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November 20, 2023

Tom Metsa
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Littleton, CO 80125

Re: Application for a 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant – Stay The Trail Campaign.

Dear Mr. Mesta and OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Enclosed are the original twelve (12) copies of an application for a 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant under the State Trails OHV Grant Program. The Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance is applying for a grant to continue promoting and implementing the Stay The Trail Campaign. We believe this program continues to be an essential part of the efforts to preserve and enhance OHV recreation opportunities on Colorado's public lands while protecting the natural resources supporting motorized and multi-use recreation.

Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance is the benchmark for OHV educational outreach programs and has achieved many goals in leading responsible and ethical OHV recreation and stewardship. Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance has the support of our partners, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, OHV related businesses, Motorized Clubs, and other stewardship based organizations.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this grant application and look forward to presenting it to the State Trails OHV Sub-Committee in early 2024. If you have any questions about our proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcus Trusty".

Marcus Trusty, Board Director
Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance – (719) 221-9786



COLORADO
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DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

2024-2025

State Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program Grant Application
Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance



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

Name of Project: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	Date of Application: 12/1/2023
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$296,418 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$235,711 <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: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 532 Arvada, CO 80001	
Telephone: (303) 434-0461	Email: allison@staythetrail.org

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: Allison Needler	Title: Grant Administrator
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 532 Arvada, CO 80001	
Telephone: (303) 434-0461	Email: allison@staythetrail.org
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES NO	

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

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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: Statewide, State of Colorado	
County(ies):	
Colorado	
Township/Range/Section:	
State Senate District #:	State Representative District #:
LAND OWNERSHIP	
1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:	
2. The trail corridor is controlled by: <input 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: _____	Miles of 50" or less: _____
Miles of Full-sized: _____	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other
* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route: Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration	
TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)	
% of Budget	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.)
30%	
30%	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: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Allison Needler	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$293,079	Grant Request: \$235,711

Project Description:**WHO?**

The Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance (the Alliance) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity. The Alliance works with individual off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts, clubs, groups, land management agencies, local governments, and the non-motorized recreation community to promote responsible OHV recreation. The Alliance utilizes educational programs, stewardship projects, volunteer work, direct user contacts, our website, social media, trail maps, advertising, video, and associated trail sustainability and resource protection efforts.

WHERE?

The Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Campaign is a statewide outreach program that works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Forest Service at the state and field office levels. OHV enthusiasts, clubs, groups, hunters, rental companies, visitor bureaus, chambers of commerce, cities, towns, counties, and motorsports dealers frequently request information from our organization. Additionally, many visitors request information from us when visiting Colorado. The Campaign may also work in bordering and regional states when large Colorado visitor groups visit Colorado. This awareness allows the Campaign to strategically target and educate out-of-state trail users before they arrive. The Campaign also networks with other motorized education and ethics groups from the Rocky Mountain region to generate ideas and learn from successful outcomes.

WHAT?

This grant would allow the continuation and enhancement of the Stay The Trail Campaign. The primary elements and deliverables include:

- Expenses for delivering the Stay The Trail educational message through direct outreach tools, including traveling Statewide with the (2) Stay The Trail educational trailers to 35-45 events annually, including stewardship/volunteer projects. These expenses include travel, project materials & supplies, advertising, equipment, and other miscellaneous expenses. The events include trailhead outreach, trade shows/expos, club and agency meetings, workshops, stewardship projects, and other recreation outreach.
- A full-time project coordinator and a full-time stewardship and outreach specialist with associated personnel costs, including salary/wages, benefits, taxes, cellphones, required computers/printers/software, lodging & per-diem, office supplies, volunteer expenses, and miscellaneous operating expenses, maintenance and enhancement of the Stay The Trail web site and social media sites, including up-to-date maps, rules/laws, OHV guidelines, etc. coordinated with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and the federal agencies, smartphone apps, events calendar, news feed, brochures, videos, agency contacts, OHV related links, Tips, FAQs, requests for educational materials, presentations, and events.

Additional Program Costs Include:

- Printing - Maps, brochures, youth activity books, decals, stickers, posters, videos, promotional materials, costs for development, graphic design, printing, mailing, and other delivery methods.
- Vehicle/ OHV insurance, equipment, maintenance, parts, supplies, and storage.
- Costs for grant administration.

WHEN?

Stay The Trail is an ongoing and continuous education program that began in 2003. The proposed grant would allow the program to continue through the 2024-2025 operating season.

Program Funding Acknowledgement

Awarded funding is acknowledged and advertised to the public in various ways. Printed acknowledgment is branded on all STT educational materials representing 'Major Program Funding Provided By Colorado Registration Dollars at Work.' This is also displayed on STT vehicles and trailers and is continually posted during updates to STT social media sites, signage projects, kiosks, apparel, and the STT website. It is also mentioned during news conferences, interviews, and press releases. STT also highlights the Registration Dollars at Work during all conversations with the OHV community.

The Stay The Trail Program acknowledges and credits the State OHV grant program for funding received by incorporating the Colorado OHV Registration - Dollars at Work logo on:

All STT printed materials:
Opportunities map, (7) different OHV brochures, Youth Activity Book, Posters, etc.

- Program Vehicles, trailers, and OHV's.
- Signs/Kiosks – where appropriate, including existing legal and new OHV routes/ systems.
- Annual STT Volunteer T-Shirts
- USFS & BLM OHV Trail Crew Jerseys
- Booth displays – table cover, pop-up tent, banners, etc.
- Billboards – mobile and static across the State
- Web site, social media
- Completed stewardship project photos/ report



DEFINITIONS?

In 2017, the (former) 'Responsible Recreation Foundation' (RRF), sponsor of the Stay The Trail Campaign has since become the 'Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance' (STTESA). Though the Stay The Trail program remains unchanged, the organization name change was chosen to better represent the operations and intentions of the program and was completed along with a change in federal tax status to make STT a better choice for corporate sponsorship and fully deductible donations

Budget Form

Project Name: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance

Date Project will be Completed: 3/31/2026

Project Sponsor: Stay The Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance

***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	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
<small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>			
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)			\$ 235,711.00
Volunteer Hrs. @ Outreach Events & Stewardship Projects - 1562 hrs. @ \$24.14/hr.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,707.00
Federal Agency Support - BLM & USFS expected contributions (project & program improvement use only)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Industry Support - Yamaha Grant, & local stewardship sponsors, businesses, product donation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Club, Organization, Event, & Private Donations - from events, raffles, website, etc. (General use)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 296,418.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

