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# Off-Highway Vehicle Program State Trail Grant Application

Name of Project: 2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance		Date of Application: 12/1/2023				
(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)						
Total Project Cost: \$531,559 Grant Reques		nt Request:	<b>t</b> : \$353,214			
(round off to the nearest \$1)			d (round off to the nearest \$1) must match e Project Budget Form.			
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						
Telephone: 303 638-1265	Email: liason@rampartrange.org					
OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUI	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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.						
Name: Duane Zavadil	Title: Vice President - RRMMC					
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3511 Englewood, Colorado 80155						
Telephone: 303 638-1265	Telephone: 303 638-1265 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 spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.						
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GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)						
Name:	Title:					
Mailing Address:						
Telephone:	Email:					

PROJECT LO	PROJECT LOCATION					
	or City: Denver, Colorado Springs	, Canon City, Buena Vista				
	County(ies): Custer, Douglas, El Paso, Huerfano, Teller, Park					
•	of reference for mapping purposes (i.e	e. a google searchable landscape feature):				
	nge/Section: Numerous					
	District #: 2,4,5,10,22,30	State Representative District #: 25,43,45,60,62				
LAND OWNE						
Provide the name/s of the property owners:     The trail corridor is controlled by:						
TRAIL SYSTE	TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)					
	Miles of Singletrack: 87 Miles of 50" or less: >200 Miles of Full-sized: >200					
TRAIL USER	INFORMATION (Please check all th	at apply to the work planned for this project)				
X All-Terrain \		X Full Sized 4X4				
X Motorcycline	X Four-Wheeling	Accessible Access				
PROJECT INI	PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.					
X Trail Mainte	enance	X Travel Plan Implementation				
<del></del>	*New Trail Construction miles / ft. NA (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)  X Resource Protection and Improvement					
*Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed NA		X Signs				
(that will require additional <i>enviro</i> approvals	nmental	☐ Youth Corps				
X Restoration	toration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)					
X Visitor Cont	sitor Contacts & Law Enforcement					
X Education	Education					
* 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   Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail						
92	hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance,					
2	2 Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)					
2	Planning &Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)					
4 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	l to 100 %)				

SCOPE OF WORK - Project Description:				
Project Name: 2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)			
Project Sponsor: RRMMC	Application Year: 2024-2025			
Project Contact: Duane Zavadil	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)			
Total Project Cost: \$ 531,559	Grant Request: \$ 353,214			

#### **Project Description:**

The Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) is an all-volunteer, 501c3 non-profit service organization that will provide sub-contractors, volunteers and equipment to maintain OHV trails in the Pike & San Isabel National Forests in 2025.

The RRMMC will be responsible for coordinating with the US Forest Service and managing volunteers and sub-contractors. This project will be performed on multi-use trails located throughout five (5) districts of the Pike and San Isabel National Forest. Work may be performed on the Rampart Range, West Creek, Rainbow Falls, Wet Mountains, Rainbow Trail and Four Mile trail systems. This project consists of the following activities:

- Coordinate with Land Managers in late 2024 and early 2025 to develop a seasonal operating plan.
- Identify and prioritize trail maintenance needs.
- Contract with heavy equipment operator to operate the RRMMC's trail dozer and provide a second dozer and/or mini-ex with operator.
- 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.
  - Maintain approximately 1.5 3 miles of trail each work day.
  - o Build or maintain approximately 30 drainage structures per day.
  - o Fill in rain ruts as encountered.
  - Rehabilitate trail sections as determined by operating plan.
- Purchase fuel and maintenance items for the RRMMC's trail dozer.
- Perform maintenance and repairs as needed.
- Organize Volunteer Work Parties and make visitor contacts.
- Use online platforms including RRMMC website and social media channels to educate OHV enthusiasts about the State OHV Program and the funding for 2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance Grant.

In addition to routine trail maintenance, RRMMC would implement enhancements at the Enduro Skills area near Dutch Fred Campground that is currently under construction. Given the timing of USFS authorizations to construct the skills area, portions of the grants authorized expired, limiting available funds to a fraction of that originally approved. While the core riding features of the skills area will be construction under the current authorization, some amenities are currently unfunded. This 2025 RRMMC Maintenance Grant Application also includes shade structures, picnic tables and interpretive and educational signage for the skills area.

