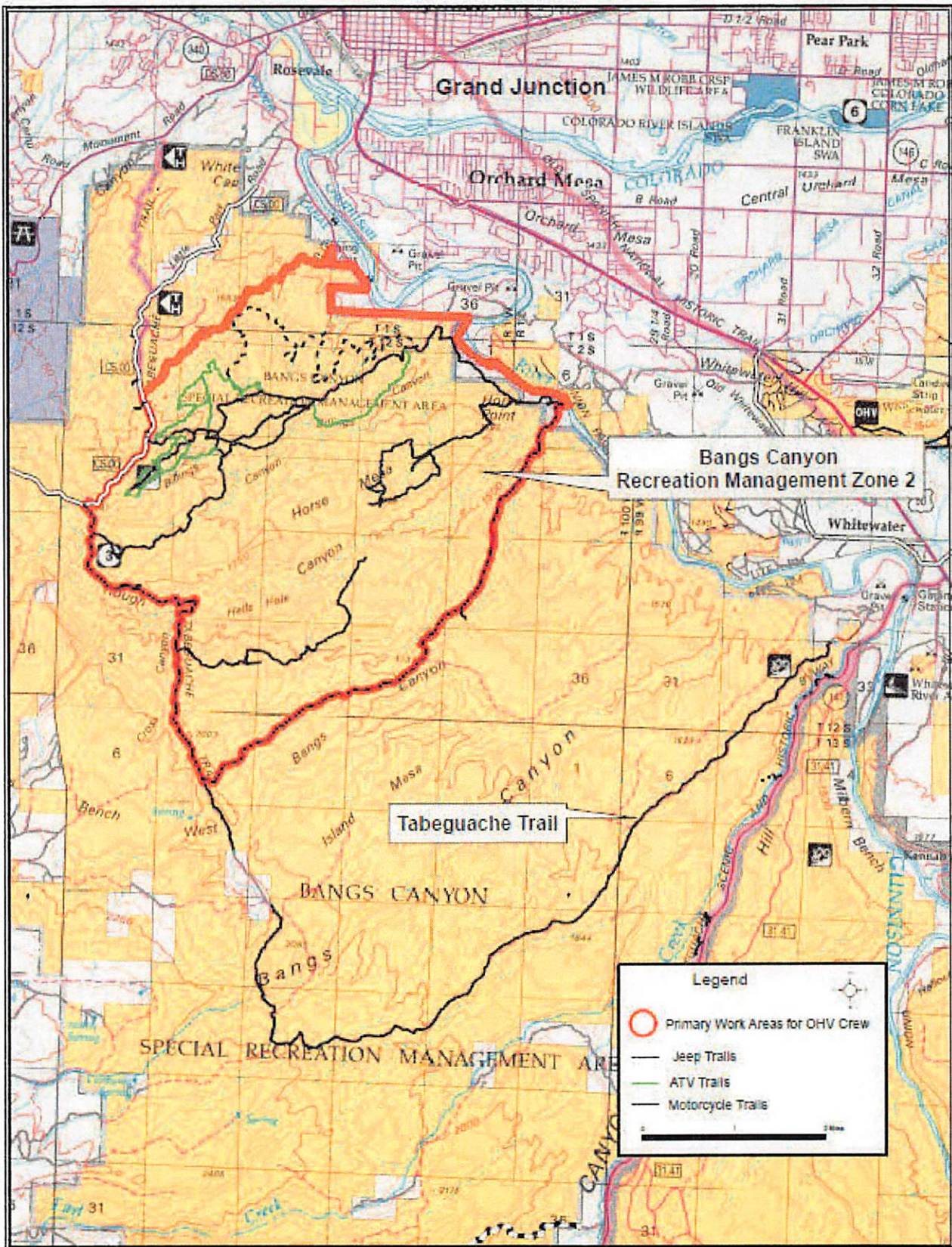
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.