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>			
Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Program Coordinator Wages - Annual salary for full time STT Program Coordinator	\$ -	Minimum of 40	52 \$ 50,745.51
Payroll Taxes - Yearly payroll taxes for Program Coordinator Position	\$ -	Yearly Taxes	52 \$ 3,882.03
Benefits - Health Insurance Coverage for Program Coordinator Position	\$ -	Health Ins.	52 \$ 5,885.34
Stewardship & Outreach Specialist Wages - Annual salary for full time Stewardship Specialist	\$ -	Minimum of 40	52 \$ 44,570.74
Payroll Taxes - Yearly payroll taxes for Stewardship Outreach Position	\$ -	Yearly Taxes	52 \$ 3,409.66
Benefits - Health Insurance Coverage for Stewardship Outreach Position	\$ -	Health Ins.	52 \$ 4,993.72
Travel - Per Diem (employees) - Required per diem payment to employees during work related travel outside of 35 mile radius of Denver. Based on State regs.	\$ -		\$ 3,700.00
Travel - Lodging - Hotel costs for employees during work related travel.	\$ -		\$ 3,800.00
Outfitting, PPE, Training, etc. - Employee work apparel, personal protective equipment, trail work protective gear, OHV related and/or technology training for paid employees.	\$ -		\$ 1,500.00
Payroll Processing Fees	\$ -		\$ 1,200.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>			Category Total \$ 123,687.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies			
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Printing & Shipping - Printing & shipping costs for requestable STT education materials, Maps, brochures, etc. to Agency offices, State welcome centers, OHV dealerships, OHV/ 4x4 Clubs, & individuals requests	\$ -		\$ - \$ 15,000.00
Outreach Project Materials - Items needed for outreach events; displays, table-top supplies, trailer/booth hardware & accessories, Apparel.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,950.00
Office Supplies - Consumable office supplies to stock (2) independent employee workspaces.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 550.00
OHV Crew Shirts	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,750.00
			Category Total \$ 20,250.00

III. Equipment			
<small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Fuel for Program Trucks & Equipment - Fuel for trucks, OHVs, generators, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 8,000.00
Vehicle/ OHV Maintenance - Regular maintenance & repairs for program trucks & OHVs.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 7,500.00
Trailer Supplies & Maintenance - Regular maintenance/repairs to (2) outreach/education trailers.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,500.00
Storage Unit - Indoor storage unit to secure STT trailer, outreach materials, printed educational brochures, stewardship project tool & materials, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 12,000.00
Cellphone, Misc. - Cost of (2) employee cell phones w/ data coverage, replacements, cases, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,600.00
Equipment Supplies - Vehicle/trailer/OHV support equip; ratchet straps, tie downs, gas cans, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,100.00
Computers, Printers, Tablets - As replacement, upgrades for (2) employees, and for in field OHV sticker permits.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 3,000.00
			Category Total \$ 36,700.00

IV. Contracted Services			
<small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Graphic Design Services - Design costs for updating existing materials, developing new materials, designing advertising, billboards, additional program material, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 8,500.00
Website Support & Development - Cost to host www.staythetrail.org, regular web updates/site maintenance and improvements.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,700.00
Media Planner - Cost of services to secure billboard, magazine, and other media advertisements.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,650.00
Advertising Services - Costs to run billboards, magazine, & other media advertisements both printed & digital media.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 20,500.00
			Category Total \$ 33,350.00

V. 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>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Multiple OHV Projects - STT projects & project assists - volunteer support equipment including volunteer shirts, safety items, food, etc.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 1,000.00
			Category Total \$ 1,000.00

VI. Insurance			
<small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Trucks, Trailers, OHVs, & Worker's Comp. - Insurance for full coverage of (2) program trucks, (2) enclosed trailers, (2) OHVs, (3) billboard trailers and worker's compensation insurance.	\$ -		\$ - \$ 9,500.00
			Category Total \$ 9,500.00

VII. Grant Administrative Costs (Non-profit organizations only)			
<small>Identify as: administrative costs, office supplies, postage, phone charges, computer & printer supplies, etc. (Up to 5% of amount spent)</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Grant Administrative Costs	\$ -		\$ - \$ 11,224.00
			Category Total \$ 11,224.00

* 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	\$ 235,711.00
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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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

Statewide, the Campaign will:

1. Continue the on-ground education campaign at trailhead events and direct on-trail user interactions, which promote responsible ethics among OHV enthusiasts. This effort will continue to minimize the potential for adverse impacts and resource damage from irresponsible 4x4/OHV use.
2. Continue the STT statewide mapping campaign. This Campaign focuses on complex trail networks in high-use areas. We develop unique maps in collaboration with the BLM, FS, and partners to highlight motorized routes and address on-ground issues by emphasizing them on the maps. These maps are placed on kiosks at trail system entrance points and staging areas. In some cases, the maps are printed for distribution and are all available digitally on the STT website.
3. Continue to organize and complete stewardship projects with local clubs, groups, and land managers. Enable user involvement in the construction, designation, and maintenance of sustainable trail systems. This is accomplished through targeted volunteer and stewardship projects cooperating with local agencies and clubs.
4. Continue working with towns and counties to help them implement solutions to identified OHV issues. STT will continue contact with several towns and counties in Colorado that allow OHV use on streets and roads. These areas are struggling with increased usage, parking and staging, speed, dust, and noise. To build on our recent success, STT will work with these municipalities to discuss issues and identify solutions.
5. Reinforce and highlight responsible OHV use and discourage inappropriate or illegal use.
6. Improve public perception and increase stewardship in Colorado Towns and Counties overwhelmed by the increase in OHV recreation.

The Campaign will continue to fund items such as two full-time employees, educational materials and equipment, targeted stewardship, trailhead outreach, maps, website information, brochures, printed publications, and advertising and promotional items.

The stewardship message and programming will encourage OHV enthusiasts to adopt a sense of "ownership" over designated roads and trails. This practice provides a valuable supplemental resource to the land management agencies' limited budgets and staff. The program will supplement the educational resources agencies need to discourage irresponsible use by encouraging strong ethics centered on responsible use to allow continued access to designated roads and trails. The website will provide up-to-date information on where to ride legally and highlight the ethics of responsible use of trails and roads, along with news items and a calendar of events. The website will host new and updated official agency travel maps as they are created or updated for specific OHV areas. Social media sites will continue to promote the Stay The Trail message and responsible OHV recreation. We plan to develop educational videos featuring our messages with direct examples of correct trail use and ethics, with the first video directed towards OHV rental companies designed for them to show to the riders before hitting the trails.

The two main components of this Campaign have proven to be the most effective in addressing these needs: direct contacts with enthusiasts and volunteer stewardship projects. Since its inception, the direct connections have been a staple of the Stay The Trail program, utilizing the educational trailers, tents, and booth tables staffed by employees and volunteers to convey the ethics of responsible use to enthusiasts. The stewardship projects enable enthusiasts to maintain a sense of "ownership" of their public lands. In addition, tens of thousands of recreationists are also exposed to the program at major outdoor recreation events throughout the year. Furthermore, printed advertisements and mixed-media messaging, such as static and mobile billboards along critical access routes, bilingual signage, and work with a Spanish liaison to promote the Stay The Trail message

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

The Stay The Trail Campaign strives to enlist and engage as many interested outdoor enthusiasts as possible, believing that collectively, we can address the issues and concerns through dialogue and a spirit of compromise and collaboration.

1. Educate OHV users about travel management regulations, plans, and where to recreate legally.
2. Encourage and enable outdoor stewardship, from individual actions to mixed-use volunteer projects.
3. Assist in successfully implementing and educating travel management plans to help reduce potential resource damage.
4. Fulfill the education goals of agency land use plans.
5. Help public land managing agencies meet resource protection and mitigation standards and goals.
6. Improve the long-term sustainability of Colorado's public roads and trail systems open to OHVs.
7. Contact the non-motorized recreation community to establish dialogue and work toward mutually beneficial solutions.

