

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

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 Parks and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources

Name of Project: Grand Junction Motocross Track Ph 5	Date of Application: 11/30/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$73,875 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$58,375 <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: Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA)

Mailing Address: 2747 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction CO 81506

Telephone: 970-985-5329 | Email: cliff@gjharley.com

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: Cliff Allen | Title: Sales Manager

Mailing Address: 2747 Crossroads Blvd, Grand Junction CO 81506

Telephone: 970-985-5329 | Email: cliff@gjharley.com

Is this the primary contact for this grant:
 YES

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.

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

Name: | Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: | Email:

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Grand Junction		
County(ies): Mesa		
Grand Junction Regional Airport		
Township/Range/Section: T 1N, R 1E, Section 18		
State Senate District #: 6,7,8	State Representative District #: 54,55	
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> 136 </u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u> 120 </u> Miles of Full-sized: <u> 1608 </u>	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Signs	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps	
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<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 100%	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.)	
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
	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 %)
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SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Grand Junction Motocross Track	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: MTRA	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Cliff Allen	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$73,875	Grant Request: \$58,375

Project Description:

WHO?
Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA), a non-profit 501 © (3) club in Grand Junction, CO, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office, is working to maintain and improve the local Motocross track and further develop the staging/parking area at the track. The project has been authorized by the BLM and will be managed/maintained by MTRA in partnership with the BLM.

WHERE?
The Motocross Track is located in Mesa County on the east side of 27 ¼ Road, approximately 2 miles north of the Grand Junction Regional Airport, on BLM-administered land. It is within the BLM-designated Grand Valley OHV Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The SRMA includes a 9,700 acre OHV open area, which is open to cross-country travel and contains hundreds of miles of existing OHV routes. West of the track lies the BLM-designated 107,900 acre North Desert Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA), which provides access to hundreds of miles of additional OHV trails stretching all the way to Rabbit Valley on the Colorado-Utah border and beyond into Utah. OHV usage of the entire area has increased exponentially over the last years, especially since the pandemic. This trend is expected to continue for the foreseeable future due to increased population growth on the Western Slope.

WHAT?
This grant will continue to fund maintenance of the Motocross Track in the Grand Valley OHV SRMA, via a multi-year phased approach. This request is for Phase 5 of the overall project. The BLM and the Grand Junction Regional Airport funded Phase 1 development for \$250,000; this included engineered access roads and parking areas surfaced with gravel/road base, and construction of a perimeter fence around the Motocross Track. Phase 2, funded by a CPW OHV Grant in 2020, imported soil/sand to amend the native soil and created a more durable riding surface; installed infrastructure to ensure proper drainage; re-shaped and realigned dirt features to create a safe and fun riding experience; and constructed a maintenance access road around the fenced perimeter. Phases 3 and 4 funded by CPW provided continued regular maintenance of the track, including heavy equipment rental to rip/grade the track surface, provide soil amendment and watering, and improved safety features, such as purchase/installation of a starting gate. Phase 5 will continue the maintenance/improvement process using the same methods, split between contractor and volunteer labor and equipment. The project goal is to create a high-quality, modern motocross track that will serve as the anchor for the BLM-authorized staging and event area that provides a major local/regional asset for OHV recreation.

The Motocross Track is the central feature of this facility. The existing one-mile long Motocross

mainly by volunteer efforts. It had deteriorated over time and did not drain properly in several locations, resulting in ponding and rut development. Damage is especially pronounced when wet conditions exist in the area's heavy clay soils. The improvements constructed to date have resulted in greatly improved drainage and track surface conditions, providing more durable and overall safer track conditions.

In addition to the CPW funded improvements, projects completed to date by a combination of BLM funding and volunteer efforts include a shade structure, 2 beginner's tracks, a skills-building endurocross track and a rock crawling area. Future plans include construction of restrooms and spectator viewing areas. Upgrading and protecting the Motocross Track is key to the success of the staging/event area as envisioned by BLM and MTRA.

As one result of the track improvements, in addition to greatly increased usage by recreational riders, the track hosted a WeBe Racing Hare Scrambles (<https://weberacing.com/>) event over the 2023 Labor Day weekend. The event was highly successful, bringing several hundred riders to the Grand Valley area, with the resultant positive economic impacts due to purchase of food, gas, lodging and accessories by the racers and their families.

