

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

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Name of Project: Nelson's Trail 672 Maintenance	Date of Application: 12/1/2023
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(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)

Total Project Cost: \$68,635 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$66,000 <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: Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 38006, Colorado Springs, CO 80937

Telephone: 719 440-8038 Email: president@cmtrail.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: Mark Miquelon Title: President

Mailing Address: 12955 Thiebaud Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Telephone: 719 440-8038 Email: miquelon15@yahoo.com

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: Lisa Copeland Title: Treasurer

Mailing Address: 4940 Wezel Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Telephone: 719 339-8283 Email: treasurer@cmtrail.org

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

Name: Title:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Email:

PROJECT LOCATION	
Nearest Town or City: Colorado Springs	
County(ies): El Paso	
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Nelson's Trail, 672	
Township/Range/Section: Pikes Peak National Forest, Nelson's Trail #672 can be accessed <u>FS Road 381</u> via <u>Gold Camp Road</u> or from <u>St. Mary's Trail</u>	
State Senate District #: 12	State Representative District #: 18
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): <u>USFS</u>	
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)	
Miles of Singletrack: <u>2.5</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>0</u>
Miles of Full-sized: <u>0</u>	
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)	
<input type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> Side x Side
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4	
<input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access	
PROJECT INFORMATION (Please check all activities that apply to this project.) Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Signs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning
<input 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 100%	Program maintenance (e.g., erosion controls, water bars and culverts, trail clearing and brushing, trail hardening and trail tread repairs, bridge construction and repairs, trailhead improvements and maintenance, crew wages, etc.)
	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
	Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Nelson’s Trail 672 Maintenance	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: USFS Pikes Peak Ranger District	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Chadwick Jones	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$68,635	Grant Request: \$66,000

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.)

Since 1972, the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association has been the premier advocate for motorcycle trail riders in the Pikes Peak and Southern Colorado region. CMTRA works with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to maintain access to multi-use trails and open new trails. We obtain grants through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV program that provide funding for trail construction and maintenance.

Over the years, CMTRA has held numerous workdays on multi-use trails in the Pikes Peak region, such as Captain Jacks/Jones Park and 717 trail systems. CMTRA has obtained over \$250,000 in grants from the CPW OHV program. All of these funds have gone towards tools, materials and labor to maintain motorized trails in our region.

Trail 672 within the Pikes Peak Ranger District offers some of the most challenging single-track motorcycle riding in the immediate vicinity of Colorado Springs. The difficulty in reaching and riding this trail has led to significant deterioration over recent years. The trail was specifically observed by USFS personnel in 2023 and their report was “It needs serious work, as there is much braiding, water ruts, and a lot of rocks interfering with identifiable trail lines. We rode up the west side from Frosty’s and down the east side to FS381. Both sides need attention.”

Work will be done by hand, potentially utilizing multiple contractors familiar with USFS standards of work. The end goal is to maintain the level of difficulty offered by these trails while restoring a rideable and identifiable single-track trail line with appropriate safety supports in place.

Program Funding Acknowledgement –

Prior to work commencing, CMTRA will install a signs at both Frosty’s and FS381 intersection identifying funds provided by the OHV grant program and *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo.

Budget Form

Project Name: Nelsons 672 Maintenance

Date Project will be Completed: 12/31/25

Project Sponsor: Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association

*****ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) IN YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.*** (Round amounts off to nearest dollar)**

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES <small>List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section (insert additional lines if needed)</small>	CASH	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	TOTAL
OHV Grant Funding (amount of requested OHV grant funds only)	\$ 66,000		\$ 66,000.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -		\$ -
CMTRA Volunteer hours (124 hours @ \$21.25/hour)	\$ -	\$ 2,635	\$ 2,635.00
Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
USE OF GRANT FUNDING	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 68,635.00

List uses of grant funding (only) below

I. Personnel Costs				
<small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>				
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr			Total Cost
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
<small>For CMN use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	#DIV/0!		Category Total	\$ -
II. Project Materials/Supplies				
<small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>				
Sign to identify planning is in process	Price Per	Quantity	Total	
	\$ 500.00	2	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 1,000.00
III. Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Tractor Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
III.A. FLEET Equipment				
<small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>				
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
IV. Contracted Services				
<small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>				
Maintenance - hand work	\$ 65,000.00			\$ 65,000.00
	\$ -			\$ -
	\$ -			\$ -
			Category Total	\$ 65,000.00
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>				
				\$ -
				\$ -
			Category Total	\$ -
Total				\$ 66,000.00

Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name	Nelson's Trail 672 Maintenance	Project Sponsor	USFS Pikes Peak Ranger District
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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:

Pike & San Isabel National Forest – Land & Resource Management Plan	Date: 1984
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- 3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:

No NEPA Required

If a decision has not been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process, please state the reason why. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

For more information about the NEPA environmental review process, contact:

Samantha Gooch, Recreation Planner, 719-505-4044, samantha.gooch@usda.gov

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

Carl Bauer, District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Carl Bauer
Land Manager Signature and Title

11-29-2023
Date

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Carefully read and provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

All applicants must respond to the following selection criteria questions. You are allowed the space below each question to fill in your answer. If you have an answer that does not fill the entire page, do not feel obligated to fill the space. This application will be scored on a 100 point basis. The maximum number of points that can be awarded for each question is shown in parentheses. Each project will be reviewed by outside reviewers and State Trails staff, and projects will be ranked according to reviewer and staff scores. Failure to provide a response to any question (unless otherwise noted) will reduce your project's score. Please reference all attachments.

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

The USFS Pikes Peak Ranger District is adjacent to Colorado Springs, CO and provides some fantastic single-track riding opportunities. Among the most challenging trails to ride is 672 otherwise known as Nelson's Trail. This trail is relatively high elevation with Nelson's climbing to 10,980 feet. The elevation and difficulty of riding this single-track trail has resulted in minimal maintenance being done recently and the creation of much braiding, significant water ruts, and a lot of rocks interfering with identifiable trail lines.

Getting 672 back to a point where there is an identifiable trail line to ride and improving safety for riders in a couple areas (adding dab points) is good for the forest and for riders. A priority will be to do this while not decreasing the difficulty of this trail as it is known to be one of the few spots along the front range to provide an expert level riding experience. Close proximity to Colorado Springs and Denver metro areas make this trail a destination for experienced single-track riders.

This project is becoming urgent just due to the amount of use by both motorcycle and mountain bike traffic combined with the lack of maintenance in recent years. Riders from the USFS documented these findings while riding it during 2023, and CMTRA riders agree with the assessment. Providing OHV grant funds specifically for this trail maintenance will ensure there is focus here vs. working on more easily accessed trail within the district.

After this significant maintenance activity is completed, CMTRA will work closely with USFS to achieve a goal of keeping it in a rideable condition with a single identifiable trail line to ride.

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

CMTRA is working in conjunction with USFS Pikes Peak Ranger District staff to identify the need for this maintenance project as well as getting proper funds and contractors in place to implement it. We also anticipate volunteer hours from CMTRA and potentially local mountain bike clubs as in-kind contributions.

Specifically, CMTRA will solicit contract bids and select the contractor(s) to be awarded. We will provide regular observation and discussion with USFS on the type and quality of work being done. We will also install requisite signs on either end of the trail prior to work starting.

Given these trails are established and currently classified for OHV motorcycle use, we do not anticipate any controversy surrounding this activity. Trail will be kept within its existing footprint, removing need for additional NEPA activities.

As stated above, our anticipated total project cost is \$66,000 plus volunteer hours donated by CMTRA in the amount of \$2,635.

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

(25 points):

This project will promote protection, clean up, and rehabilitation of the Pikes Peak National Forest as it seeks to correct places in the existing trail where users are unsure where the specific trail resides and have created alternate paths.

Drainage and water-damaged areas will also be corrected as they are encountered. Contractors with knowledge of USFS standards of work will be specifically chosen and the USFS will monitor the work as it is being done.

Given the work is within the footprint of existing documented trail, there is no anticipated need to avoid sensitive environmental resources.

Indirect benefit of this work will be to non-motorized users of trails 672 and 673 (an out-and-back spur off of 672), including the annual Araviaipa "Ring the Springs" running races.