The Stay The Trail Steering Committee was formed at the program's onset to provide an ongoing, unique, positive dialogue between land managers and the OHV community. The steering committee understands the common ground and differing viewpoints regarding OHV issues and collaborates to encourage open discussion regarding land use and competing-use matters whenever possible. Each steering committee member is committed to conservation, environmental sustainability, and protecting our State's natural resources for future generations of outdoor recreationists. The Committee meets bi-monthly year-round and continues to provide valuable guidance and direction for the Stay The Trail Campaign.

1. OHV Clubs, Groups, and Associations

Stay The Trail often facilitates partnerships between local OHV clubs or organizations and the appropriate land management authorities. These partnerships increase maintenance, trail adoption, and other trail improvement actions that will add to the long-term sustainability of OHV trails throughout the State. The Stay The Trail campaign also partners with various OHV clubs to attend club/group-sponsored events around the State, including new trail openings and dedications. Staff members can present at meetings and participate in organized rides, clean-ups or trail projects, land use meetings, or educational events.

2. Volunteers

The Campaign relies heavily on volunteers, beginning with a volunteer Board of Directors and Steering Committee. The Board of Directors attends regularly scheduled evening meetings on their own time and volunteers to help with individual projects. Many individual volunteers are utilized during outreach events and stewardship projects statewide.

3. Agency Partnership and Assistance

Many U.S. Forest Service Ranger Districts, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and BLM Field Offices throughout Colorado rely on the Stay The Trail campaign to help them with on-the-ground trailhead and event education. Outreach events and stewardship projects around the State are scheduled at the request of and in cooperation with local land management offices.

4. Non-Motorized Interest Groups

Many of the Stay The Trail Campaign's tools and resources directly apply to non-motorized forms of outdoor recreation on public lands. Non-motorized recreation organizations and environmental groups from within the State and nationally are actively solicited for their input and knowledge. Stewardship projects are often completed in cooperation with non-motorized interest groups. The Stay the Trail campaign highly encourages the concept of respected multiple-use recreation.

5. Additional Funding and Support

Additional program funding comes from individual, group, and club donations. In many cases, these donations are often directly tied to event interactions. Other grant awards and Stewardship Sponsorships have been secured from OHV and 4x4 industry members. The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management also contribute semi-regularly. The board of directors continually looks for additional funding sources outside the State OHV grant process, including building partnerships with outdoor product businesses and OHV/4x4 industries.

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

(25 points):

The core efforts of the Stay The Trail program include on-ground education and event attendance, promotion of stewardship on our public lands, and the mitigation of the negative impacts. This effort aids in protecting natural resources by fostering an educated and responsible community of OHV enthusiasts. Resources are protected when users consistently follow the guidelines and recommendations in the program's educational messaging. The following are some of the critical messages consistently reinforced and delivered through various means:

- Stay (on) The Trail
- Keep your wheels where they belong
- Don't Leave a Mark in Taylor Park
- Love the Loop – Keep of Alpine Tundra
- In Colorado, We Stay The Trail
- Get Dirty, Rock N Roll, Get Over It, Whoop It Up, No Short Cuts, Stay In Line, Stay On Course, Be Sensitive
- Stick It or Ticket, Colorado Off-Highway-Vehicle Sticker Required by Law
- Mind the signs
- Mind the width/Know your width
- Know before you go
- When in town, Throttle Down
- Don't Pummel the Tundra
- Tires are for the Trail, Keep of Alpine Tundra
- Pack it out
- Share the trail
- Hunting with your OHV – Know the rules
- The start of the hunt is the end of the ride
- No short cuts
- Know where to ride your OHV legally
- Register your ride
- Take it slow
- Play Nice
- Mind your sound -keep it down
- Teach your kids to ride responsibly

The Campaign's stewardship projects, land use days, clean-up runs, and partner projects produce results on the ground, which enhance and often restore specific OHV areas. The volunteer stewardship programs facilitated by the Stay the Trail program include those that work to protect resources through fencing, signage, new mapping kiosks and trail maintenance. Enhancement is achieved through working with clubs, groups, and local agencies to provide sustainable trail systems which provide an opportunity and challenge for riders and drivers of all backgrounds. Restoration efforts to fix and mitigate resource damage from irresponsible use will help to define sustainable routes through regeneration of native vegetation and by protecting the natural beauty that draws outdoor recreation enthusiasts from around the world to our State's trail systems.

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

The Stay The Trail Campaign employs many tools to reduce interpersonal user conflicts and improve adherence to OHV Travel Management regulations and designations. Following are some of the tools:

Educational Trailers— The Campaign utilizes two educational trailers to staff events and trailheads around the State. Both are wrapped with eye-catching graphics and outfitted inside with various educational materials and maps. Staff and volunteers have direct contact with OHV enthusiasts and other recreationists in the field. Various OHVs participate in club events, allowing the staff to get out and make on-trail contacts.

Tents and Banners – The Campaign also has "easy-up" tents and banners that can be utilized with or separate from the trailers, increasing exposure and total outreach opportunities at any given time.

Web Site— staythetrail.org has become a preferred one-stop-shopping source for OHV information by enthusiasts all over the country. STT is continually updating the website to meet the newest ever-changing needs of the OHV community.

Social Media— We use social media such as Facebook and Instagram to interact with the public and highlight, communicate, and echo the stewardship messages and opportunities of Stay The Trail. STT has increased our reach by sharing our partners' accomplishments and agency updates.

Sound Testing -Sound testing continues to be conducted at field events throughout the State as a free service for users and enthusiasts. There has been a decrease in the need for sound testing of machines, but Stay The Trail still offers this service when requested. Recently, a new sound issue has come up: vehicle sound systems. Usually, on SxSs, these sound systems are used in marine applications and are very loud, causing complaints. We are working on a solution to mitigate this issue.

Brochures/Printed Materials—Several unique brochures have been developed to promote responsible recreation in a user-friendly format. Titles include off-highway guidelines for Motorized Vehicles, 4-Wheel Drive Vehicles, All-Terrain Vehicles and Side-By-Sides, Motorcycles, OHV Opportunities on public roads in CO, Trails Open to Full-Size Vehicles in CO, and Courteous Use of Motorized Trails. A new brochure, Rocky Mountain Terrain, focuses on sensitive ecosystems in CO, such as Alpine Tundra and Wetlands. Various inserts also communicate changes in state and federal laws. The map, brochures, and youth activity book are now available in Spanish to help communicate with the Spanish-speaking community.

Youth Outreach – The youth activity and coloring book was developed in 2013 and is an excellent educational tool for reaching youth. The book has received updates regularly and was designed for parents and children to read. Additionally, a full-size mascot costume was added in 2014. Named ROHVER, the mascot mirrors the cartoon figure in the kid's activity and coloring book. New in 2017 and redesigned and rebuilt by the Boy Scouts in early 2023 is the "RC Challenge Course." The course was designed and built as an interactive attraction to engage kids and teach them the importance of "Staying On The Trail." Kids get the opportunity to drive a 1/25 scale Remote Control (RC) 4x4 vehicle to negotiate obstacles on a simulated OHV trail. The trail features a log crossing, bridge, whoops, rocks, water/stream crossing, switchbacks, animals, and a sensitive area. These were modeled after STT Guidelines illustrated in our "Motorized Vehicles" brochure. Teaching youth the fundamentals of good land and OHV ethics will positively impact the next generation of recreation enthusiasts.

