

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

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COLORADO
 Parks and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources

Name of Project: BLM - SLV GO! OHV Trail Crew	Date of Application: 11/27/23
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$ 233,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$ 100,000 <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: USDI Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office	
Mailing Address: 1313 U.S. Highway 160 E., Monte Vista, CO 81144	
Telephone: 719-849-3149	Email: snoonan@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: Sean Noonan	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner
Mailing Address: 1313 Hwy 160 E., Monte Vista, CO 81144	
Telephone: 719-849-3149	Email: snoonan@blm.gov
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES x 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: Same as above	Title:
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	Email:

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

Name: Jon Brewer	Title: Rocky Mountain District Budget Analyst
Mailing Address: 3028 E. Main St. Canon City, CO 81212	
Telephone: 719-269-8552	Email: jbrewer@blm.gov

PROJECT LOCATION

Nearest Town or City: Monte Vista, Del Norte, Saguache, Blanca, Moffat, Alamosa, La Jara, Antonito

County(ies): Rio Grande, Saguache, Alamosa, Conejos

Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): San Luis Valley

Township/Range/Section: Multiple

State Senate District #: 35 State Representative District #: 62

LAND OWNERSHIP

- 1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:
- 2. The trail corridor is controlled by: Fee Simple Lease Easement License Right-of-Way Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained Other (explain): BLM

TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)

Miles of Singletrack: 44 Miles of 50" or less: 4 Miles of Full-sized: 620

TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)

- All-Terrain Vehicle Side x Side Full Sized 4X4
- Motorcycling Four-Wheeling Accessible Access

PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)
Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

- Trail Maintenance Travel Plan Implementation
- *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision) Resource Protection & Improvement
- *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____ Signs Youth Corps
- Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor) Planning
- Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement Capital Equipment
- Education 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.)

50%	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.)
10%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
30%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
10%	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: BLM - SLV GO! OHV Trail Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM, San Luis Valley Field Office	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Sean Noonan	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
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Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project and the expected accomplishments. Be sure to include Who, What, When, and Where. This is your scope of work. (This section is not for project background, benefits or anything other than the actual work to be accomplished. Please address this information in question #2 of section D, Project Selection Criteria.)

[Remove all instructional text \(below\) and replace it with information specific to this project request](#)

WHO?

The 2024 - 2025 BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project is led by government agency, The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) in cooperative partnership with 501c3 organization, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) who will complete the work via the Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs), the professional stewardship team employed by SLV GO!. This project aims to address and fix compounded maintenance issues within the OHV BLM trail systems throughout Rio Grande County.

WHERE?

The project locations are dispersed throughout Rio Grande County in the San Luis Valley. The BLM-SLVFO is the responsible land management for the public land trails within this project.

WHAT

The urgency behind this project stems from compounded issues on highly used OHV trails throughout Rio Grande County.

WHEN?

This project will commence at the beginning of the GOATs 2025 season. Start dates are flexible as our cooperative efforts are based on seasonal changes in weather and if snowpack impacts the trails which they will work. The completion of the project will also depend on seasonal weather patterns and funding availability, however closing the GOATs season in mid-November to early December has been a trending pattern over the last 2 working seasons.

Program Funding Acknowledgement

Many trailheads where the BLM-SLVFO and SLV GO! GOATs conduct maintenance have existing signs and kiosks, these areas will display recognition of the awarded OHV grant and Colorado Registration Dollars at Work logo.

DEFINITIONS?

BLM-SLVFO: Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office
 SLV GO!: San Luis Valley Great Outdoors
 GOATs: Great Outdoors Action Team

Budget Form

Project Name: BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/25

Project Sponsor: BLM, San Luis Valley Field Office (Sean Noonan-Outdoor Recreation Planner)

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			
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00
BLM In-Kind:		\$ -	\$ -
Park Ranger Salary (25/hr) - Planning/Oversight/Monitoring/Support (aprx. 10wks)	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2 UTV's, 2 Motorcycles, 1 ROKON Mototractor - Mtce./Repairs/PPE...	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Supplies purchased by BLM: Signs, Hardware, Lumber, Hand & Power Tools, Miscellaneous Supplies	\$ -	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Staff Salary Dedicated to Managing OHV Use on Public Lands	\$ -	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
SLV GO! Operation Director (Project Management)	\$ -	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 233,000.00
List uses of grant funding (only) below			
I. Personnel Costs			
Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase			
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
SLV GOATS Crew Leader/Logistics	\$29.00		\$ 16,640.00
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SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$27.50		\$ 12,980.00
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SLV GOATS Crew Member	\$27.50		\$ 12,880.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,060.69		Category Total \$ 88,760.00
II. Project Materials/Supplies			
Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.	Price Per	Quantity (weeks)	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			Category Total \$ -
III. Equipment			
Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.			
Mini-excavator fuel and maintenance	\$200.00	10	\$ 2,000.00
Skid steer fuel and maintenance	\$250.00	10	\$ 2,500.00
Track haulers fuel and maintenance	\$100.00	10	\$ 1,000.00
2 Crew Trucks fuel	\$150.00	10	\$ 1,500.00
Auger attachment purchase for mini-excavator (sign/fence installation)	\$2,500.00	1 quantity	\$ 2,500.00
			Category Total \$ 9,500.00
III.A. FLEET Equipment			
Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.			
	\$ -		\$ -
			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.			
	\$ -		\$ -
			Category Total \$ -
VI. Insurance (Non-profit organizations only)			
	\$ -		\$ -
			Category Total \$ -
VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)			
Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)			
SLV GOATs Operations Director Project Oversight	\$29.00	2	\$ 1,740.00
			Category Total \$ 1,740.00
* 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 \$100,000.00

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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	BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew	Project Sponsor	USDI-BLM San Luis Valley Field Office
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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:

San Luis Resource Area-Resource Management Plan (as amended) Date: 18Dec91

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

Date and title of document:

San Luis Resource Area-Resource Management Plan (as amended for Travel Management), 14May09

San Luis Resource Area Travel Management Plan (as amended, CO-500-2005-016-EA), 4Jun09

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.]