# **Budget Form**

#### **Budget Form**

Project Name: 2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/2025

In-Kind (Non-Cash)

Project Sponsor: Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC)

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES					(Non-Cash)		
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)	1	CA	SH	Co	ntributions		TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	T					\$3	353,214.34
Forest Service Contribution to Cost Share Agreement	\$		10,000.00	\$		_	10,000.00
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Forest Service Non-Cash (Employees, vehicle, overhead)	÷		-	_		_	
RRMMC Volunteers (5000 hrs @ \$31.80)	\$			\$	159,000.00	_	159,000.00
RRMMC Non-Cash (dozer, trailers, ATV, hand tools)	\$			\$	6,037.50	\$	6,037.50
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USE OF GRANT FUNDING		TOTAL	L PROJECT	AM	OUNT	S:	531,559.34
List uses of grant funding (only) below		10176	LITTOOLOT	,	00.11	Ť	
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I. Personnel Costs							
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment,	1						
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II. Project Materials/Supplies			ĺ	1		ľ	
Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.	P	ice Per	Quantity	Tota	al	l	
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Website Hosting Fees (Education)	\$	358.84	1	_	358.84	S	358.84
Shade structures (enduro skills area)	\$	1,633.00	3	\$	4,899.00	\$	4,899.00
Interpretive and educational signage (enduro skills area)	\$	3,000.00	1	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Seating (Enduro skills area)	s	1,000.00	3	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
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III. Equipment			Į.				
Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and							
repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.	丄		ļ			L	
Equipment fuel, maintenance, and repairs for Sutter 500 dozer and trailer	\$	•	1	\$	<u> </u>	\$	-
Fuel for RRMMC Dozer	S	4.21	350	\$	1,473.50	\$	1,473.50
Repairs	\$	1,200.00	1	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,200.00
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Maintenance for dozer (fluid changes, grease, filters)	1 3	510.00		_		_	-
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III.A. FLEET Equipment			1	ļ			
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IV. Contracted Services							
Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor costs							
Construction contractors/subcontractors	Т		Ì				
Dozer and operator (fuel, maintenance and transportation included)	15	5,670.00	15 weeks	\$	85,050.00	s	85.050.00
Operator for RRMMC dozer (fuel, maintenance and transportation included)	s		36 weeks	Š	166,320.00	_	
			15 weeks	s	78,750.00	_	78.750.00
Mini-X and operator (fuel, maintenance and transportation included)	\$	5,250.00	15 weeks	_		<u> </u>	
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V. Volunteer Support			1	1			
Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per	1			1		l	
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Sawyer Cert (4 people @ \$100 per person)	\$	100.00	4	\$	400.00	\$	400.00
CPR Training (pre-requisite for Sawyer Cert)	\$	37.00	4	\$	148.00	\$	148.00
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VI. Insurance				l		l	
(Non-profit organizations only)	$\perp$		<u> </u>	L		L	
General Liability, inland marine, auto	\$	4,800.00	1			\$	4,800.00
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VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)				l			
Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer				I			
supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)	$\perp$			<u> </u>		_	
Computer and printer supplies	\$	250.00	L			<b>69</b>	250.00
Copies & postage	\$	45.00				\$	45.00
Administration costs		2,500.00				\$	2,500.00
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				Cat	egory Total	\$	2,795.00
* Non-profit organizations that reimburse travel expenses will be required to use OHV Program Travel Forms - pr	ovide	d upon request					
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## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, SHPO, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name	2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance	Project Sponsor	Rampart Range Motore Management Committee			
As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:						
2. The project is	as described in this applica s located on federal public ement Plan, BLM Resource	lands and is in confo	rmance with the appropri			
Pike National	Forest Land Use Plan		Date: 1984			
Date and title o	as been issued as part of t f document: Rampart Range Recreation		·			
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	nation about the NEPA enver	•	•			
•	nning process that may aff District Ranger, South Pla		nned for <u>NA</u> .			
Print or type La	nd Manager's Name and T But Digitally signed b Date: 2023.11.28 Signature and Title	Title by BRIAN BANKS	Date			

#### **PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

This project will provide funds for the RRMMC to contract with heavy equipment operators to operate trail dozers and/or a mini excavator to perform routine maintenance, grading, reconstruction, and enhancements to existing OHV trails.

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 poor condition.

This project will enable the RRMMC to continue providing essential maintenance on OHV trails. Since 2000, the RRMMC has been managing the operation of trail dozers and other equipment to maintain OHV trails in the Pike & San Isabel Nation Forest. 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, however the majority of essential maintenance on single track trails will be performed by hand labor. The RRMMC has been providing labor and equipment for volunteer "work parties" since 1972.

This project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts by addressing environmental concerns of the Forest Service, 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 located near the Front Range and are used by a large number of enthusiasts. In addition, the OHV Program has invested heavily in the construction and reconstruction of many of these of trails over the past 20 years. This project will provide the essential maintenance required to protect the OHV Program's investment.