WHEN?

This project will be started and finished in the 2025 season, as soon as funding is procured. The work will be completed on a regular basis, primarily in the warmer months when the ground is workable by heavy equipment.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –

The Motocross track has a Kiosk, including signs which showcase "Colorado OHV Program" stickers and acknowledgement of CPW's involvement and funding of the Project. This message is important to communicate to the public about changes/improvements to the Motocross Track, and the State's efforts to support opportunities for motorized recreation.

Budget Form

Project Name: Grand Junction Motocross Track Ph5

Date Project will be Completed: Fall 2025

Project Sponsor: Motorcycle Trail Riding Association (MTRA)

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)	\$ 58,375		\$ 58,375.00
Volunteers to drive vehicles, equipment, etc. (2 vol x 40 hrs, \$25/hr)	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Volunteers to oversee contractor execution of project (2 volunteers x 100 hrs x \$25/hr)	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
BLM donation of use of skid steer	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
USFS Heavy Equipment crew donated labor/eqpt	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>		TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT	\$ 73,875.00

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>			
	\$ Per Hr	Hrs	Total Cost
Equipment Operator (skid steer, front loader, mini-x, water truck)	\$ 40.00	250	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only. Approximate number of workhours</small>	250.00	Category Total	\$ 10,000.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Truckload Sand (16 ton/truck)	\$ 300.00	10	\$ 3,000.00
Water truck (load)	\$ 500.00	50	\$ 25,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 28,000.00

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
Rent truck/trailer/tiller for organic/sand incorporation	\$ 5,000.00	4	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 20,000.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

IV. 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>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

V. Insurance <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
\$1 Million General Liability Insurance/yr	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 300.00
		Category Total	\$ 300.00

VI. 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>			
Paper, computer ink, printing, postage	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 75.00

* 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	\$ 58,375.00
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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	<u>Grand Junction Motocross Track Maintenance</u>	Project Sponsor	<u>Motorcycle Trail Riders Association</u>
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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:

Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan Date: August 2015

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

Date and title of document:

July 2019 - DOI-BLM-CO-S080-2019-0013-EA Grand Valley OHV Area

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:

Chris Pipkin 970-244-3024

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2035-2040

Greg Wolfgang, Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

GREGORY WOLFGANG

Land Manager Signature and Title

Digitally signed by GREGORY WOLFGANG

Date: 2023.11.28 16:30:29 -07'00'

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?

RESPONSE:

- This project will provide regular timely maintenance of the GJ Motocross Track. Specifically, it will provide for trucking in arena sand, ripping/tilling the sand and donated organic material into the track surface to improve water retention, regrading the surface to the proper grade/slope to maximize usage and durability, and watering the track to reduce dust.
- The project will protect/improve riding opportunities by keeping the track in optimal condition, grading to minimize ponding/rutting during wet weather periods and improving rider safety by reducing dust and hazardous ruts.
- This essential maintenance will keep the track in better condition for a longer period, maximizing usage by providing better riding opportunities for more users, especially younger riders learning riding skills within a controlled environment. The track had not been maintained on a regular basis for many years, resulting in haphazard riding conditions and sub-optimal riding experiences.
- By improving the overall condition of the track for a longer period, this project will promote an improved, safer and more satisfactory riding experience for riders of all levels, from beginner to expert, leading to improved rider participation in the sport.
- This project is a priority at this time, as the next phase in the plan to take advantage of the previous funding provided by CPW to maintain the track at a higher level and prevent degradation.
- There is a core group of about 400-500 riders that use the track on a regular basis. On any typical weekend during the riding season, there will be an average of 30-60 vehicles in the parking lot, with anywhere from 1-4 bikes per vehicle. Many riders also use the track in the early mornings/late evenings during the summer to avoid higher temperatures.
- This project provides long-term value and sustainability by providing all levels of riders, from young families with beginning riders to experienced racers, a safe, fun and easily accessible location to learn sound basic skills and improve advanced skills. The entire track is fenced to prevent access by other than 2-wheels, and to prevent vandalism and damage by unauthorized users. Since the entire track is visible from the parking areas, families can easily monitor younger/newer riders. It encourages proper usage of the facilities and infrastructure funded by both BLM and CPW to date. By continuing to build on the improvements funded by the first 4 phases, this project will enhance the sustainability of the track and the Grand Valley riding experience for years to come.