N/A

N/A

N/A

For more information contact:

Sean Noonan-SLVFO Outdoor Recreation Planner

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

Dario J. Archuleta, Assistant Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Dario Archuleta, Assistant Field Manager
Land Manager Signature and Title

11/17/22
Date

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Applies for FY24 Also

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

The Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) located in Rio Grande County is responsible for and manages the land where OHV trails exist. Our aim for the 2024 - 2025 period is to assess, monitor, and provide an annual inventory update of trail safety, ridability, and overall appearance. This project will also implement BLM's transportation plan; in order of importance;

- Public Safety (repairs and reconstruction of existing transportation facilities)
- Maintenance of existing assets (IAW Interagency Standards)
- Construction of new assets (IAW BMP standards)
- Protect and make conservation efforts for resources on the Landscape (Decommission and/or rehabilitate unauthorized or unnecessary routes per planning decisions)
- Visitor Services (patrols, signage, and education)

This OHV project will begin in 2024, and we will continue to apply for the State Trails OHV grant program to fund the San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) Great Outdoors Action Team (GOATs) crew for the conservation efforts of natural resources on our public lands so users will continue to utilize and travel to the SLV to recreate.

The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project, led by BLM-SLVFO, in cooperative partnership with SLV GO!, is a project that will specifically address backlogged and ongoing maintenance in addition to adequate armoring for all motorized trails on BLM land within the San Luis Valley (SLV) including single-track trails to full 4x4 roads.

Because the BLM-SLVFO has small staffing numbers, it is a necessity to connect and collaborate with other local entities who will help in the planning, design, and complete the scope of work over a period of time.

The urgency in developing and maintaining these important community trail systems has grown over time and there are significant benefits for SLV residents, visitors, and tourism to help boost the local economy through OHV recreational activities. Especially in the rural gateway communities of Monte Vista, Del Norte, and South Fork, all within Rio Grande County, take high priority as the OHV trails are most often frequented by locals and frequently recommended to visitors by local businesses and residents.

Approximately 500 OHV users including dirtbikes, side-by-sides, quads, etc, will benefit from this work annually, if not more, due to increased numbers in tourism within the SLV, which has been identified as one of the last undiscovered corners in Colorado and is rapidly being discovered as a recreation destination. Many residents of the SLV utilize OHV trails, but most users travel from other states and regions to enjoy the iconic and challenging terrain of the Rocky Mountains. The purpose of trail maintenance is to create strong trail systems that can withstand a multitude of riders and users. We are called the Rocky Mountain region for a reason, these trails are difficult and we want to help foster the challenge needs of OHV riders while simultaneously maximizing conservation efforts so our public lands can withstand the abundant use over time. It has been documented that the need for trail head width-limiter gates can be an adequate solution to limit the mis-use of single-track trails on BLM systems. Side-by-sides and quads often drive too fast and widen single-track trails that are specifically meant for off-road motorcycles which has resulted in backcountry accidents because OHV users are not on the correct trail system for their vehicle of choice.

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

BLM-SLVFO has been working with SLV GO! in close cooperative partnership since 2020 with the inaugural GOATs season, and are the leading agencies to plan and complete this scope of work. As the pendulum of projects sway between entities, there is undying support to help support the work and project breadth which varies year to year. With the backlog of maintenance within BLM trails due to increase in population, OHV users in the SLV, damage from 2022 monsoon season, and user made trails, projects are compounding and the need for continuous funding is more apparent than ever as we move forward attempting to keep up with the workload. Shared networks and agencies broaden the scope of needed assistance from the regional population which includes; Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) and Volunteers of Outdoor Colorado (VOC) who provide opportunities for youth engagement in building, restoration, conservation, and stewardship of our trail systems. With expert guidance from vetted VOC volunteers and the SLV GO! GOATs whose professionalism is outstanding, not only in the project outcomes, but also their leadership, collaborative approach within team dynamics, and project interest even after the maintenance has been concluded, The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project has generous support around the work that is to be completed.

The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project will require appropriate equipment, vehicles, planning and designing in the maintenance and reinforcements for OHV trails. There has been no local or regional resistance thus far in the planning of this project, nor do we anticipate any resistance in the future in regards to this project. Oversight of the project will be coordinated by BLM-SLVFO and the work completed by SCC Youth Camping Crews, who would most likely be available to accomplish the work anytime the weather permits - usually May to October. With 9 crew weeks the GOATs can accomplish over a third of the desired work listed above. General maintenance, including signing trails, can occur throughout the system with a focus on main access points and high use areas.

The summer of 2023, SLV GO! was awarded the Blue Grama Award by Colorado Open Space Alliance for Outstanding Achievement in Community Partnership and Collaboration. This award recognizes achievements made in open space conservation, management, and community engagement through partnerships and collaborative efforts. Additionally, in 2021 SLV GO! was recognized for their ongoing collaborative work and partnering initiative in the outdoors, they have been accepted as a new partner within the Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative (RPI). This statewide initiative is an effort to, "bring together diverse groups of stakeholders in outdoor recreation and conservation to explore with intent how our partners can collaborate together to address the increased use of our recreational assets, identify priorities region-wide to envision a more balanced environment, while also providing equitable access and quality outdoor recreation experiences." SLV GO! continues to hold a seat in RPI today. There is a huge library of knowledge and experience within our shared networks that will allow us to follow best practices and achieve exceptional outcomes. Not only can SLV GO! and BLM- SLVFO benefit from this state-wide library of resources, other agencies and organizations can learn from best practices we have collectively proven over the years and help influence land stewardship ethics that are being established all over the state of Colorado.

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

These improvements will increase the longevity of the landscape, adhere to BLM regulations without distracting from the natural challenge of the terrain, keep the trails sustainable for future users and make stewardship more approachable repairing minor projects as opposed to major reroute projects.