Posters – Posters help visually convey the messages of stewardship and ethics. These are provided to the land management agencies for placement near popular OHV areas and in OHV businesses.

Maps – The Colorado OHV Opportunities Map was initially developed and printed in 2009; the most recent revisions were completed in late 2020. Agency field offices, State welcome centers, OHV dealers, cities, towns, and others are provided copies of the map for public distribution. The information on the printed maps is mirrored and "live" on the website. The up-to-date Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) published by the Forest Service and new BLM Travel Management maps are hosted on the website. Information on the Colorado Trail Explorer (COTREX) mapping app has also been added to our mapping information on the Stay The Trail website and social media sites to inform people of Colorado's interactive free mapping option.

Smartphone Applications – The Stay The Trail program has made USFS and BLM official travel maps available on the free mobile mapping application Avenza. We also promote CPW's COTREX app in multiple ways. Stay The Trail provides links and directions for users to download and use these apps easily.

Static and Mobile Billboards - During the past six seasons, numerous static billboards promoted the Stay The Trail message along popular Colorado highways. Two mobile billboards were implemented in 2010 with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. In 2019, STT purchased two additional mobile billboards, which are now in Taylor Park and around the State. This has effectively doubled our mobile advertising efforts.

This project is very consistent with the long-range plans of the land management agencies. Agency field personnel have come to rely heavily on the hands-on field presence of the Stay The Trail program to assist them in their directed educational efforts. They often schedule the educational trailers a year in advance. OHV Clubs have also utilized the program to educate their members at club meetings and events.

Education

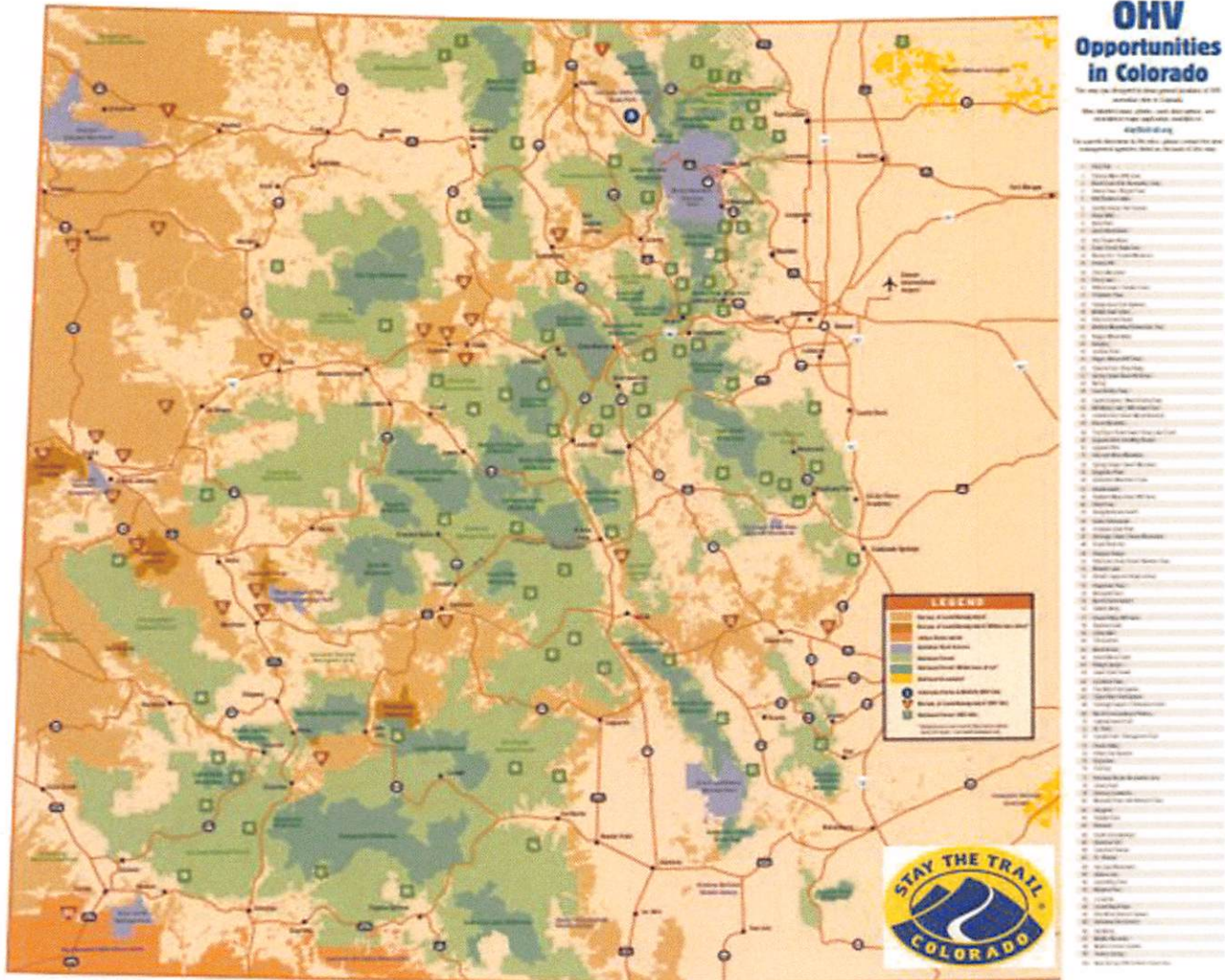
Stay The Trail's primary focus is education and direct delivery of our core message. The STT program and our on-ground, direct-user education method have been established as a nationally recognized effort. The program undergoes an annual strategic review by the Board of Directors alongside all critical stakeholders, including agency representatives, to determine the efficiency and reach of the message. Changes or improvements deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors and Steering Committee are implemented yearly.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities:

We believe education and stewardship are the keys to improving compliance with OHV regulations and designations. Education is one of the 4E's of recreation management. Most users contacted in the field have expressed a willingness to do the right thing and operate their OHVs responsibly on public lands. They need accurate and complete information to help and guide them. The Stay The Trail Campaign puts information directly in the hands of the enthusiasts through various educational tools described previously in this application. Responsible riding/driving techniques and official travel maps provide essential tools for compliance. Continued visitor contacts and social media and marketing efforts continue to reinforce the message.