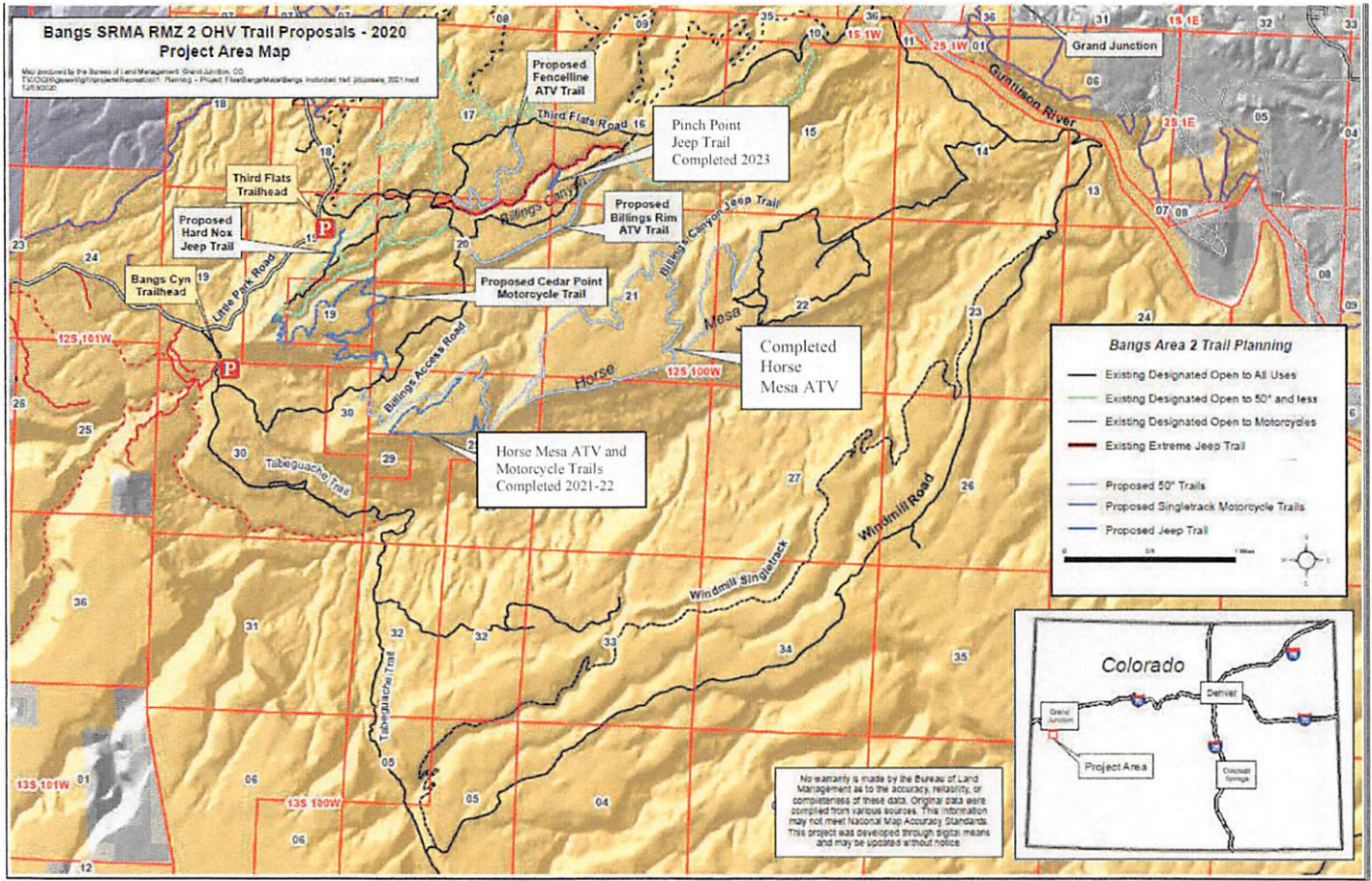


E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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