There are a multitude of OHV users across the nation that seek to recreate in the SLV and enjoy the spectacular trail systems we have to offer on our public lands. There are many who are Colorado residents that travel from congested areas such as the front range for the openness that our landscape offers and the challenging terrain of the Rocky Mountains. We want to protect and enhance all experiences for visitors and SLV residents by providing sustainable trail systems, amenities at trailheads, and lead by example to educate all users of outdoor stewardship to keep our natural resources at their best through *Leave No Trace Principles* and *Stay the Trail* thoughtful mentality. It is in our top priorities list that the restoration of public lands pairs with local initiatives of stewardship and reinstatement of community pride to care for outdoor spaces. The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project will promote educational aspects of conservation, protection, and mindfulness towards wildlife and plantlife in the area for local users and more importantly visitors who may not be as familiar with the climate and our delicate resources. With the help of our current volunteers and the growing number of volunteer opportunities, a larger portion of the community can take part in the public lands infrastructure. BLM-SLVFO and SLV GO! both believe that if we can build consistency in local stewardship there will be a greater impression left on SLV population to help maintain our outdoor spaces over time, with the hope that funding opportunities continue to be available to support these initiatives.

Though the SLV has an economy that is mainly driven by agriculture, outdoor recreation provides a large impact to local communities, especially since the increase of visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our main focus is to armor trails and remain in a proactive state of stewardship ethic as we await the inevitable increase in use and population to the area. The SLV has unique terrain that sits within an alpine desert climate which faces hotter temperatures and drier air quality than other OHV systems in the state. The Summer of 2022, the SLV was faced with a treacherous monsoon season that broke through water bars and turned sections of trails into rivers. It is uncommon for the SLV to see this amount of rainfall at one time, however it is a major concern for the sustainability of existing trails and added pressure to be consistent with ongoing maintenance if another rain event of this magnitude occurs. The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project will repair damaged sections of trails and water bars where necessary with downhill vegetation in mind as to not disturb existing habitats. BLM-SLVFO will need to purchase a mini-excavator auger attachment in order to complete some of the needed work across the project scope. This equipment will be housed by SLV GO! in the off-season, unless it is needed by the BLM-SLVFO crew when the GOATs are deployed on another project.

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

With two-track to singletrack conversion work happening in 2024, the focus of this 2025 grant will be on-the-ground visitor contacts, education via tabling at popular trailheads, sign installation, and tread maintenance.

Additionally, as a result of 2022 summer's monsoon season numerous roads and trails were washed out throughout the SLV on BLM land. Trails that were intentionally designed, or purpose-built, were far more resilient to these extreme weather events in comparison to user-created routes that were adopted and developed (not designed). These user created trails will be repurposed into designed system trails to encourage rider stewardship and the integrity of the landscape.

The travel management plan will be implemented as SLV GO! GOATs are called out for shovel ready projects on the seemingly never ending list of trail maintenance on our public lands. This implementation will take the form of adequate signage at designated trailheads, confidence marker intervals, and available on SLV GO!'s web page and BLM offices. The language used will stem from the collected narrative of stewardship partners and be addressed to all users of public land trails; OHV, hikers, bicycles, and equestrian users. Education is the key element to creating a healthy ecosystem for our trails. Volunteer opportunities are a great way to share knowledge, skill, and the ability to pay it forward, a selfless act leaving the land better than you found it and continuing to pass along information about sustainability to others. When everyone does a little to give back each user will have a greater experience in the outdoors no matter where they are coming from. Education around what trail maintenance entails is pertinent in this section as to demystify rumors of OHV maintenance making trails "easier to ride". The BLM-SLVGO! OHV Trail Crew Project is the perfect opportunity to host volunteer days in order to explain and demonstrate the vast amount of planning and design that goes into trail maintenance projects. In addition to user outreach, SLV GO! will re-launch a 2021 campaign in collaboration with Rio Grande National Forest Divide Ranger District about the importance of trail etiquette among diverse users. This 5-part Outdoor Stewardship Video series can be found [here](#).

A highly utilized resource is Stay the Trail, a Colorado based resource for OHV users and has an abundant amount of information available, their mission; "To reinforce and highlight responsible OHV use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use in an effort to minimize resource damage on public land. We offer educational services and materials to land management agencies, OHV and OHV accessory dealers, educational and community institutions, and the general public." This kind of ongoing education along with the Leave No Trace Principles are elements that will be reinforced with trail signage.

Because many trails have seen heavy use, there are damaged areas that may need potential reroutes, sections of user-made trails that the GOATs will design and professionally construct single track trails for all users; hiker, biker, and motorized. Rather than to only discourage user-made trails, we want to be the encouraging entity that promotes stewardship, sustainability, and education on our public lands.