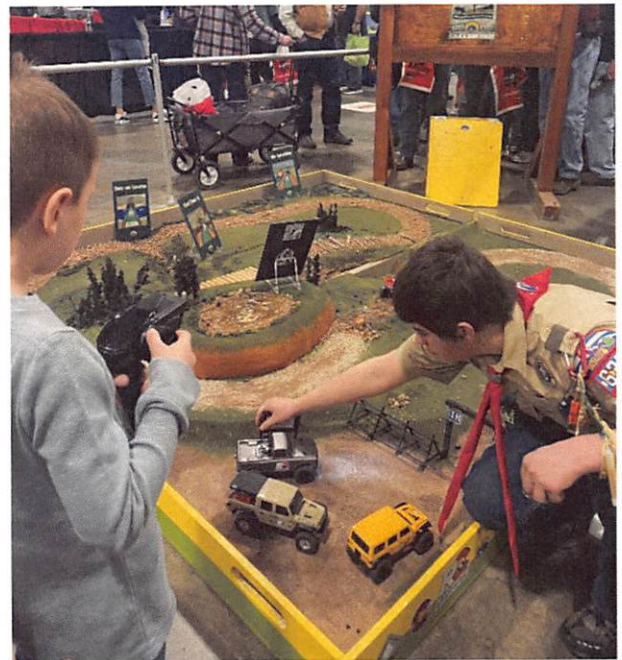
E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

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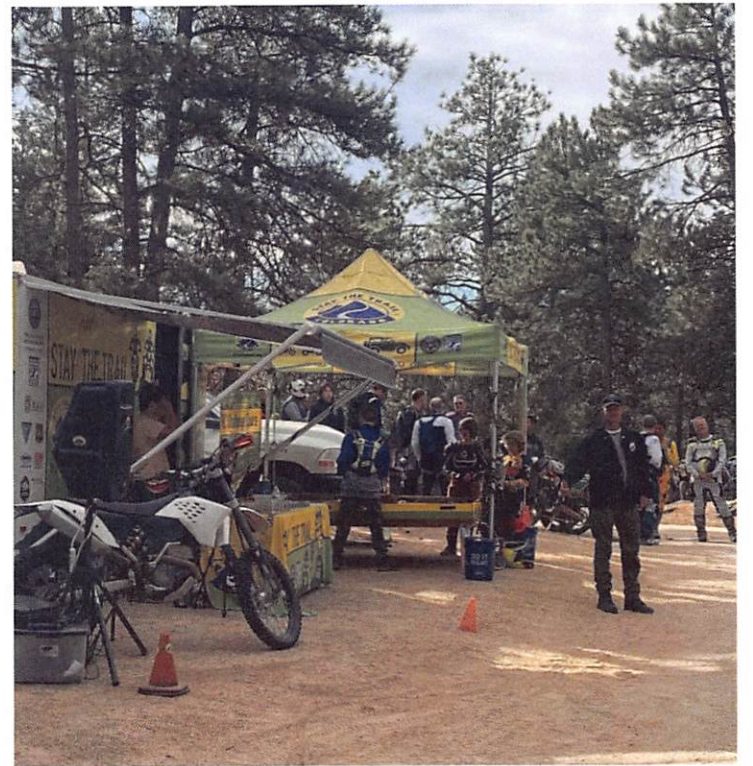


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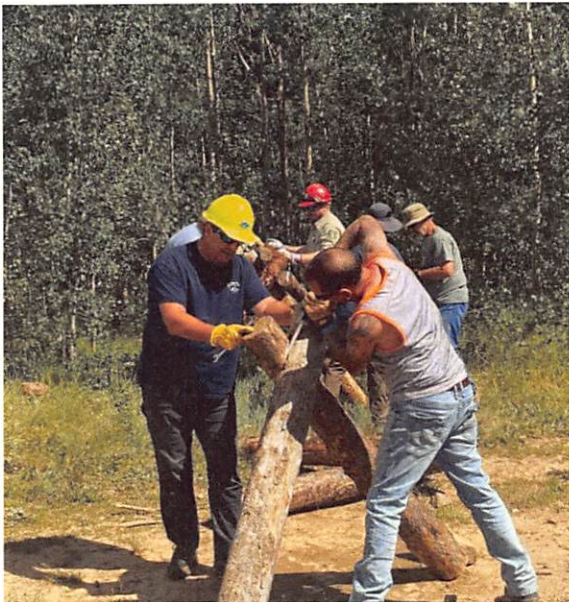


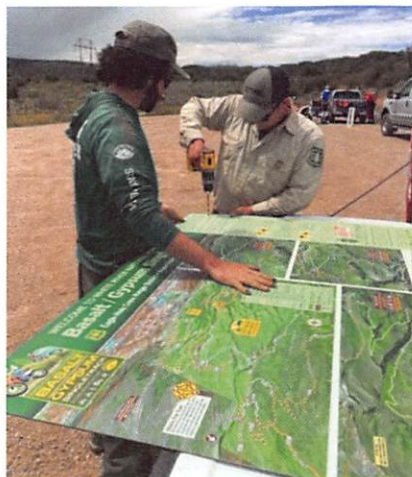


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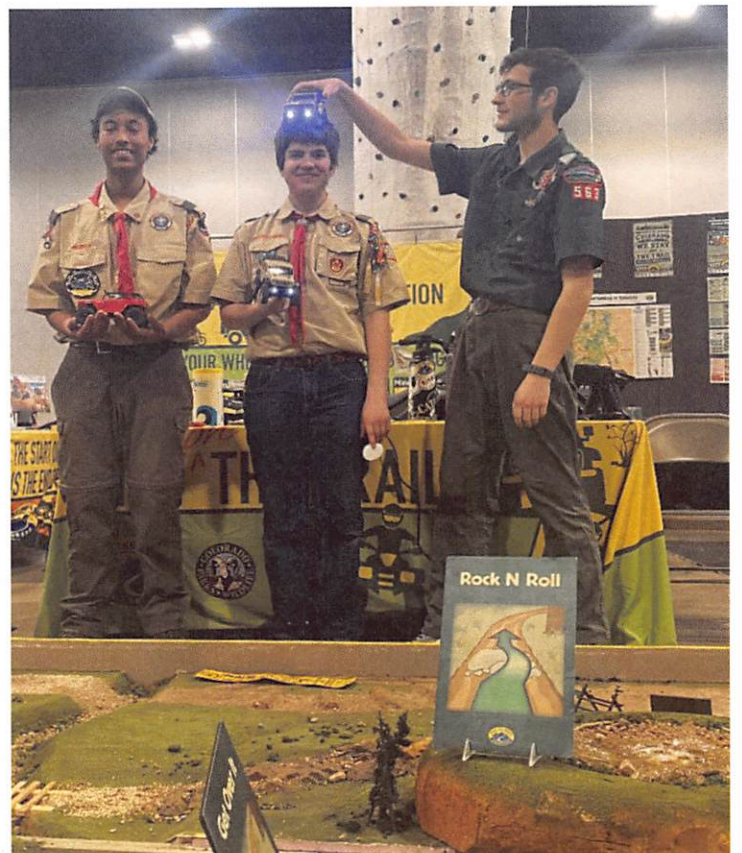
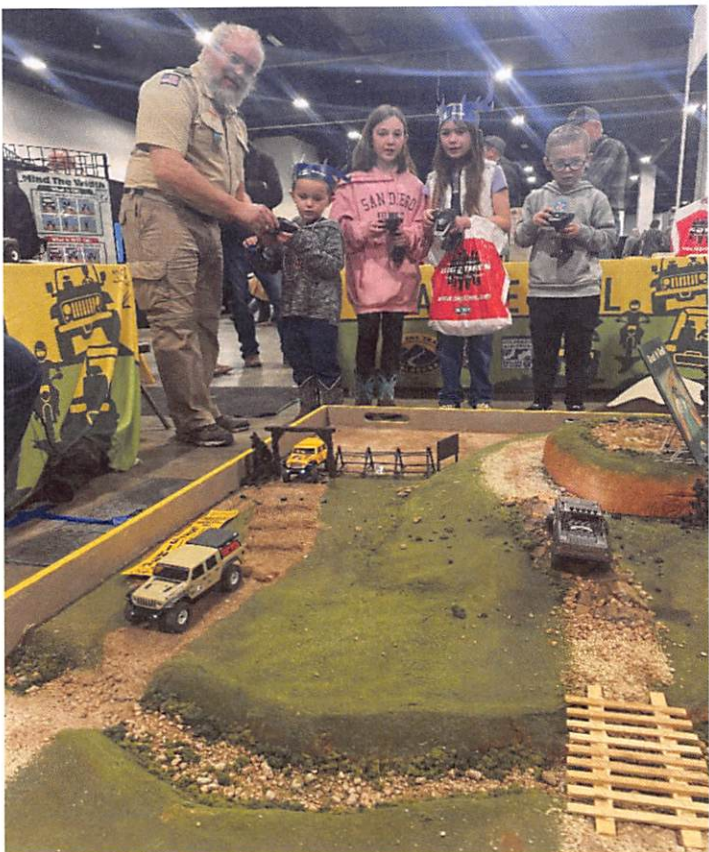