Tens of thousands of motorcycle, ATV, and UTV 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.

The enhancements of the Enduro Skills Area will add to the experience of users. Users of the skills area are more likely to spend an extended period of time there and the opportunity for education, including further informing users of the CPW OHV program, impact minimization and riding ethics.

The RRMMC'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):

The RRMMC and the Pike & San Isabel National Forest participate in a Challenge Cost-Share Agreement to help one another accomplish a mutually beneficial objective of maintaining motorized trails in the forest. In addition to the grant funds, we anticipate that the U.S. Forest Service and RRMMC will contribute to this project through the Challenge Cost-Share Agreement in the following amounts:

Forest Service Cash
 Forest Service Non-Cash (Employee, vehicle, overhead)
 RRMMC Non Cash (Volunteer, dozer & trailer)
 RRMMC In-Kind Contributions (Volunteers)
 \$10,000
 \$3,307
 \$6,037
 \$159,000

With support from local OHV dealerships and parts and accessory stores, the RRMMC will sponsor a minimum of six (6) volunteer "Work Parties" each year. RRMMC work parties provide over 5000 hours of in-kind services, valued at more than \$159,000 annually. RRMMC Work Parties provide an opportunity for trail users to participate with the land manager to provide essential trail maintenance. Examples of volunteer activities include: construction of bridges over streams, loading ramps and fences, installation of signs and reconstruction of existing trail segments to address adverse impacts. The organized RRMMC Work Parties and associated volunteer hours listed above do not include the additional volunteer hours provided by RRMMC members that clear trails each spring and throughout the year when weather events occur.

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.

The RRMMC receives support from and works closely with Douglas County Search & Rescue and Armature Radio Emergency Services (ARES), as well as Stay the Trail Colorado for collaborative outreach efforts. The Douglas County Board of Commissioners supports the RRMMC maintenance efforts.

RRMMC is collaborating with Stay the Trail Colorado to prepare engaging signage at the Enduro Skills area.

3. Resource Protection, Enhancement and Restoration relative to eligible OHV grant activities

(25 points):

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 (USFS) 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 prevent 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 U.S. Forest lands and the U.S. Forest Service will greatly benefit from the proposed project by supplementing the diminished resources the U.S. Forest Service has available to maintain OHV trails.

No new trail construction is planned for this project.

#### Large Equipment Purchases, Maintenance and Disposition:

The RRMMC will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of a trail dozer. Typically the RRMMC spends about \$251,000 a year to operate, maintain, and insure the trail dozer previously purchased with OHV funds. The RRMMC will hire a contractor to operate the RRMMC dozer for about 36 weeks each year. The dozer will be used from March to December, when not in use, the dozer will be stored with the USFS at the Indian Creek work center in a storage building built with OHV funds unless it is being used on BLM Royal Gorge Field Office for projects outlined in a separate grant application.

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

#### Travel Management:

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 RRMMC 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

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, 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. Signage at trailheads and parking areas identifying OHV grant money support will be displayed for the duration of the project.

#### **Enforcement and Compliance Activities:**

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 U.S. Forest Service 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.

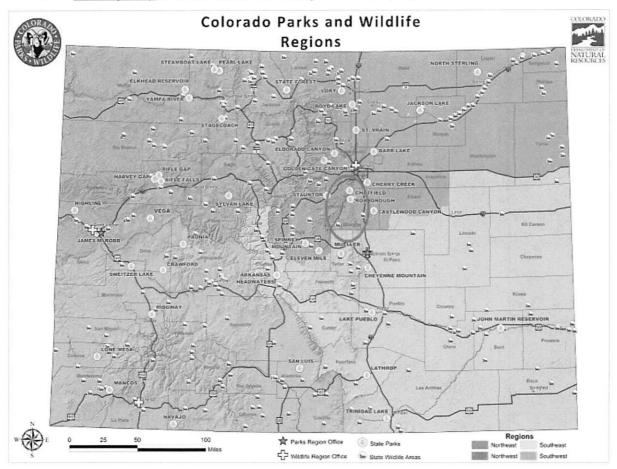
A major focus of the interpretive signage at the Enduro Skills Area would be educating users on how to reduce riding impacts and the importance of staying on authorized routes

#### 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)

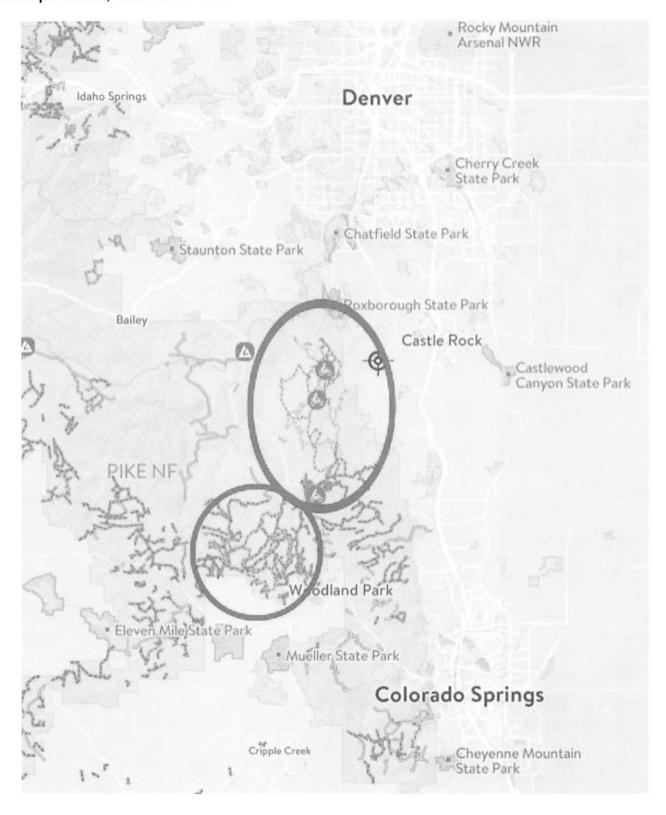
**E-1** <u>Vicinity Map</u>: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



### E-2 Project Maps:

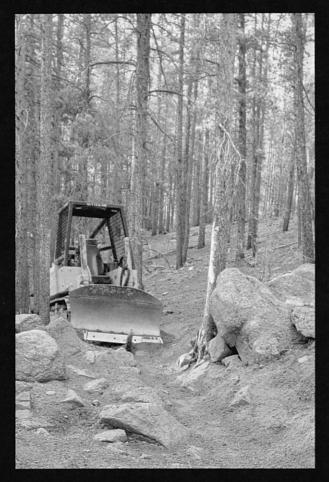
All of the work performed for this project will occur on existing OHV trails in the Pike and San Isabel National Forests.

The number and location of the OHV trails included in this project (up to appx 200 miles of trails) is too numerous to display on a single map. The trail work area is further identified in the maps below, taken from COTREX.



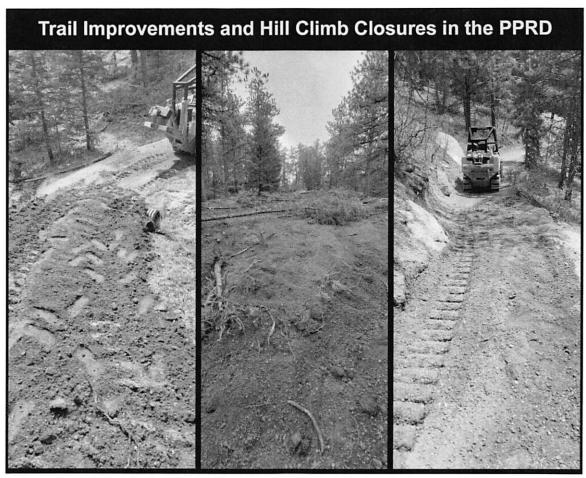
(F) Project Illustration
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

# Heavy Equiptment Operated by Contractor Sutter 500 (left) and Mini Excavator (right)









## 8 Work Parties in the South Platte RD





## Work Party & Hill Climb Closures in the PPRD





## Letters of Support for 2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance provided by the following:

- 1. Brian Banks, District Ranger South Platte Ranger District, PSICC, USFS
- 2. Abe Laydon, George Teal, Lora L. Thomas Board of Douglas County Commissioners
- 3. Rachel Gardner, OHV Crew Lead South Park Ranger District, PSICC, USFS
- 4. Michael T. Hansen Lum Law Enforcement Officer, R2 LE&I SE, South Park Ranger District, PSICC, USFS
- 5. Ryan Walker, Board Member Onewheel Underground
- 6. Nichole Waddill, Performance Cycle of Colorado, Centennial, CO

Forest Service

#### South Platte Ranger District

30403 Kings Valley Drive Suite 2-115 Conifer, CO 80433 303-275-5610 Fax: 303-275-5642

File Code: 1580

> November 28, 2023 Date:

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

Dear Mr. Metsa,

I am writing this Letter of Support for the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC) OHV Trail Grant Program Application "2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance". The RRMMC is requesting funds to operate trail dozers and mini excavators to perform maintenance on OHV trails on United States Forest Service lands. The RRMMC has performed this type of service since 2000 and has 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 relationship the RRMMC has developed with the South Platte Ranger District's OHV Crews regarding trail maintenance is an excellent example of the cooperative effort needed to maintain motorized trails on public lands. They have consistently coordinated with the OHV crew to identify and rehabilitate sections of trail that would otherwise not be completed due to the complexity of the terrain. Dozer and excavator operators can complete trail rehab projects, build approved re-routes and construct new trail in a fraction of the time it would take a hand crew to complete.