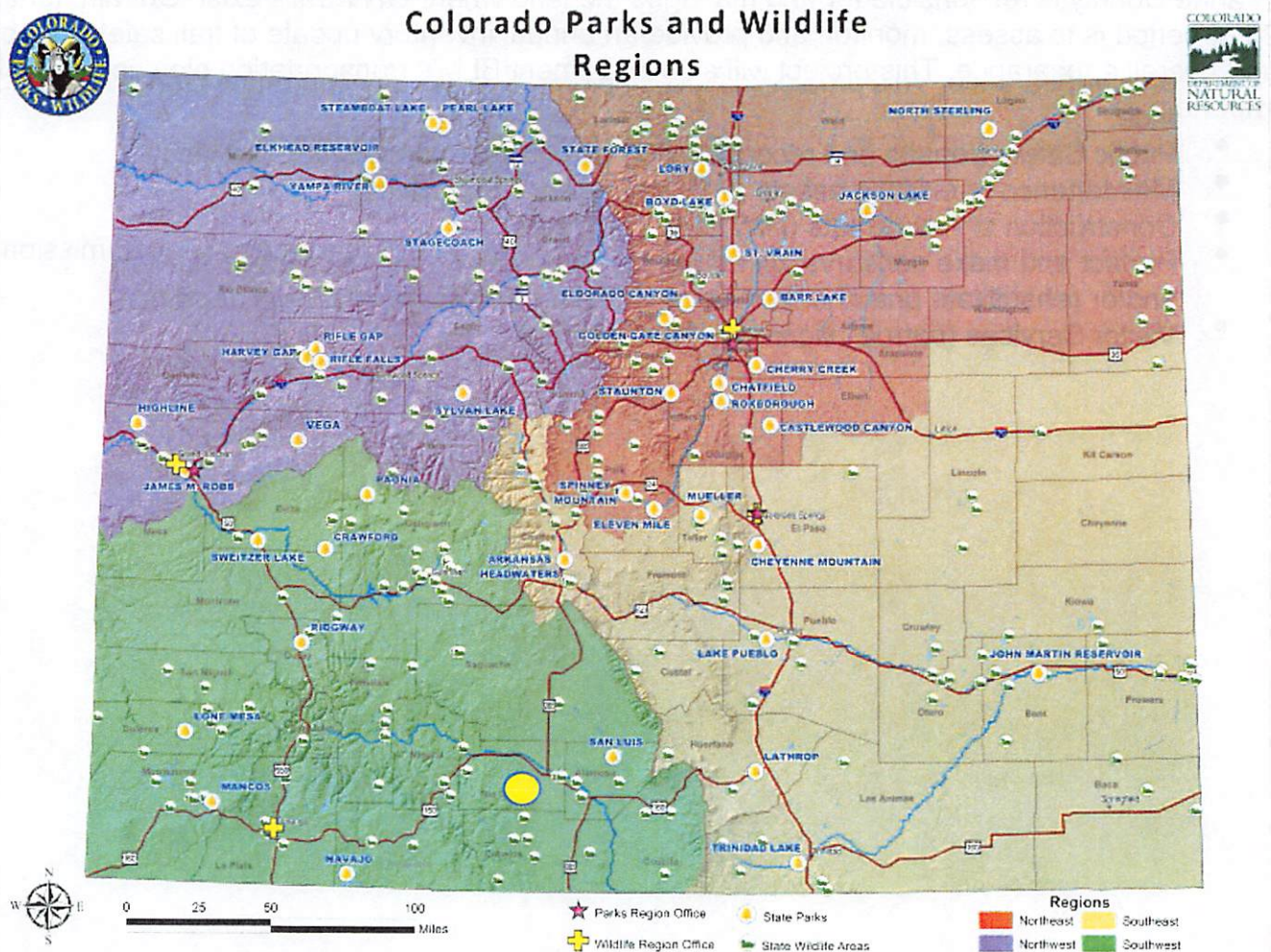
Trail Crew Work Plan (Good Management or reoccurring crews)

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

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

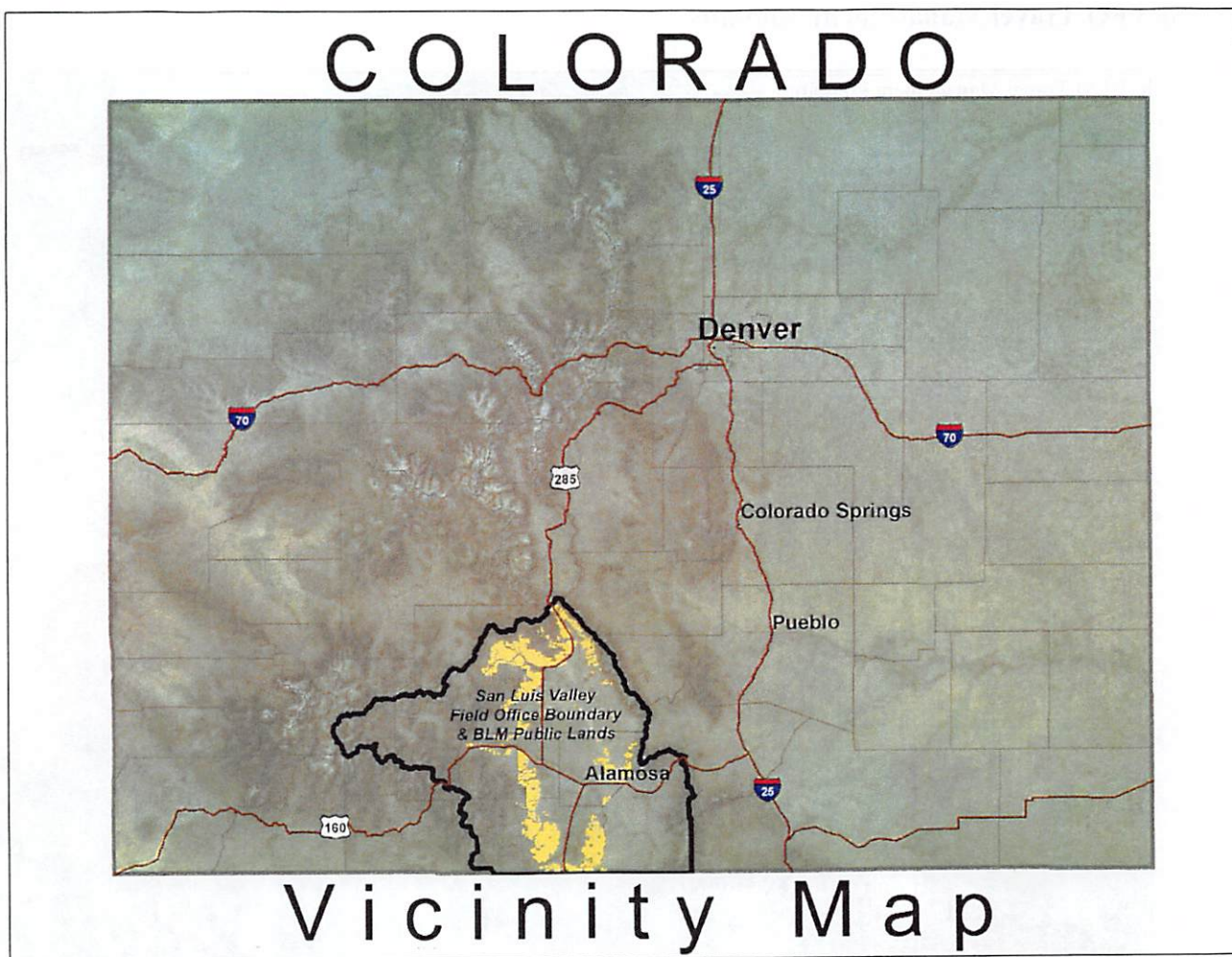


● Limekiln and Greenie Mountain Motorized Singletrack Trail Areas

E-2 Project Maps: Maps identifying the specific trail-work areas or project sites.