Older Skid Steer Purchased in ~2012



New Dump Trailer for Equipment purchased in 2023





New Volvo Mini-Excavator purchased in 2022-23



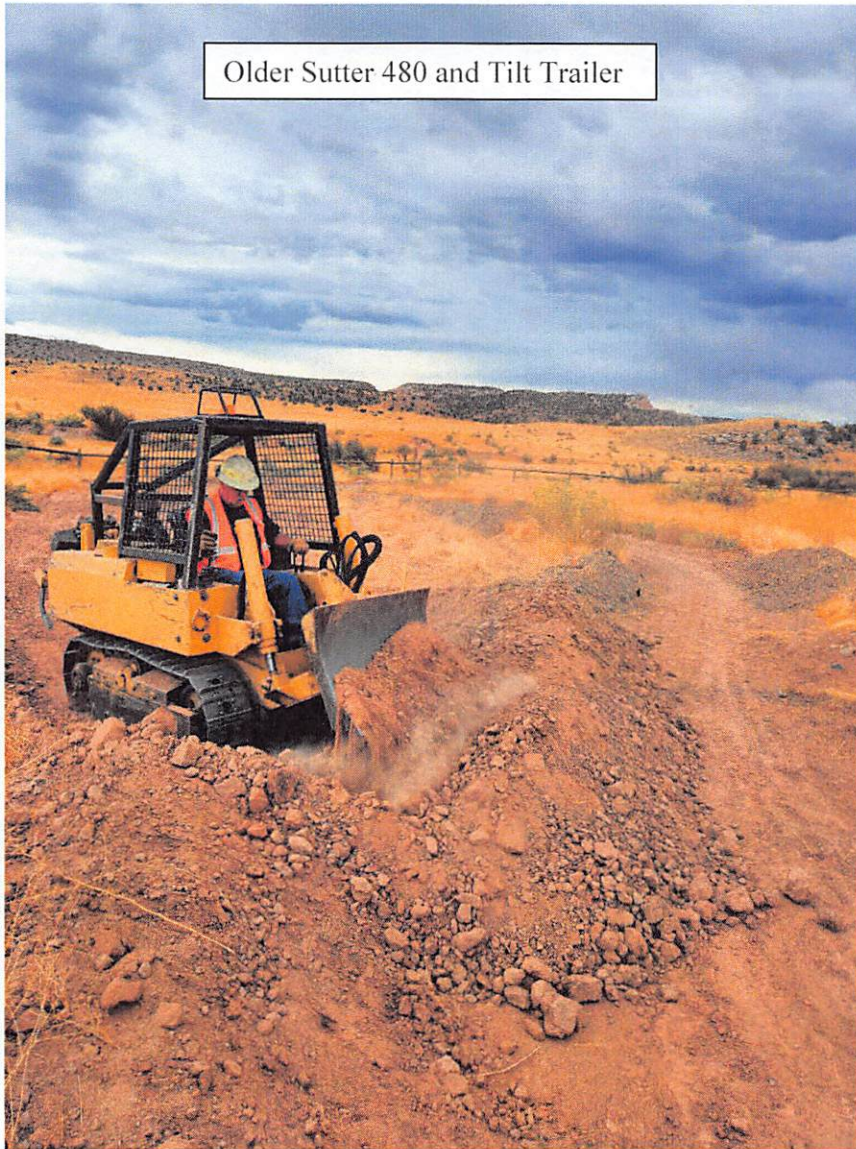


Sutter 300 and Enclosed Trailer Purchased in 2022-23





Older Sutter 480 and Tilt Trailer





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Grand Valley Ranger District

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Grand Junction, CO 81501
970-242-8211
Fax: 970-263-5819

File Code: 1560; 2350
Date: November 16, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Grant Proposal – BLM Grand Junction Equipment Ops

Dear OHV Subcommittee Members:

Please accept my support for the grant application submitted by the Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office for the 2025 season. The partnership we have with the BLM is integral to our program, and the maintenance of the OHV trails on the western slope.

Over the years we have shared equipment and operators with the local BLM office, ensuring consistent trail practices between agencies, and a better overall trail product. With the continued support and funding from the CPW OHV Grant, we have been able to hire permanent heavy equipment operators to work on Forest Service managed OHV trails in the summer, and BLM managed OHV trails in the Fall and Spring. This has built a more stable workforce by providing year-long employment, resulting in less crew turnover, and a more consistent quality of work.

As weather patterns and trail usage continue to change, having the ability to share equipment and personnel will proceed to be invaluable. Well-managed OHV trails are important for not only the recreationists to enjoy their public lands, but for protecting important natural and cultural resources.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS
District Ranger



Western Slope ATV Association

P.O. Box 4283
Grand Junction, CO
81502-4283

November 16, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125-9712

Attn: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager

RE: Letter of Support – Bureau of Land Management – Grand Junction Field Office

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Western Slope ATV Association (WSATVA) would like to convey their full support for the Bureau of Land Management – Grand Junction Field Office grant request for the following: Funds for maintenance of equipment including a Skid-Steer Loader, Mini Excavator, 30" Trail Dozer and 50" Trail Dozer. WSATVA also supports their request for funds for wages for a swamper.

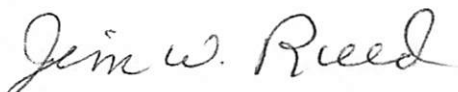
WSATVA and the Grand Junction Field Office continue their ongoing cooperative efforts of several years on maintaining recreational trails on the Western Slope for the enjoyment of a wide variety of outdoor recreational users. This includes both motorized and non-motorized users: hikers, bikers, single-track OHV and ATV/UTV enthusiasts.

The number of people – both in-state and out-of-state availing themselves of the outdoor recreation opportunities on the Western Slope has increased significantly over the past few years. In order to ensure a safe environment, it is paramount that WSATVA and BLM continue the beneficial partnership we have enjoyed over the years in order to provide the necessary manpower and equipment for continued maintenance of these trails. In order to do this, we must be able to maintain equipment in effective working condition as well as provide for physical assistance where needed.

These in-state and out-of-state recreation enthusiasts make significant financial contributions to the local economies while enjoying the wide variety of outdoor recreation opportunities on the Western Slope.

WSATVA respectfully requests favorable consideration be given to this grant request for the 2024-2025 season.

Respectfully,



Jim W. Reed, President
Western Slope ATV Association

GRAND MESA JEEP CLUB

November 16, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
13787 South Highway 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Grant Proposal - Grand Junction Field Office Equipment Maintenance
Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Grand Mesa Jeep Club supports the BLM's request for funding of OHV equipment Maintenance on equipment used for trail maintenance and construction on OHV trails within the Grand Junction Field Office, McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area. Quality OHV recreation opportunities are important to residents and visitors alike in western Colorado. Well-managed OHV trails allow recreationists to enjoy spectacular landscapes on the area's public lands, while protecting important natural and cultural resources. OHV recreation also brings money into local economies, and makes local communities more desirable places to live. *The Grand Mesa Jeep Club* is especially interested in enhancing OHV recreation opportunities in Bangs Canyon, and the North Desert, as well as the Book Cliffs

The Grand Junction BLM has demonstrated the effectiveness of state-funded OHV Grants. This equipment maintenance funding will support those efforts and allow for creation of new routes and the ability to address major maintenance needs. Funding would provide ongoing benefits to OHV recreation in the Grand Junction area, by maintaining trail equipment.

OHV recreation is important to the people and economies of western Colorado. To that end, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, enthusiastically supports ongoing trail maintenance and maintaining the equipment is a necessary part of the equation, thus improving recreation opportunities in western Colorado. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the BLM's grant application.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bates
President / Grand Mesa Jeep Club
Jeff Bates

(H) Trail Crew Work Plan (Good Management or reoccurring crews)

Provide a trail crew work plan for the **2024 work season**

Biggest goals for the 2025 season is to maintain the equipment, so that it is available for OHV projects on the western slope of Colorado.

Keep up with heavy equipment services and other needs as they arise.

Check wear on tracks and other wearable pieces on equipment.

Coordination with USFS and other partners to accomplish OHV work.

Hire swamper to assist with Equipment Operators.

Work will be Done Spring/Fall of 2025 and Spring of 2026 depending on funding.