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

This project will enhance Travel Management within the Pikes Peak National Forest by creating a clear and distinguishable trail for riders to follow as they navigate Trail 672. Today there are many sections of trail 672 that have been braided by riders who could not identify a consistent trail to ride. There are also sections where rocks and other obstacles have made the trail un-ridable and require attention. Re-creating a single trail line throughout will be a benefit to riders and will also enable re-vegetation on adjacent areas that may currently be ridden. All of this work will target putting the trail back to where it was originally mapped and created and keeping riders off of braids recently created.

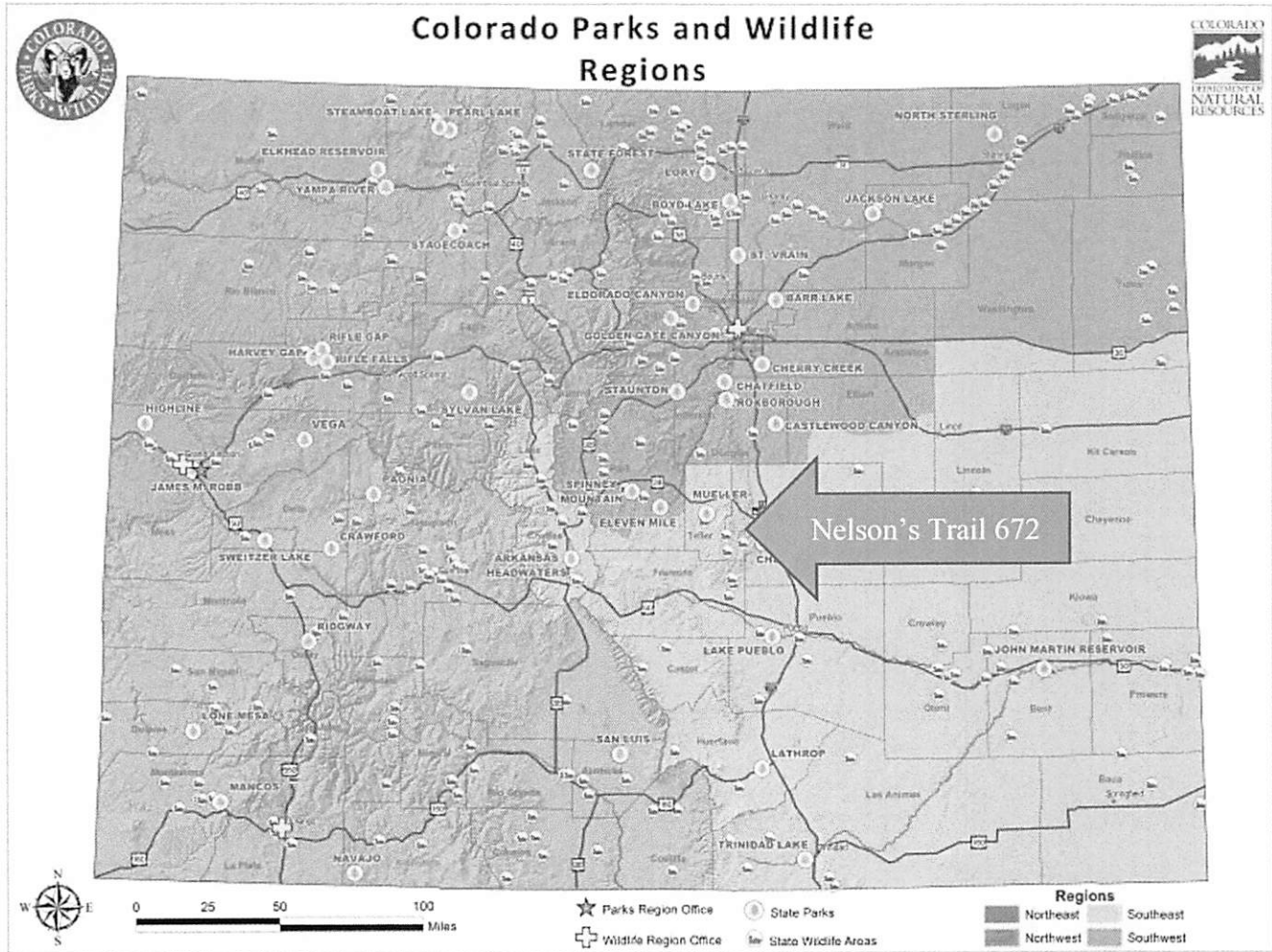
Improvements made to Trail 672 will also benefit non-motorized users of Trail 673 as they summit Mt. Rosa.