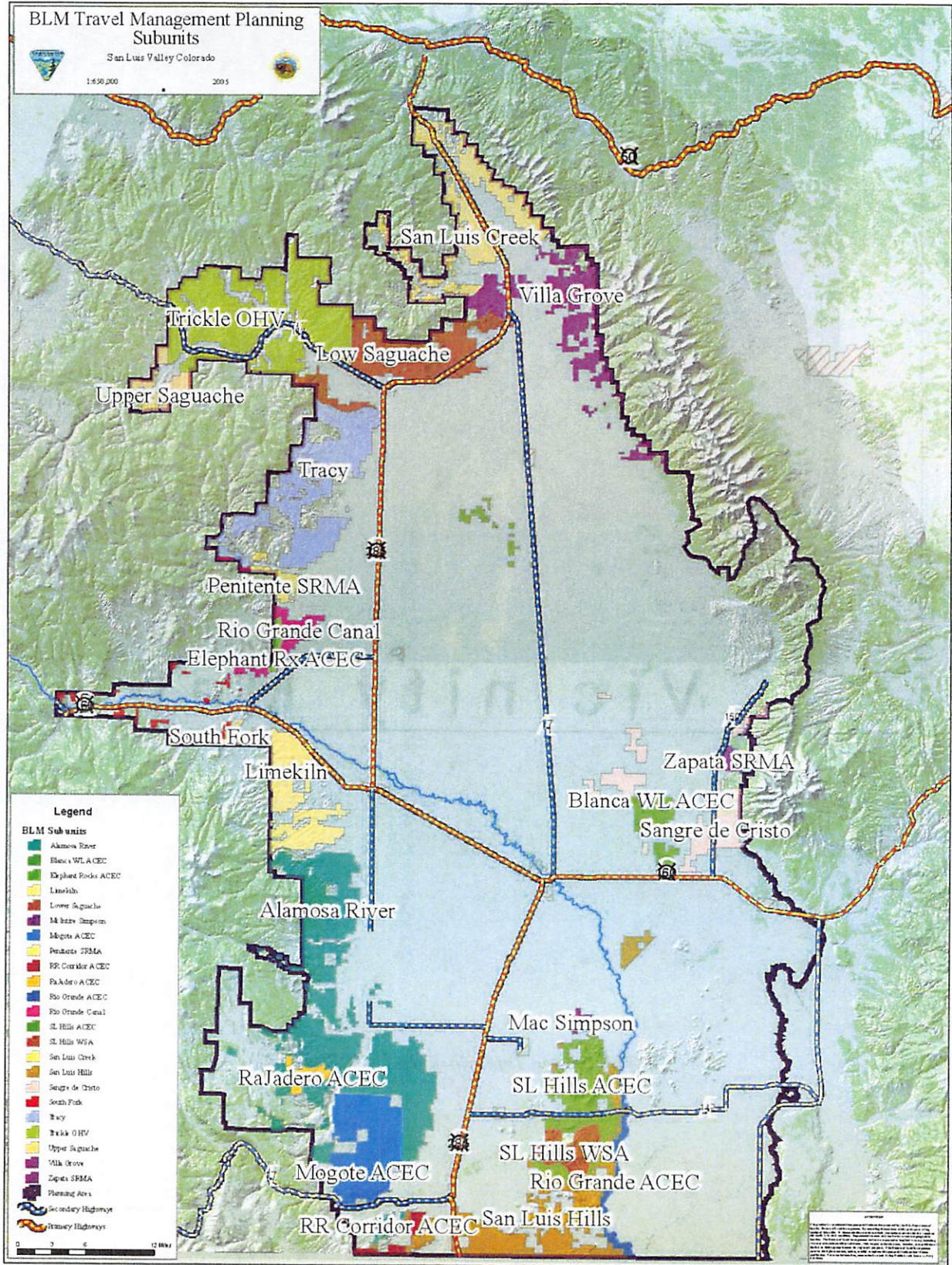
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)

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.