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

RESPONSE:

- MTRA is the lead organization on this project, and will provide an estimated 280 hours of volunteer labor by club members. As with the first 4 phases, MTRA will partner with the BLM on the oversight of the project to ensure all project actions are in compliance with the BLM Travel Management Plan for this area.
- There is no controversy caused by this project that MTRA or BLM is aware of.
- In addition to the MTRA volunteer hours, BLM donates use of a skid steer on an as-needed/available basis for track maintenance, averaging 10 days through the riding season. The USFS also donated 480 hours of work by their Heavy Equipment crew to assist with the project in 2023. MTRA members provide advertisement of the project via the MTRA website and Facebook page, as well as word of mouth at local shops and MTRA meetings.
- Total project cost is estimated at \$73,875 including in-kind contributions.

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.

RESPONSE:

- There are no wetlands or unique wildlife habitats in the project area.
- The project does not re-vegetate eroded areas or trail.
- The project will continue to improve existing drainage structures, culverts and grading at the track to prevent erosion from the project area onto adjacent BLM land, as well as GJ Airport property downstream from the track.
- Indirect benefits from this project will be mainly in the form of increased riding at the track, resulting in less damage to adjacent BLM lands from improper rider access.

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.

RESPONSE:

- **Travel Management:** This project uses educational signage at the trackside parking lot, along with visitor contact by club members, to encourage responsible usage, reduce conflicts between user groups, and increase compliance efforts to improve adherence to OHV regulation and designations. This project is consistent with BLM's Travel Management Plan by providing a central location for accessing the SRMA, reducing the amount of dispersed access and resultant resource damage.
- **Education:** MTRA installed a "Welcome - Ride with Respect" sign at the parking lot to promote responsible rider behavior and courtesy between the multiple SRMA user groups.
- **Enforcement and Compliance:** This project improves compliance with OHV rules primarily via volunteer contact with riders during maintenance activities, as well as contact during periods of heavy usage. Via these contacts, club members inform riders of the benefits provided by the CPW funds and encourage proper use of both the track and the surrounding SRMA.

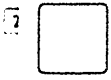
E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Map

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 20 copies to include in your application packet)