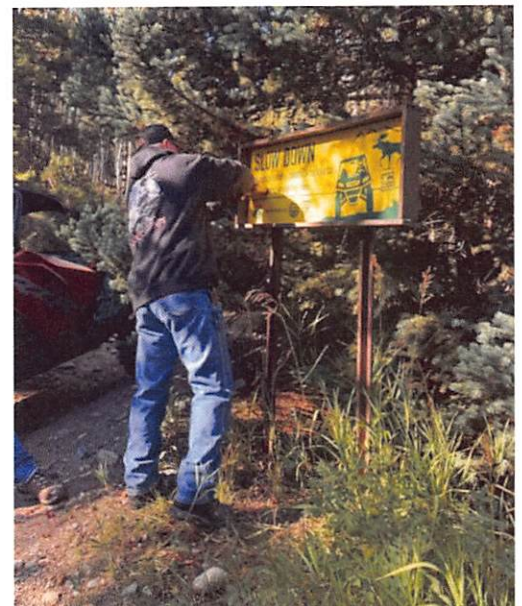


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(G) Letters of Project Support



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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Eagle Holy-Cross Ranger District fully supports Stay the Trail- Education & Stewardship Alliance in their grant application for 2025.

Stay the Trail plays a significant role in public education and stewardship on public lands. Annually, the district has hosted outreach days with Stay the Trail at our OHV staging areas in the Basalt to Gypsum area. At these outreach days, we discuss important topics such as the benefit of the State registration sticker program, trail etiquette and why we have seasonal closure dates for wildlife on our trail systems. Having Stay the Trail join us at trailheads is a fun and interactive way to connect with the OHV community and we believe trail users walk away with a better understanding of how they can recreate responsibly.

In 2023, Stay the Trail spearheaded a new OHV centric kiosk panel project for the Basalt to Gypsum Motorized singletrack system on the Eagle/Holy Cross and Aspen/Sopris Districts. Working with district staff and two motorized clubs, new panels were developed that were modern and easier for the OHV user to utilize. This past summer, we were able to implement our work and install all three signs and one new kiosk with Stay the Trail and motorized club volunteers. Our motorized clubs are in support of the work we have done and have been directly involved in helping the process along.

We fully support Stay the Trail and their work on our district and look forward to many more opportunities for outreach and projects whether that is on our district or across the state. The Eagle Holy-Cross Ranger District respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration for Stay the Trail grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Mike Smith
Acting District Ranger





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November 17, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
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LETTER OF SUPPORT STAY THE TRAIL EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP ALLIANCE GRANT PROPOSAL

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office (GFO) manages several world class off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail systems including Hartman Rocks Recreation Area and the Alpine Loop Scenic Byway. Each year these trail systems attract visitors from all over the world to recreate by dirt bike, ATV, UTV and, 4x4 vehicles. Hartman Rocks encompasses over 50 miles of mixed-use motorized single track while the Alpine Loop has hundreds of miles of 4x4 roads that traverse the rugged San Juan mountains. Part of our motorized recreation mission at the GFO is to promote responsible use of OHVs within our trail systems.

A critical partner aligned with GFO's OHV management objectives is the Stay the Trail Education & Stewardship Alliance. The "Stay The Trail" program offers educational services and materials to land management agencies, OHV and OHV accessory dealers, educational and community institutions, and the general public. Throughout the season, the Stay The Trail program has provided support and partnership to the GFO OHV trail crew to facilitate multiple outreach events. These events enable the public to engage with us as land managers while providing a positive approach to the management of OHV use that includes educating the public of the rules and regulations governing such use.

In addition, the GFO appreciates the invaluable assistance the Stay The Trail program has provided during the 4th of July event at Animas Forks and at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Gunnison Area office during hunting season. The guidance and resources provided promote responsible off-roading that in turn facilitates the conservation of the environment, the public's adherence to rule and regulations, the safety of participants, and ultimately helps ensure continued access for OHV users across our public lands.

Stay the Trail has not only been an excellent partner but has also provided expert insight as to how our office can efficiently communicate important information to the public. The expertise and dedication exhibited by the Stay The Trail program has significantly eased the burden on our resources, allowing us to better focus on our core responsibilities while knowing that responsible OHV recreation is being advocated for and practiced effectively.

As you evaluate grant applications pertaining to OHV recreation, I urge you to consider the essential role that the Stay The Trail program plays in supporting the Gunnison Field Office's mission in providing a safe and well-managed OHV experience to the public land users. Their continued support and collaboration are essential in achieving a balance between recreational enjoyment and environmental conservation on our public lands.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support for Stay The Trail 2024-2025 OHV Grant Program Application

Dear Mr. Metsa, Mrs. Smiley, and fellow members of the OHV Grant Subcommittee:

I am the Central States Representative for the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and would like to offer our support for Stay The Trail's (STT) 2024-2025 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program application. Stay the Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance is a 501(c)(3) committed to reinforce and highlight responsible OHV use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use to minimize resource damage on public land.

The AMA Board of Directors has adopted a position supporting responsible recreational access to public lands for the use of off-highway vehicles, including off-highway motorcycles, dual-sport motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles. This access should be administered by professional land managers to meet the needs of participants, protect the land, and promote responsible use. Additionally, The AMA supports actions by land managers and agencies that increase quality OHV recreational opportunities. This includes increases in trail mileage (and quality of the experience), maintenance of trails, and the development of trailhead and trailside amenities and facilities.

STT offers important educational services and materials to land management agencies, OHV and OHV accessory dealers, educational and community institutions, and the general public. However, current materials are primarily offered in English due to feasibility and cost. Language barriers continue to be a primary challenge Stay The Trail faces in communicating safe and responsible OHV access to the public.

The AMA strongly urges Colorado Parks & Wildlife and the OHV Grant Subcommittee to approve grant funding in order that Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance can continue to expand educational services and materials to meet the diverse needs of Colorado OHV users.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Sands

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November 6th, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. With great pleasure, I write this letter of support for the Stay the Trail (STT) Program's grant application for the 2024-2025 season. Juniper is honored to be considered for the opportunity to express our strong endorsement of their invaluable efforts in promoting responsible OHV use and preserving the natural beauty of Colorado.

The Stay the Trail Program plays a pivotal role in advocating for responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, which is crucial for maintaining the pristine landscapes of our State. The partnership between Juniper and STT has been a source of pride for us, as we share a common goal of ensuring the sustainability and safety of OHV recreation in Colorado.

Our collaborative efforts with STT have been both meaningful and productive. Together, we have organized and participated in numerous events that aim to educate OHV enthusiasts about the importance of responsible usage and environmental stewardship. These events have promoted fundamental principles, such as staying on designated trails, reducing resource damage, and fostering a sense of responsibility among all OHV recreationists.

One of the most significant accomplishments of our partnership has been our joint trail clean-up initiatives. These events have raised awareness about responsible OHV use and made a tangible impact on our public lands. By actively engaging in trail maintenance and clean-up activities, we have demonstrated our commitment to preserving the natural beauty of Colorado and ensuring that future generations can enjoy these pristine landscapes.

The Stay the Trail Program's dedication to its mission is evident in the positive changes it has brought to the OHV community in Colorado. By fostering a culture of responsibility and stewardship among OHV enthusiasts, STT has made a lasting impact on the State. Their efforts extend far beyond the duration of any single project, and they are actively working to create a statewide culture of responsible OHV use that will endure for years to come.

As a successful 4x4 business in Colorado, we firmly believe in the value of the STT program and the positive changes it has initiated in the OHV community. We are confident that the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Off-High Vehicle Grant Program will significantly benefit from supporting the Stay the Trail Program's ongoing

initiatives, and we encourage the subcommittee to consider their grant application with utmost consideration.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require further information or assistance in the application process. We understand the importance of this grant and are committed to helping STT secure the support it needs to continue its valuable work.

Sincerely,

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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members:

Please accept this letter in support for Stay The Trails grant request for their continued funding. Stay The Trail organization is an asset and a fundamental tool utilized for all statewide OHV crews. Their skills and knowledge of natural resource management, trail etiquette, and educational/public outreach is imperative to help encourage proper and sustainable trail usage. With their partnership and participation running events, assisting with volunteer workdays, constant communication with Forest Service staff, and ability to assist OHV crews; Stay The Trails has demonstrated their commitment and responsibility for caring for the land and the longevity of the OHV programs statewide.

During the off-season Stay The Trail (STT) provided assistance with planning and coordinating meetings with the state's first Side by Side club organization to reconfirm their commitment. The continuation for funding is imperative, allowing STT to provide support, assistance, and guidance for new user groups and club organizations during winter months. Stay The Trail and Clear Creek Ranger District (CCRD) conducted monthly meetings on how to generate more involvement from club organizations, created bi-lingual OHV signs, and discussed the critical elements needed to make users safe, compliant, and well versed in proper trail usage.

This year with the help of Stay the Trail the CCRD OHV crew was able to make roughly 1,700 visitor contacts, worked with clubs in the field maintaining our routes, held public outreach programs, and coordinated events such as the Mile Hi's All For Fun held in Empire, CO. Stay The Trail organized booth locations to effectively disseminate information to hundreds of users while planning and assisting in a large group fence building project on FSR 175.1 (upper ball field) to help mitigate illegal user created routes in the area.

The Clear Creek Ranger District looks forward to our continued partnership with Stay The Trail and the work providing visitors with proper OHV user and safety information.

Sincerely,

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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Focus on the Forest (FoF) is a nonprofit of 100% volunteers that is dedicated to cleaning up our National Forests using alternative solutions to motivate & enable communities to keep our public lands clean and safe. We have a 3 phase program to address problem areas that has been working for FoF for over 7 years. The ongoing support from Stay The Trail has been an integral part in our success.

Phase 1 is to do a mass cleanup of a problem area. Primarily, these areas are dispersed camping and OHV riding areas. We can have up to 200 volunteers from the community show up and Stay The Trail has been there to share information with everyone while pitching in during the cleanup. We frequently encounter campers and people just passing by that want to know what we are doing and it is great to have Stay the Trail on site to pass additional details of how to safely enjoy and protect our forests.

Phase 2 is educating the public. Each area is different and requires different education and methods. Sometimes the education is needed on site, and other times it is through programs we do out in the community. Stay The Trail has again been there to expand on what we share.

Phase 3 is maintenance/hotspot cleanups in an area. This phase increases awareness out in the field and is invaluable in the process. Having Stay The Trail there has a large impact on public awareness.

The results we have seen are that the public using the camping areas and OHV trails begin to take responsibility for the areas they are enjoying and reduce the need for our efforts. We have focused on Pike National Forest and are now able to expand into surrounding areas. We will continue to work in conjunction with Stay The Trail as our collaborative efforts definitely have the greatest impact.

Eve Woody

Director / CoFounder

(H) (Good Management or reoccurring crews)

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

The Stay the Trail Program will continue our work towards helping solve unique OHV based issues that arise from new OHV specific technology and an increase in users. We have put a lot of our resources into monitoring areas around Colorado and creating partnerships with local governments to ensure positive behavior by the OHV community. Our overall plan for the 2024 season will include these five areas of continued development:

1. City and County outreach and work to solve unique user problems statewide.
2. Large groups of OHV users that can overwhelm an area.
3. Informal OHV based events planned for public land locations.
4. Multicultural outreach across the state during the season.
5. Dispersed camping information to notify users of new regulations happening statewide.

Additional Letters of Support



November 11th, 2023

OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

I am the Founder of Colorado 4x4 Girls, a Colorado-based 4x4 club which offers the female enthusiast a no-pressure environment to get out on the trails and learn new skills.

In 2018, Stay the Trail helped Colorado 4x4 Girls adopt trails through the Adopt-A-Road program in Clear Creek County. They provided all the information needed to get in contact with the Forest Service and start the adoption process. We work diligently every year to clean and maintain these areas, and that would not have been possible without the guidance we received from Stay the Trail. Colorado 4x4 Girls now has SIX forest roads adopted and we put in over 700 volunteer hours every single year maintaining them.

We work with STT on projects throughout the State- Fence building, clean ups and kiosk/signage building and placement to name just a few. They spend countless hours educating all outdoor recreational groups on trail etiquette and responsible use of our public lands. This year we worked with Stay the Trail at 14erFest, All 4 Fun and at several other public facing events such as the SSportsman'sExpo- an event that brings hunters, bikers, hikers, shooters and OHV users together. Stay the Trail has also quickly become one of the top educational assets the outdoor community has. They work on trail projects all over the State, and are the go-to for offroaders to learn etiquette, safety, laws and general information about the beautiful trails our State has to offer.

Our forests and trails have seen a huge uptick in recreational activity since COVID. Stay the Trail educates more users than ever through all of their outreach projects interacting with the public. They have had an incredible impact on social media platforms as well. There has been a shift in attitude throughout the OHV community on the need to take care of our lands, and most importantly, STAYING THE TRAIL. STT is a reference for those looking for more info on how to get involved in the important work needed on our lands.. Their online presence alone makes Stay the Trail an important resource in Colorado.

Please consider Stay the Trail as a recipient of the crucial funds needed to keep doing the incredible work they do. I couldn't think of a more deserving organization.

Thank you for your time.

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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The BLM, Royal Gorge Field Office (RGFO) is pleased to support the referenced application for an Off-Highway Vehicle grant submitted by Stay The Trail. The proposed grant would provide continued funding for uniform signage on motorized trails and roads designated on public lands as well as educating OHV recreationists in responsible use.

Through a statewide agreement with Stay The Trail, RGFO has benefitted from this partnership as the OHV market and sport has expanded at an exponential rate bringing more 4x4, side by side, motorcycle, and ATV visitors to all public lands. STT education efforts and presence on public lands facilitates our efforts in education and trail etiquette messaging.

RGFO most recent project goals have been to upgrade kiosk maps at our OHV area trailheads. Stay the Trail has designed a user-friendly map for Texas Creek, and Yansing Gulch. These map panels were installed at both sites. Two more area map projects are underway to upgrade Seep Springs and Penrose to the new design. We are also collaborating on reaching a diversity of visitors through bilingual signs.

The combination of user-friendly maps and education enhances the visitor experience. Stay The Trail's assistance is key to supporting the RGFO in providing quality riding areas to the public. I encourage you to look favorably on their grant request so they can continue to implement this beneficial program, as it benefits all members of the OHV riding community.

Sincerely,

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November 15, 2023

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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

As avid responsible OHV enthusiasts, we are witnessing a dramatic increase in usage recently of our public lands. With such an increase, irresponsible usage is on the rise and the most effective way to reduce this behavior is through education and good stewardship. The Rising Sun 4x4 club and many other OHV clubs in the community fully support the efforts of Stay The Trail and their diligence in providing education and information to the public. Working with regional forest service offices, we have partnered with STT to keep adopted trails free of trash and help provide needed upkeep. Education outreach and responsible usage information distribution provided at large scale events like Overland Expo and International Sportsmen Expo reaches vast numbers of public users not just OHV, in addition to smaller local events that connect with enthusiasts on a personal level. In conclusion, As one of the largest Toyota Land Cruiser Association chapters in the United States, we, Rising Sun 4x4 club of Colorado, fully support the Stay The Trail organization in its vital role in our public lands.

Thank you for your time

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OHV Grant Selection Subcommittee
Colorado State Parks OHV Program
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Re: Stay the Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay the Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

The Gunnison Ranger District is proud to say we have worked with the Stay the Trail organization since the organization's inception. We average working side by side with them at events 3 times a year. We have set up Education booths with them in Taylor Park, Cement Creek, near Pitkin and at locations in the City of Gunnison for fall Big Game Hunter Education days. Our Good Management Trail Crew Leader Lora Schmillen has also accompanied Sam Logan from Stay the Trail on OHV patrols in Taylor Park educating diverse OHV users.

They have also parked two of their Stay the Trail Education billboard trailers the past few summers in Taylor Park along Gunnison County road 209, Cottonwood Pass road and just below Tincup, Colorado on Forest road 765. Both are located on the National Forest.

These endeavors on our Ranger District have made a difference with regards to user behavior and ethics and on how to use and enjoy Public Lands in general. Of note would be Stay the Trails presence at the annual RZR Rally held in Taylor Park in August.

We also plan to work on a map and education kiosk near the Taylor Park Trading Post in the future with Stay the Trail. In conclusion, the Gunnison Ranger District is in full support of the Stay the Trail-Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay the Trail) Grant Proposal. We wish to see their program and stewardship of Public Lands continue!

Sincerely,

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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear OHV Sub-Committee Members,

I am writing you in support of the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal. Stay The Trail has been an invaluable resource to the Rampart Range OHV Crew and other motorized recreation areas of the South Platte Ranger District for years. Their approach to motorized recreation has cultivated a culture of responsible OHV use across the state and we have seen firsthand the results of their work. Their presence during numerous work parties and recreation events has resulted in educating riders to be good stewards of public lands and respect for our natural resources.

In the short time I have been in my current position, the Rampart OHV crew has partnered with Stay the Trail on nearly a dozen work party trail projects and recreation events held at the Rampart Range, as well as visitor contact and education days held in the areas of our high-country routes, primarily with the full-size Four-Wheel Drive user group. They have consistently discussed responsible OHV use and how to minimize resource damage on public lands.

Stay The Trail has proposed removing a billboard trailer located at the Indian Creek Work Center and replacing it with permanent in-ground panels that would help promote responsible OHV use.

We appreciate the critical work that Stay The Trail does to promote the safety and advancement of OHV use across Colorado while protecting the natural environment we all enjoy. Please consider approving the Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance Grant Proposal and reach out to me if you have any questions or need more information. I can be reached at 303-275-5626 or at marc.grandia@usda.gov.

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Re: Stay The Trail – Education & Stewardship Alliance (Stay The Trail) Grant Proposal

Dear Tom Metsa and OHV Sub-Committee Members,

Stay the Trail has partnered with the Pikes Peak Ranger District for many years. This year Sam, Ryan, and the Organization have been exceptional in their work with the district supporting both staff, volunteers, clubs, and being the driving education force for the public that recreates here. Stay the Trail has provided numerous outreach events which our crew was able to help assist with at our very popular OHV trailheads. Throughout the last year they have participated in multiple work parties, frequent trail workdays, installing signage, fencing, and major trash clean-up projects. In addition to partnering with the Pikes Peak Ranger District recreation crew, they have been involved with many other groups in the area including Focus on the Forest and the RRM.MC. Additionally, they have helped educate when we are opening or closing gates and changing signage for seasonal closures and have been a great way to get this information to the public through the use of social media. Stay the trail has and continues to be a valuable asset to educate our forest users on etiquette and safety while enjoying our many OHV opportunities on the Pike National Forest. In addition to the many days working together they have also provided an invaluable resource by being out solo on our district patrolling, talking to users, and communicating issues to the district that they have encounter such as trail maintenance needs or washouts. They supported several ATV and UTV trainings that the PPRD provided to Forest Service employees from 3 districts and the Boy Scouts of America. These were held at a popular trailhead and having Ryan there to educate the public as to what we were doing and why led to very positive encounters while much of the trailhead space was taken up during these trainings. Stay the Trail was invited to help with education and public safety along roadways this fall during the largest prescribed burn on the district in over 20 years. This impacted motorized routes for several days and the ability to have another voice educating users that wasn't an agency person was well received from the public and highly supported around the local community. Myself and The Pikes Peak Ranger District Strongly encourage the continued support to Stay the Trail and I personally complement the work that Sam and Ryan have and continue to do for the OHV community.

Sincerely,

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