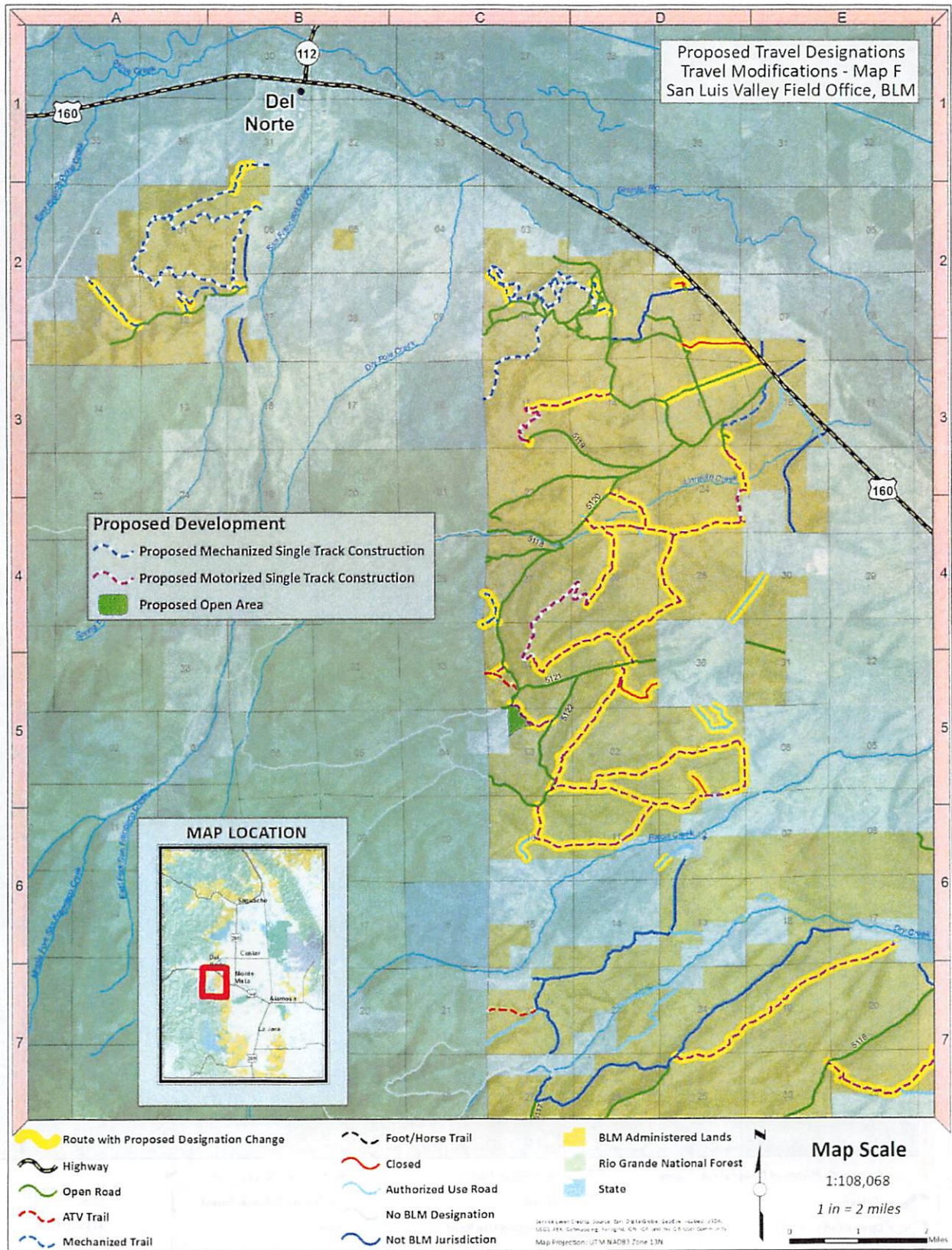


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SLVFO Travel Management Subunits



Limekiln Motorized Singletrack Trail Area



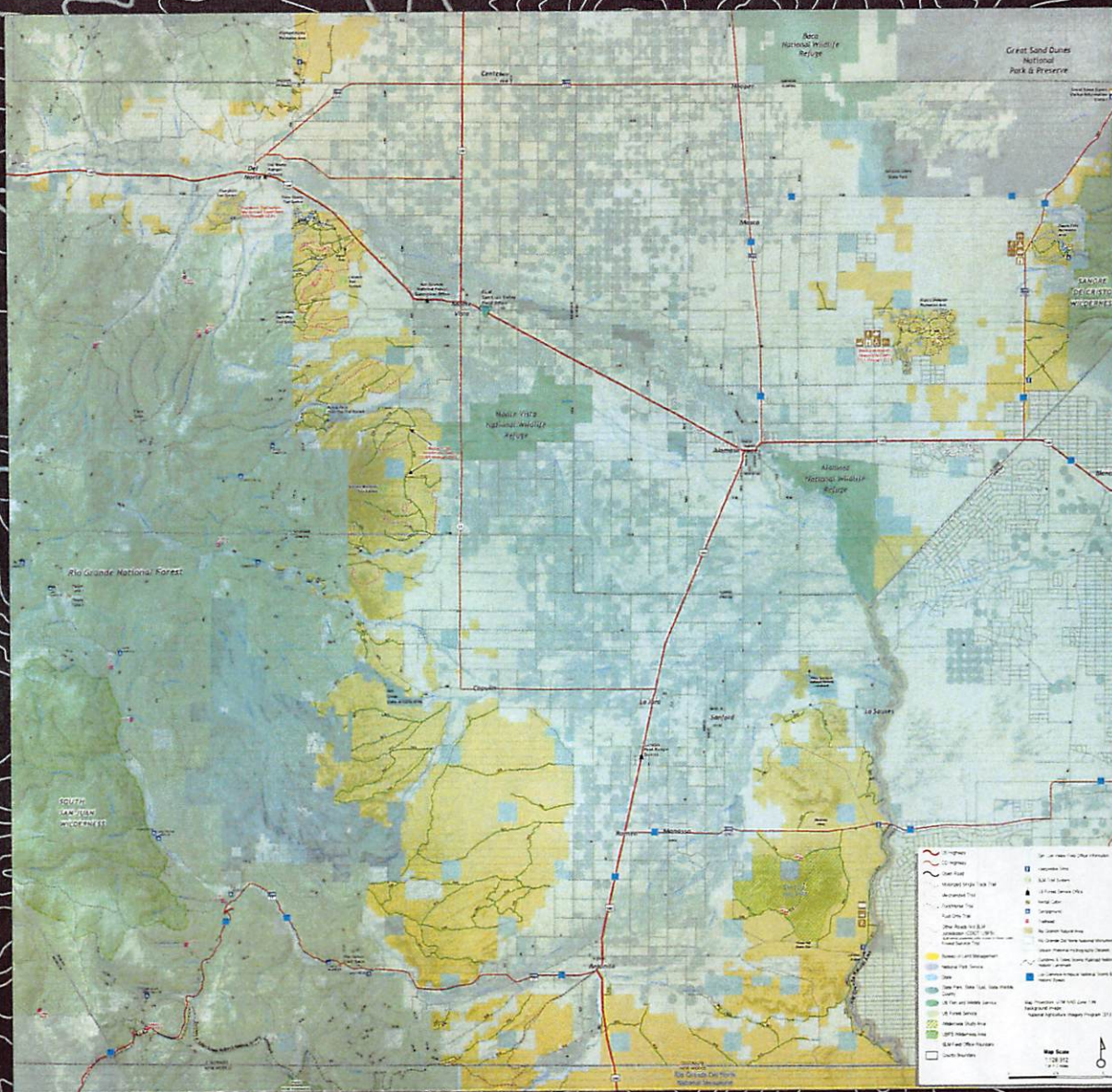
Greenie Mountain Motorized Singletrack Trail Area

Proposed Travel Designations
Travel Modifications - Map H
San Luis Valley Field Office, BLM





San Luis Valley - South



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San Luis Valley - North

US Highway	Bureau of Land Management	BLM Trail Marker
State Road	Bureau of Reclamation	Irrigation Canal
City Trail	National Park Service	Irrigation Canal
Recreation Trail	State	Irrigation Canal (Noted in 1975)
Recreation Trail	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Irrigation Canal
Recreation Trail	Irrigation Canal	Irrigation Canal
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(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Items to consider including may be:

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

Limekiln & Greenie Mountain Trail Systems – Primary Motorized Singletrack Trails Areas on BLM in the San Luis Valley