E-2 - PROJECT SITE MAP

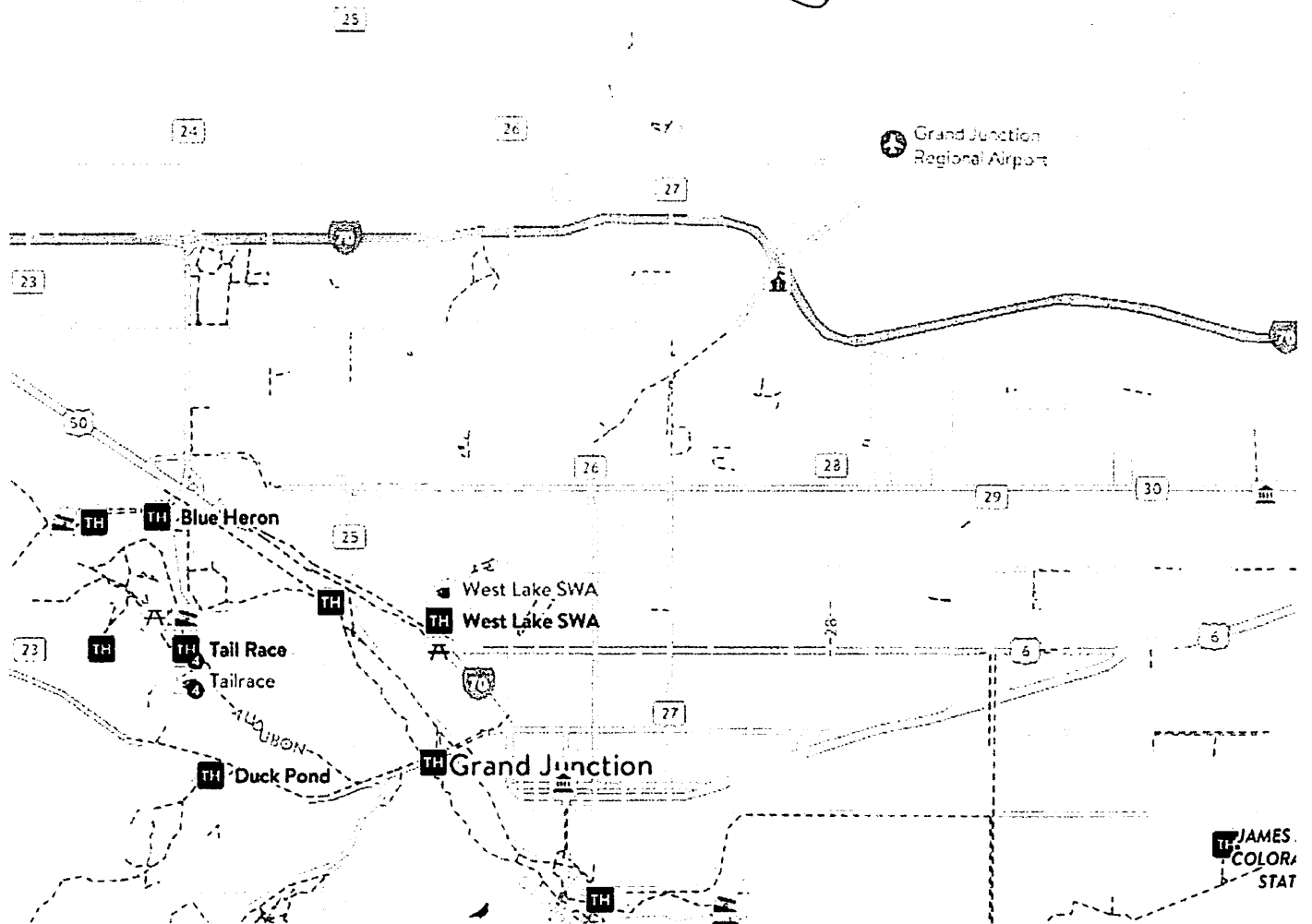


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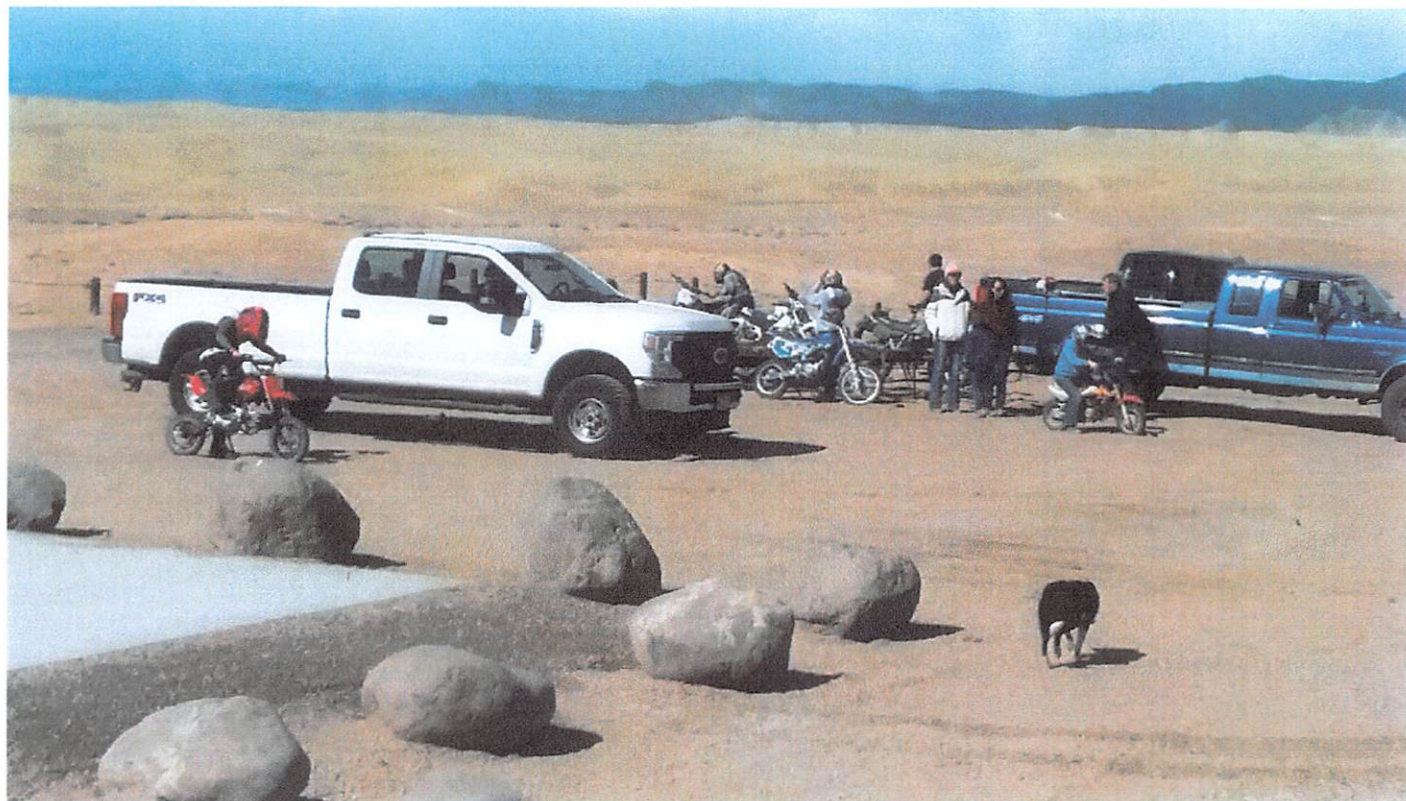
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**PROJECT
LOCATION**



(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams









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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Grand Junction Field Office
2815 H Road
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506



November 27, 2023

To: Colorado Parks and Wildlife State Trails Program
13787 U.S. Hwy 85 N.
Littleton, CO 80125

The BLM Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) works closely with the Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA) to provide high quality OHV recreation opportunities in and around the Grand Valley. With funding from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant Program, MTRA has partnered with the BLM to enhance and maintain the motocross tracks (main track plus two kids' tracks) and enduro cross track in the Grand Valley OHV Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The primary goal of this SRMA is to "produce opportunities for visitors to experience the freedom to participate in a variety of motorized OHV recreation activities which lead to a variety of beneficial recreation and economic outcomes for participants and Grand Valley communities."

The motocross and enduro cross tracks are the hub of an OHV staging and event area with direct access to nearly a nearly 10,000-acre OHV open area. They also are key components for commercial and competitive events permitted by the BLM. Ongoing maintenance of these tracks is essential for providing safe and fun OHV opportunities for OHV recreationists on public lands near Grand Junction.

The BLM GJFO enthusiastically supports MTRA's efforts to maintain the motocross and enduro cross tracks, and we encourage CPW to continue their financial support for MTRA's track maintenance program. Their work over the past five years has made a significant difference in the conditions of these OHV tracks.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

GREGORY
WOLFGANG
Greg Wolfgang
Field Manager

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Date: 2023.11.28 16:31:37 -0700



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Grand Valley Ranger District

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Grand Junction, CO 81501
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File Code: 1560: 2350
Date: November 30, 2023

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

Re: Motorcycle Trail Riding Association Grant Proposal for Grand Junction Motocross Track
Maintenance Funds

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

The Grand Valley Ranger District supports the grant submitted by Motorcycle Trail Riding Association (MTRA). The proposed grant will provide the opportunity for skill building in riders of all levels and be a hub for OHV riders to learn riding ethics and information.

These funds will be used to continue improving the motocross track which is an asset enjoyed by the riding community. Having an area designated for skills building will not only benefit riders of all levels, but the local landscape. The grant funded OHV Good Management crews are also in need of a safe, easily accessible space to practice more advanced rider skills. Keeping crew skills high will result in more efficient and safe navigation on difficult trail system routes to perform needed maintenance. In coordination with the BLM the FS OHV heavy equipment operators have worked alongside MTRA in the maintenance of the motocross track. This collaboration lends to a strong OHV community/Federal agency relationship and provides a unique opportunity for the equipment operators to build skills and form relationships with the community they are serving.

This area also serves as a hub for the OHV community, where riders can learn user etiquette and share trail condition reports. Having a local rider hub is important for the purposes of rider outreach and education not only by local agencies but also by local and statewide non-profits.

The Grand Valley Ranger District recognizes the benefits of this project and supports the continued funding of this OHV opportunity.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM A. EDWARDS
District Ranger