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

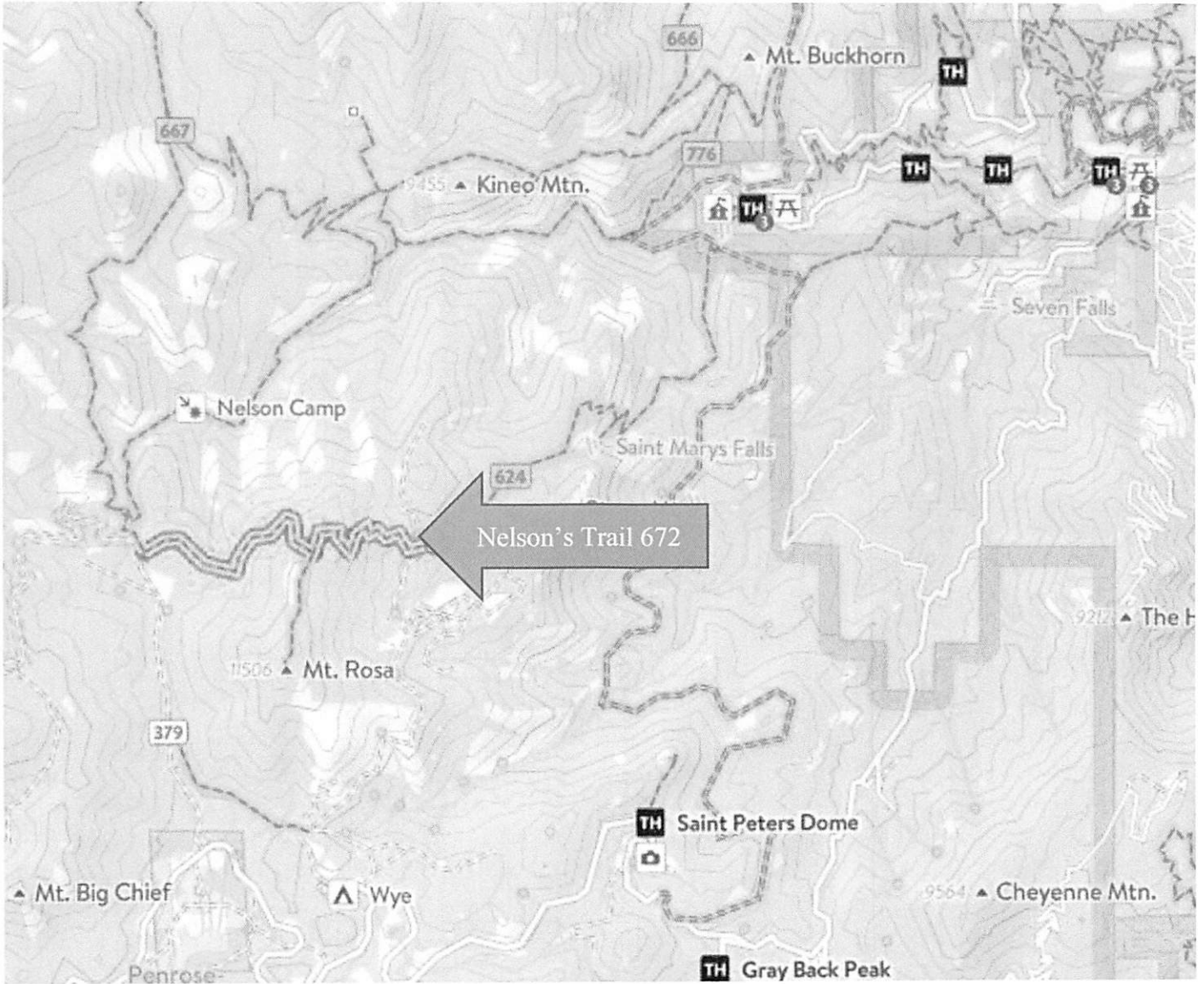
Maps being requested include:

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

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



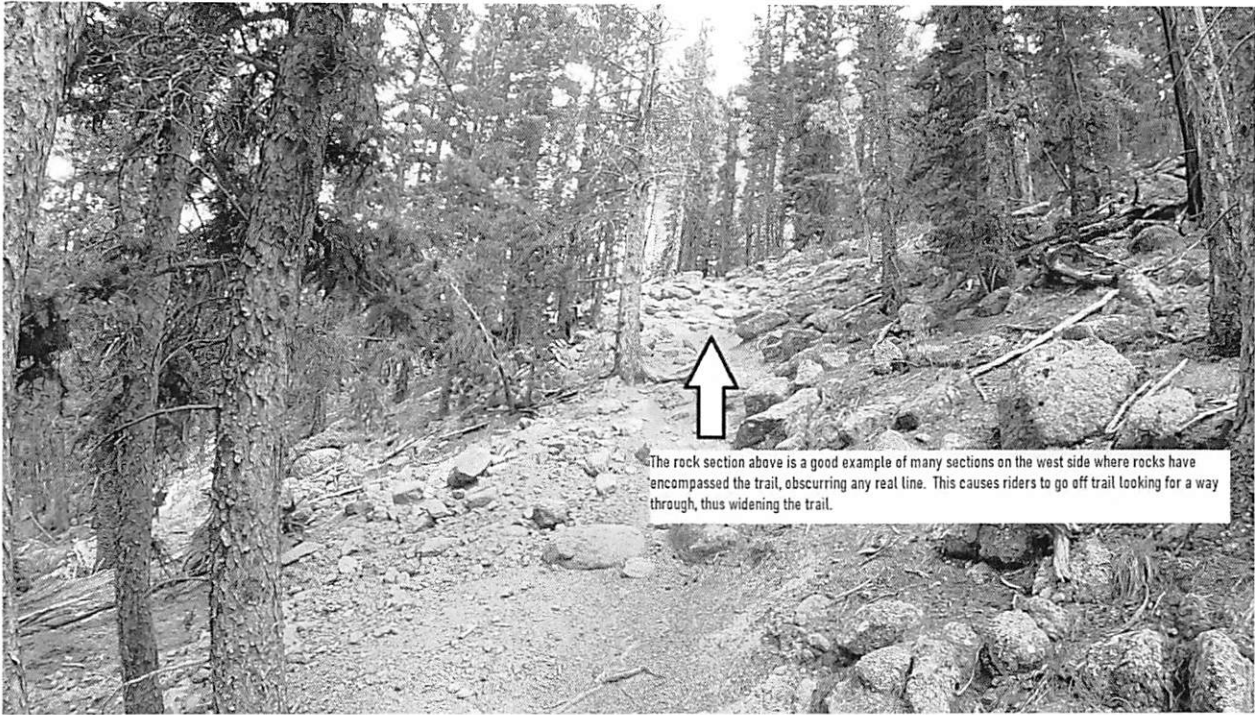
E-2 Project Maps: Please provide a map identifying the specific trail-work area or project site.
(Make 12 copies to include in your application packet)



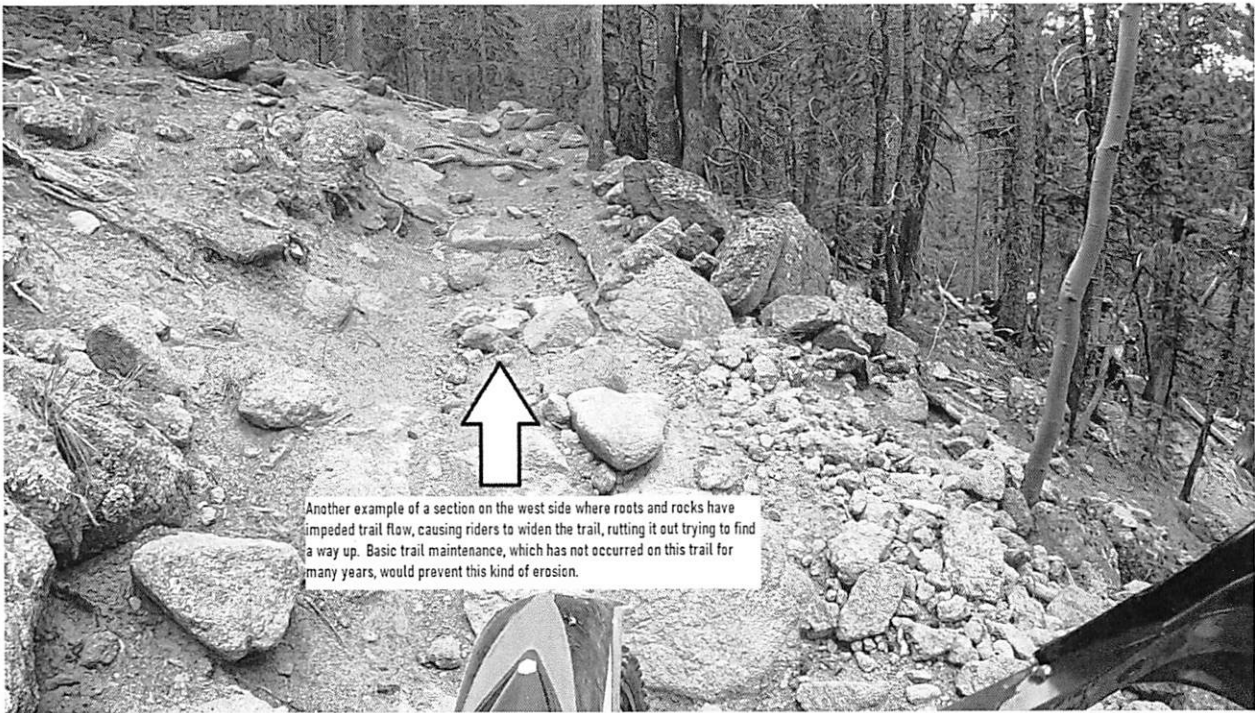
(F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams





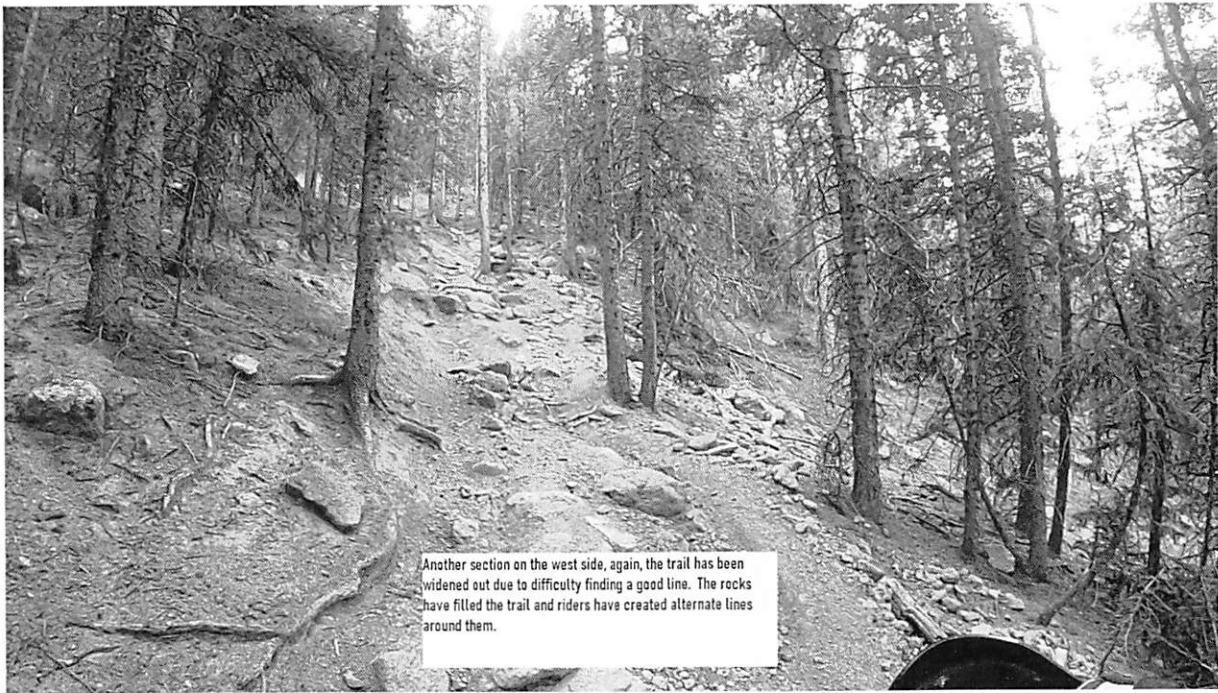
The rock section above is a good example of many sections on the west side where rocks have encompassed the trail, obscuring any real line. This causes riders to go off trail looking for a way through, thus widening the trail.