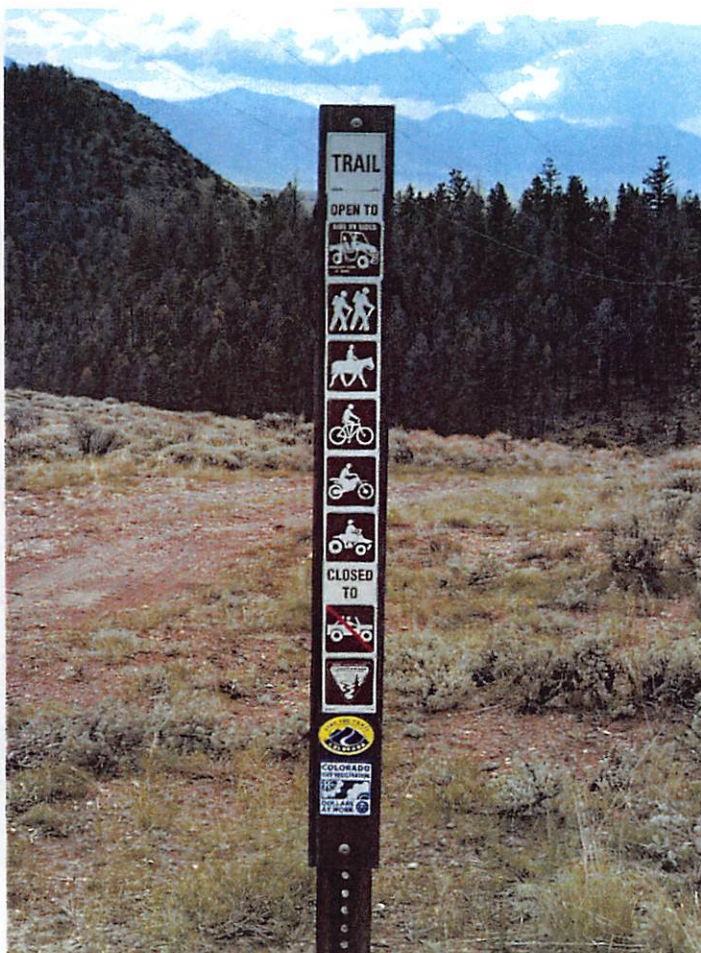


**Greenie Mountain Volunteer Trail Building Event - SLV GO! and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
(SLV GO! Designed Trails, Led Crews of Volunteers, and Provided Technical Oversight)**



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Motorized Route Marker Signing with OHV Program Recognition



BLM-SLVFO Kiosks with OHV Program Recognition



BLM-Provided Equipment for Inventory/Monitoring/Visitor Contacts/Project Work



2-Track to Singletrack Conversion - Before



2-Track to Singletrack Conversion – After





Dear State Trails Committee,

On behalf of Boot Hill Motorcycle Club it is with great pleasure to support the Bureau of Land Management San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO) in their efforts to continue maintaining motorized trails, 4 x 4 and single track roads across the San Luis Valley.

Led by BLM-SLVFO with numerous partners including San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), this grant application is focused on planning a multitude of rehabilitation and conversion of 2-track primitive roads into single-track trails across Rio Grande county. Necessary maintenance is required not only from a treacherous monsoon season in 2022 but also the increase of OHV visitation the landscape has had to endure since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when the SLV population tripled the number of year round residents. The continued need for routine attention is identified in the SLV GO! Trails and Recreation Master Plan, which is based on community input by way of public meetings, focus groups, and surveys.

We urge State Trails to consider granting funds to BLM-SLVFO in order to continue the necessary work to maintain the integrity of the landscape, provide opportunities for OHV recreation, and continue to support both local use and non-SLV resident visitation to our public land.

Daniel Hatton
Boothill Motorcycle Club
November 17th, 2023



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

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office
OHV Grant Trail System Enhancement.

It is with great pleasure to write this letter of support for the OHV application of the Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office (BLM-SLVFO).

San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!) has been in a cooperative partnership with BLM-SLVFO since the inception of our organization over a decade ago. This opportunity will not only allow BLM-SLVFO and partners to rehabilitate a multitude of motorized trails across the San Luis Valley, but routine maintenance is a high priority for both SLV GO! and BLM-SLVFO because an unmaintained trail system is a disservice to our residents and our visitors.

Motorized trail maintenance is a high priority due to heavy monsoon seasons and a dramatic increase in visitation to the area since the COVID-19 Pandemic. The San Luis Valley is rapidly being discovered, and BLM-SLVFO and their network of partners are local agencies that are leading conversations in planning and implementation to find balance in recreation and conservation in the most sustainable manner possible.

SLV GO! urges State Trails to consider the project scope that BLM-SLVFO has provided that will ensure safe and sustainable OHV trails in our region, provide opportunities for users to experience the public lands of the San Luis Valley with positive intent, and continue to be a leader in maintaining the integrity of the landscape and recreation corridors.

With kind regard,

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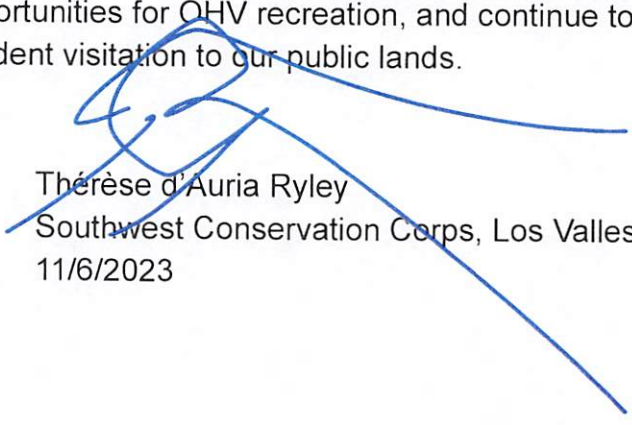
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11/6/2023

RE: Motorized State Trails Grant Application

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We urge State Trails to consider granting funds to BLM-SLVFO in order to continue the necessary work to maintain the integrity of the landscape, provide opportunities for OHV recreation, and continue to support both local use and non-SLV resident visitation to our public lands.