For over 20 years, the RRMMC has operated and maintained trail dozers and mini-excavators to provide essential maintenance on hundreds of miles of OHV trails. Your approval to award this grant to the RRMMC will fund their operations and continue to provide sustainable trails for the thousands of OHV operators who ride the trails throughout the year.

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

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by **BRIAN BANKS** Back - Date: 2023.11.28

**BRIAN BANKS** District Ranger









November 6, 2023

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

Re: Letter of Support for RRMMC Trails Grant Applications

Dear Mr. Metsa:

Douglas County is writing in support of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC's) OHV Trail Grant Program applications (2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance and Reroute Planning applications). The RRMMC 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 and to plan reroutes of unsustainable trails. RRMMC 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 RRMMC 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.

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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, 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 and sustainability. We hope you will give serious consideration to these applications.

Respectfully,

Abe Laydon

BOARD OF DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Dear Mr. Metsa and members of the OHV committee,

As one of the OHV Crew leads on the South Park Ranger District (and the Pikes Peak Ranger District for multiple years previously) on the Pike & San Isabel National Forest I have worked alongside the RRMMC multiple times on volunteer projects and have ridden on many trails they have maintained and built. They're efforts in trail maintenance and involvement with multiple OHV programs along the front range is a very necessary and invaluable service. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this region, and maintaining and preserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the generations to come. They have been in operation using heavy machinery since 2000 so have an abundance of knowledge and skill in these types of projects and operations.

I strongly support the two OHV grant applications of the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC) OHV Trail Grant Program Applications; "2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance" and "2025 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance". I appreciate and applaud their persistent efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the region while promoting responsible use.

I would like to commend the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC) for its past and present efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program on the South Park Ranger District.

Sincerely,

Rachael Gardner

**OHV Crew Lead** 

South Park RD

Forest Service

#### South Park Ranger District

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Date:

November 27, 2023

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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 has 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 RRMMC has also requested funds to begin planning for new projects in the Pike & San Isabel National Forest that would require specialists above and beyond routine maintenance.

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

For more than 20 years, the RRMMC has operated and maintained trail dozers and mini excavators to provide essential maintenance on hundreds of miles of OHV trails. This would not be possible if not for the efforts of the RRMMC and the funds received through the OHV Program Grants.

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,

Michael T. Hansen Lum

Law Enforcement Officer, R2 LE&I Southeast Zone







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

4 November 2023

#### Dear Mr. Metsa

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Onewheel Underground and our local affiliate based out of Denver, CO. The Mile High Trail Trials to express our wholehearted support for the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee's (RRMMC) OHV Trail Grant Program Applications, specifically the "2025 RRMMC Trail Maintenance" and "2025 Canon City Area Trail Maintenance" proposals.

The RRMMC's longstanding dedication to maintaining OHV trails on USFS and BLM lands serves as a shining example of responsible trail management, which resonates with our mission to expand access for Onewheel enthusiasts and promote sustainable trail riding at Rampart Range.

The collaborative relationship that the RRMMC has fostered with the Pike & San Isabel National Forest and BLM Royal Gorge Field Office is precisely the type of partnership we believe in to ensure the continued enjoyment of public lands for all motorized trail users, including Onewheel riders.

For two decades, the RRMMC has demonstrated its capability to operate and maintain essential trail equipment, which has played a pivotal role in preserving hundreds of miles of OHV trails. We acknowledge the critical role that OHV Program Grants have played in facilitating these efforts.

We would like to extend our gratitude for the past support that the OHV Program has provided to the RRMMC. As passionate advocates for Onewheel trail riding, we sincerely encourage the Colorado State Parks OHV Trail Grant Program to generously award and fund these grants, not only to benefit traditional OHV users but also to pave the way for responsible Onewheel trail riding at Rampart Range.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to the continued partnership between the OHV community and Onewheel enthusiasts in preserving and enhancing access to our public lands.

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

Not Applicable