Another example of a section on the west side where roots and rocks have impeded trail flow, causing riders to widen the trail, rutting it out trying to find a way up. Basic trail maintenance, which has not occurred on this trail for many years, would prevent this kind of erosion.



Again, on the west side, an example of where the trail became so difficult to ascend due to the rocks and roots, and even descending became hard, so riders began widening the trail looking for easier options. This is supposed to be single track.



Another section on the west side, again, the trail has been widened out due to difficulty finding a good line. The rocks have filled the trail and riders have created alternate lines around them.

(G) Letters of Project Support

November 25, 2023

Noah Dougherty

Aravaipa Running | Director of Events

2845 Ore Mill Rd Unit 4

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Tom Metsa

OHV Program Manager

Colorado State Parks

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

I strongly support the OHV grant application of the Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) with respect to performing maintenance on Nelson's Trail 672 within the Pikes Peak National Forest. I appreciate and applaud their persistent efforts to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region while promoting responsible use. They continue to work to advance the safety and enjoyment of off highway vehicle use while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation has become more prevalent in this area and maintaining and conserving it is not only essential for the local economy but also for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

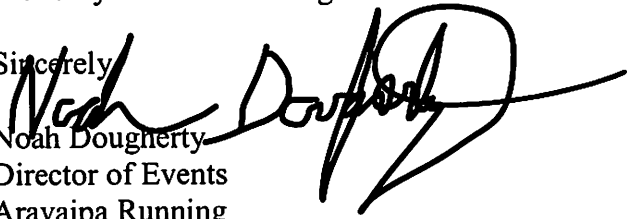
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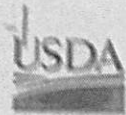
Director of Events

Aravaipa Running

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noah Dougherty", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.



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Date: November 7, 2023

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks

To Mr. Metsa and OHV Sub Committee Members:

The U.S. Forest Service Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD) is in support of CMTRA's (Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association) grant proposal to the Motorized Trails Program on Mt. Rosa Trail (TR# 672).

For over a decade, CMTRA and PPRD have collaborated on critical stewardship projects. Just this year we have worked together with the State Wide OHV Trail Crew on the Captain Jacks trail system making it a more pleasant trail to ride. I personally went out and looked at the Mt. Rosa trail and it is in very rough shape. I believe the work that CMTRA wants to do is absolutely needed and will be great work. As a long-term partner of CMTRA, the PPRD encourages you to consider their proposal for additional capacity to the OHV trail systems in Southern Colorado.

Sincerely,

CHADWICK JONES
OHV Trail Crew Lead- PPRD





MEDICINE WHEEL TRAIL ADVOCATES

To: Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks

October 30, 2023

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV committee members,

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates (MedWheel) is a singletrack trail advocacy non profit organization, operating in the Pikes Peak region since 1991. We advocate for, build and maintain trails for mountain bikers and all trail users. Our organization has enjoyed a 30+ year partnership with the Pikes Peak Ranger District (PPRD), and our members consistently benefit from the work that the district does on multi-use trails. Specifically the Captain Jacks and Jones Park OHV trails are of high value for our members, as is our long collaboration with the PPRD OHV program and the Colorado Motorized Trail Riders Association (CMTRA).

MedWheel supports the OHV grant application of the PPRD. We appreciate and applaud their ongoing work to maintain and improve motorized trails in the Pikes Peak region, and the team's promotion of responsible trail use particularly in the highly scrutinized Bear Creek Watershed, which contains a federally listed fish, the greenback cutthroat trout. Cooperation between users and the PPRD is a key component to balancing recreation and conservation values in this location, and the OHV team provides outstanding support of this balance.

The PPRD team continues to advance the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use, to the benefit of ALL trail users, while protecting and sustaining our natural resources. Motorized recreation continues to be prevalent in this area, and the PPRD OHV program contributes to the cooperation between various user groups, further facilitating this shared use on motorized trails.

On behalf of MedWheel, I commend the Pikes Peak Ranger District for their ongoing efforts in this area and encourage you to approve their grant requests so they can actively promote and manage the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Cory Sutela, Executive Director

Medicine Wheel Trail Advocates

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