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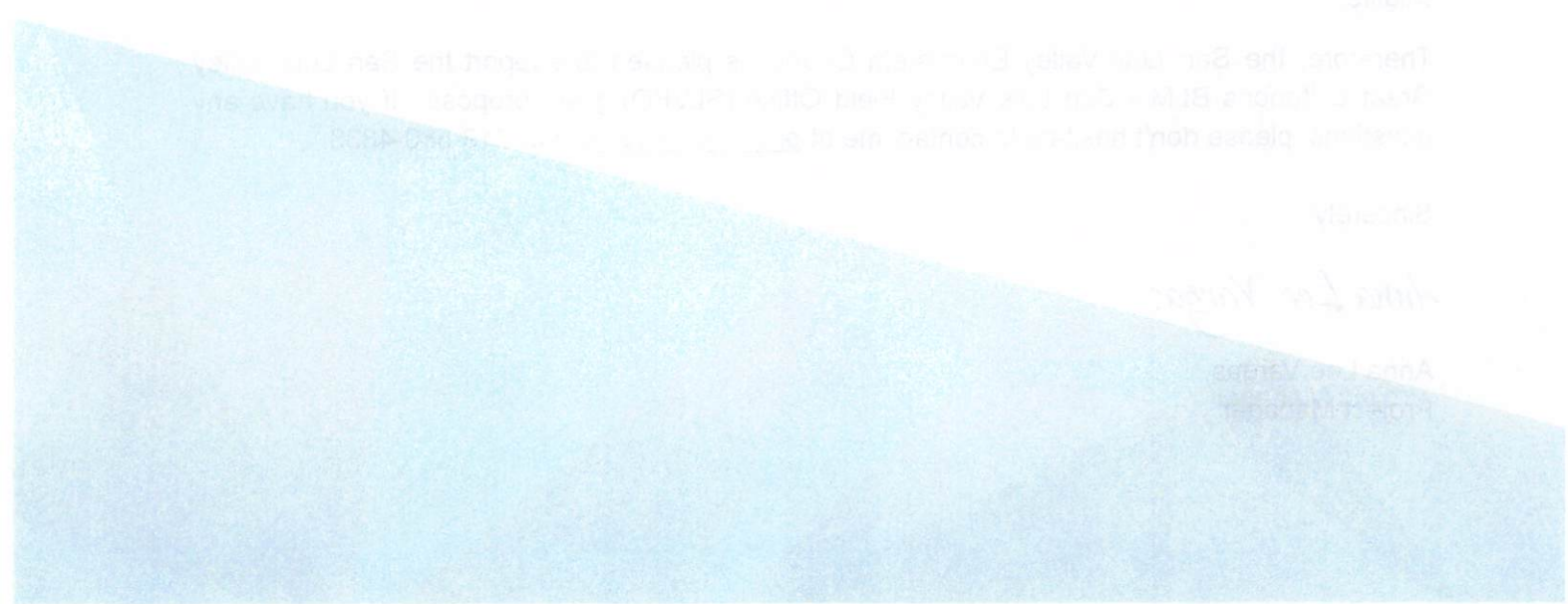
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Sincerely,

Katie Goodleaf
Weld County & SLV Programs Managers
Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado





Dear CPW State OHV grant committee,

This letter serves as the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council's (SLVEC) letter of support for the BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. We recognize the need for a more focused trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage, as well as increasing visitor contacts, inventorying work, monitoring past work, and addressing additional signage installation needs. Unfortunately, the BLM cannot complete such tasks as they are a small staff with near 1 million acres to manage. The San Luis Valley Great Outdoor Action Team (SLV GOATs), a program of San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO), and its local trail stewardship partners could provide these services, if funded to do the work.

For the last 3 years, the SLV GOATs have implemented over 15 projects with the BLM - SLV FO and Rio Grande National Forest, ranging from campground improvements, trail/boardwalk construction, trash pick-up, and trail maintenance. The SLVFO and the SLV GO! Coalition are in alignment to accomplish this next phase for outdoor recreation opportunities via OHV trails in our region. Achieving responsible recreation in these ways provides benefits two-fold; by protecting natural and cultural resources and providing an avenue and place for the community and visitors to recreate outdoors.

SLVEC's mission is to protect and restore the biological diversity, ecosystems, and natural resources in the Upper Rio Grande Basin by balancing ecological values and sustainable human needs. SLVEC and SLV GO! have collaborated on grassroots community initiatives as catalysts to connect our communities to the natural world for improved health, resilience, natural resource management strategies that ensure environmental preservation, and better quality of life through our public lands trail systems. Trail maintenance that emphasizes work on tread and effective drainage has many benefits including: improved trail durability, reduced trail damage, sustainable trails, restored natural drainage patterns which helps protect the surrounding environment, enhanced visitor safety, and reduced trail closure due to wet and muddy conditions. This work would not only benefit SLVEC but it would benefit our community's quality of life and community identity by: preserving heritage, culture and history, providing health and wellness opportunities for our people to exercise and enjoy nature, and offering environmental benefits by reducing air pollution, conserving natural resources, and providing habitat for wildlife.

Therefore, the San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council is pleased to support the San Luis Valley Great Outdoor's BLM - San Luis Valley Field Office (SLVFO) grant proposal. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at projects@slvec.org or 719-580-4833.

Sincerely,

Anna Lee Vargas

Anna Lee Vargas,
Project Manager



November 21, 2023

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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for the Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Field Office OHV Grant SLV BLM Field Office OHV Trail System Enhancement.

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

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

The TPA supports funding of this grant application to leverage and continue the planning and trail development, rehabilitation and conversion of two-track primitive roads into motorized single-track within Rio Grande County. This exciting and innovative project is working to expand trail opportunities (especially motorized single-track) in the San Luis Valley through the creative conversion of two-track roads into multiple-use single-track trails. This project will help to implement the SLVFO's Travel Management Decisions while improving and enhancing OHV recreational opportunities while still maintaining and repairing existing motorized trail infrastructure. The TPA would also like to highlight and recognize the productive and positive collaboration between the BLM SLVFO and the local trail user groups.

Sincerely,

Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance