

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: State Forest State Park <i>Trail Crew</i>	Date of Application: 10/7/2023
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*(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)*

Total Project Cost: \$60,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$60,000 <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: State Forest State Park  
 Mailing Address: 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO 80480  
 Telephone: 970-723-8366      Email: anthonyt.johnson@state.co.us

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: Tony Johnson      Title: Senior Ranger  
 Mailing Address: 56750 Highway 14 Walden, CO 80480  
 Telephone: 970-723-8366      Email: anthonyt.johnson@state.co.us  
 Is this the primary contact for this grant:  
 YES

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

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

Name:      Title:  
 Mailing Address:  
 Telephone:      Email:

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: Walden

County(ies): Jackson

Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):  
Cameron PassTownship/Range/Section: T6N/R76W; T6N/R77W; T8N/R77W; T10N/R78W; T11N/R78W;  
11N/R79W; (Note multiple sections in each township)

State Senate District #: 8

State Representative District #: 13

**LAND OWNERSHIP**

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners: Colorado State Land Board
2. The trail corridor is controlled by:  Fee Simple  Lease  Easement  License  
 Right-of-Way  Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained  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: 7 Miles of Full-sized: 80**TRAIL USER INFORMATION** (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)

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|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Sized 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling        | <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.

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____<br>(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____<br>(that will require new or additional <i>environmental</i> approvals)<br>miles / ft. added _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs                             |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement   | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education  | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition or Other                    |

\* New Trail Construction &amp; 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 &amp; 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.)
72%	<b>Program maintenance</b> (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.)
5%	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
11%	<b>Planning &amp; Travel Plan Implementation</b> (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)
12%	<b>Equipment /Materials/ Signs/ Youth Corps/Miscellaneous</b> (e.g., equipment maintenance and repair, personnel training, certification in the use of specialized equipment, program coordination, etc.)
100%	<b>Total:</b> (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)

**SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:**

Project Name: SFSP Good OHV Trails Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: State Forest State Park	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Tony Johnson	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$60,000	Grant Request: \$60,000

**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.)

*Remove all instructional text (below) and replace it with information specific to this project request*

Develop, maintain and improve OHV trails, trailheads, parking and support facilities; reconstruct OHV trails and related facilities; produce, install and maintain signage for OHV trails and support facilities; develop, deliver and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community; maintain, supply and operate facilities owned by the US Forest Service and BLM that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and, provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement by authorized Good Management programs. This may include, but not be limited to, personnel costs, materials, supplies, equipment and contracted services as approved through the annual State Trail OHV grant review and allocation process.

Funding will pay for a trail crew of 3, plus materials, crew costs and rental of equipment.

A trail crew will continue to focus on maintaining and improving the approximate 80 miles of natural surface/forest roads and motorized trails in Northern Colorado. Buck and rail fencing, route markings and updated trail signs will continue to be a priority to promote the "Stay the Trail" riding ethic. The crew will also focus on areas that present maintenance challenges and on erosion control and resource damage. Trail crew tasks include the following:

- Clear drainage dips: assess, replace and install new culverts; improve surface tread; clear trail corridors and remove Mountain Pine Beetle kill hazard trees.
- Replace and install new trail information, boundary and etiquette signs.
- Install and repair boundary fences at trailheads and at junctions with old/unused forest access roads, to reduce damage and trespass.
- Conduct patrols focusing on providing trail information and education to visitors as well as respond to emergencies and enforcement as required; provide a field presence on both State Forest and North Sand Hills Recreation Area in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management.

Perform much needed repairs and maintenance on Bockman Road, Bull Mountain, South Canadian, Pennock and Ruby Jewel, and North Sand Creek connection.

In addition we use this funding to rent equipment to allow the crew of 3 Trails Crew members to function at full capacity.

# Budget Form

**Project Name: State Forest State Park 2024-2025**

**Date Project will be Completed: 11/30/2024**

**Project Sponsor: Tony Johnson - State Forest State Park**

\*\*\*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)	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000.00
Other Funding Sources <small>List other sources of project funding here and for what the funding will be used. (insert more lines if needed)</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<small>Example: To provide additional Salary, Materials, and/or Equipment</small>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b> <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>		<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>

<b>I. Personnel Costs</b> <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc.</small>			
Employee Name or Title/Grade	\$ Per Hr	16 weeks using 1.229 PERA	Total Cost
Trail Lead	\$ 20.25	15 weeks at 24.90 per hour	\$ 14,940.00
Trail Crew	\$ 20.00	15 weeks at 24.58 per hour	\$ 14,748.00
Trail Laborer	\$ 20.00	12 weeks at 24.58 per hour	\$ 11,798.40
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,048.71		<b>Category Total \$ 41,486.40</b>

<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Safety Equipment (chaps, goggles, helmets)	\$ 1,413.60		\$ - \$ 1,413.60
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ 1,413.60</b>

<b>III. Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
	\$		\$
Skid steer repair, chainsaw repair and purchase	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00 \$ 2,500.00
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ 2,500.00</b>

<b>III.A. FLEET Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$		\$
	\$ -		\$ - \$ 2,600.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ 2,600.00</b>

<b>IV. Contracted Services</b> <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
	\$		\$
Mini Ex Rental with Trailer and drop off	\$ -		\$ 12,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ 12,000.00</b>

<b>V. Volunteer Support</b> <small>Identify as: <b>For Volunteers Only</b> 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>			
	\$		\$
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
			<b>Category Total \$ -</b>

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

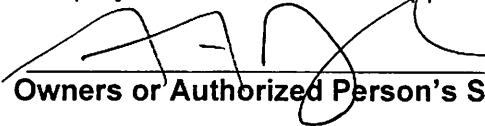
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>
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**NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL**

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name STATE FOREST Project Sponsor Tony Johnson

The project described in this application has my approval.

 SR RANGER 11/10/23  
Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

**Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title**

**APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST**

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern:** Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
  - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
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  - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
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2. **Habitats and their Values:** What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
  - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
  - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
  - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
3. **Potential Impacts:** List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
  - Disturbance of sensitive species
  - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
  - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
  - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

**4. Mitigation:** How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

**5. Benefits:** List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

**6. Environmental Compliance:** Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

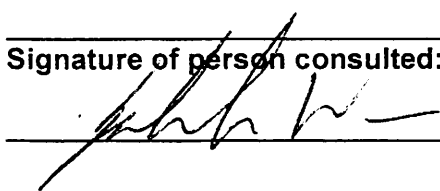
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by Colorado Parks and Wildlife

**Principle source of information:** (e.g., Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

ZACH WEAVER (970) 819-7547

**Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:**

**Signature of person consulted:**



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## PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

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*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.

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

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit, and protect riding opportunities while protecting resources in the project area. (***Use the following as a guideline for describing your project***)

- **What specifically will the project accomplish?**
- This funding for this project will help staff State Forest State Park's seasonal motorized trails team, who will provide essential and routine maintenance on the motorized trails in the park. Some of these major trails include finishing North Sand Creek, a connection that creates 40 miles of riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts. Maintaining Bockman and Bull Mountain roads which are very popular motorized trails during all seasons. As well as improving Ruby Jewel Road and Montgomery Pass that deal with a lot of rocky terrain and erosion issues. These maintenance tasks will include corridor clearing, adding drainage dips, improving tread, and general maintenance that helps create a more enjoyable riding experience and also creates a more sustainable trail system overall.
- **How will the project protect or improve riding opportunities?**
- Having staff with correct equipment and tools to perform maintenance and consistently inspect the motorized trails within State Forest State Park will improve riding opportunities enormously. Clearing corridors is essential in our area with the amount of new-growth Lodgepole Pine and densely forested areas. Improving tread and drainages provides longevity to our trail systems and protects riding opportunities for years to come. Not only does this help with the sustainability of the trail but also can add a more diverse ride for OHV-users through drainage dips or other structures. Signs and markers will also streamline the overall motorized trail systems in the park. All of this combined improves and protects riding opportunities. Performing this maintenance also helps promote recreationists safety while riding and ensures a future for motorized trails in Colorado at the state level.
- **Will it provide essential maintenance to keep OHV riding opportunities available? Please describe maintenance history for this specific area.**
- With this support staff will be able to provide essential maintenance on the motorized trails in State Forest State Park. Lots of these trails were built off of old logging roads and due to this aren't always the most sustainable design with the amount of environmental factors we have in the area, such as high levels of snowmelt which causes heavy erosion. Currently we are in the process of either rerouting to create trail sustainability. Or performing maintenance on these trails, such as adding in drainage dips and culverts or other forms of erosion control. With this essential maintenance we can assure longevity of our motorized trails.

- **Describe how this project will foster and promote a satisfactory and challenging riding opportunity for OHV enthusiasts?**
- In State Forest State Park we have several different levels of difficulty with our motorized trails, creating a riding opportunity for every level of rider including intermediate and beginner. From smooth, wide motorized trails containing a few drainage dips to extremely rocky and exciting terrain. This amount of variety allows riders with different amounts of experience, background, and vehicles to be satisfied and grow.
- **Why is this project a priority at this time?**
- With over 80 miles of popular motorized trails within State Forest State Park and no full time trails team, the work done by this seasonal team is essential every year. Environmental factors such as heavy snow runoff and blowdown creates a changing landscape every spring and new challenges to tend to. With such a large trail system, spending the time to create sustainable designs and perform maintenance is crucial to ensure longevity of riding opportunities in the area.
- **Provide an estimate of how many and what types of OHV enthusiasts will benefit from the project?**
- State Forest State Park sees an estimated 370,000 visitors annually with a large portion of those visitors (60% estimated) bringing in an OHV (side by side being the most common) to recreate on the state park. Staff is focusing on implementing more connections to open up areas to ride on the park (see Pennock Trail). The main focus is to give an entry to intermediate level riding experience to anybody visiting the park by giving them a safe place to ride and hone their skills.
- **Describe how this project will provide long term value and sustainability?**
- With the essential work being done to the trail under supervision of experienced full time staff members and the correct tools we will be able to create sustainable trail design that will last considerably longer. Some of the work being done that will provide long term value are tasks such as corridor clearing, adding new connections, and improving tread and drainages. Creating areas for runoff to go will help substantially with preventing erosion. Improving tread such as smoothing out certain areas or adding drainage dips, not only helps with sustainability, but it also adds interest and appeal to the trail. Potentially adding new connections will provide long term value for riding opportunities in the area overall, as well as encourage OHV enthusiasts to continue recreating in the park.



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

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals and attach letters or petitions to your application packet. Applicants need to demonstrate that the project has a broad spectrum of support. Letters from the following entities are encouraged: relevant political subdivisions with jurisdiction over the project area, conservation organizations, user groups who frequent the area, and community organizations. The program places a higher value on the quality of supporting correspondence submitted rather than the quantity of support letters received. **(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)**

- State Forest State Park is in a unique position being located in a sparsely populated county, where the work we do will impact Jackson County Sheriff's Office, North Park Hospital District, North Park Fire District, Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and United States Forest Service.
- The work we do on park keeping trails open and sustainable for the public assists in making sure all emergency services and responding units can get to an emergency as quickly as possible. That is being a major issue and the reason for the separate grant request for Government Creek Repair at the North Sand Dunes.

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

*(25 points):*

Describe the principal objectives that will be accomplished by this project (e.g., new trail construction, trail relocation or major re-route, trail maintenance, restoration/rehabilitation or any other grant eligible activity). Include as many components as are applicable. Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by addressing existing problems, and avoiding or minimizing impacts through the implementation of the project. **(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)**

- The driving force behind this trail request is for staff to make sure that we are able to keep the trails open that we already have on park. The trail staff will be in place in the early summer to help clean up down trees from the winter, and help fix any damage water bars to make sure snow melt off is flowing freely off the trails.
- In this portion there are no new trail requests being asked for, only staff, supplies and equipment for staff to open and keep the trails open on park.

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

Active and effective OHV management is based upon the implementation of travel management plans, broad public awareness, compliance, enforcement and providing adequate recreation opportunities. Describe how the project will promote active OHV management and improve OHV use for the benefit of public land visitors. To receive a full score of 25 points for this category the project must incorporate at least one of the following components. *(Use the following as a guideline for describing your project)*

##### ***Travel Management:***

- State Forest State Park signs and enforces stay the trail on all trails on the park. We also follow strict guidelines to close the trails when the weather turns, to ensure trail damage is not being done by riding in the snow, mud, or rain. This does not always make the public happy, but we are committed to making sure all of trails are sustainable and will continue to do this in the future.
- We also opened a 70 inch or less trail last year with width restrictors and will enforce the proper use of this trail.
- We are also decommissioning a trail that was a continued water hazard, and will be turned over to not motorized use.
- Actual enforcement will not be a major portion of this trails crew position however we have seasonal and full time officers who will be keep this an a priority.

## D-2 N/A

### **Land Acquisition Grant – Supplemental Criteria**

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An Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application requires supplemental information for land acquisitions, land leases, or easement purchase proposals.

A plan is required to be eligible for funding from the State Trails Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply for a Planning Grant from the Recreational Trail Program or the Off-Highway Vehicle Program *before* submitting a land acquisition proposal.

Land Acquisition Grant Applications require a presentation to the State Trails Committee.

If you have any questions on the requirements, please contact State Trails' staff *prior to* submitting your application.

**Please respond to each section, being sure to identify which question you are answering.** Use your own paper with *one-page per section or up to four pages total*. Please respond in 12-pitch font. Evaluating a project without the following information is difficult, so failure to respond to sections may reduce a project's score.

### **Eligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Acceptable for Reimbursement**

- Only costs to acquire land, land leases or easements
- The purchase must be a fair market valuation
- Appraisals and legal fees
- An environmental review of the subject property
- Land surveys
- Transaction costs
- Property interest must be secured and controlled for a minimum of 25 years

### **Ineligibility Criteria and Acquisition Costs Unacceptable for Reimbursement**

- Site development
- Acquisitions that involve condemnation
- Insurance (except Title Insurance)
- Any work that is not directly relevant to trail development or acquisition
- Facilities that are ornamental and/or do not have a direct benefit to trail users
- Any applicant that is not in compliance with the terms and/or conditions of a prior and/or **existing** grant from the State Trails Program

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**I. Site Description**

- A. Describe the site and surrounding area. What currently exists on the property? Include a site map that shows property boundaries, utilities, roads and structures. If larger than 8.5" x 11", maps must be folded into that size.

**II. Planning**

- A. Explain the *project* planning process surrounding the proposed acquisition. List all the steps required by rule or law of the governing agency for project approval. List the steps that have been completed.
- B. List local, state, and/or federal permits required for the project and list those requirements that have been fulfilled.
- C. Describe how the *project* is compatible to the requested acquisition.
- D. Is this project part of any local, regional, state or federal plans? List the goals and objectives of this project and how it ties these plans.

**III. Public Notice**

- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

**IV. Public Involvement**

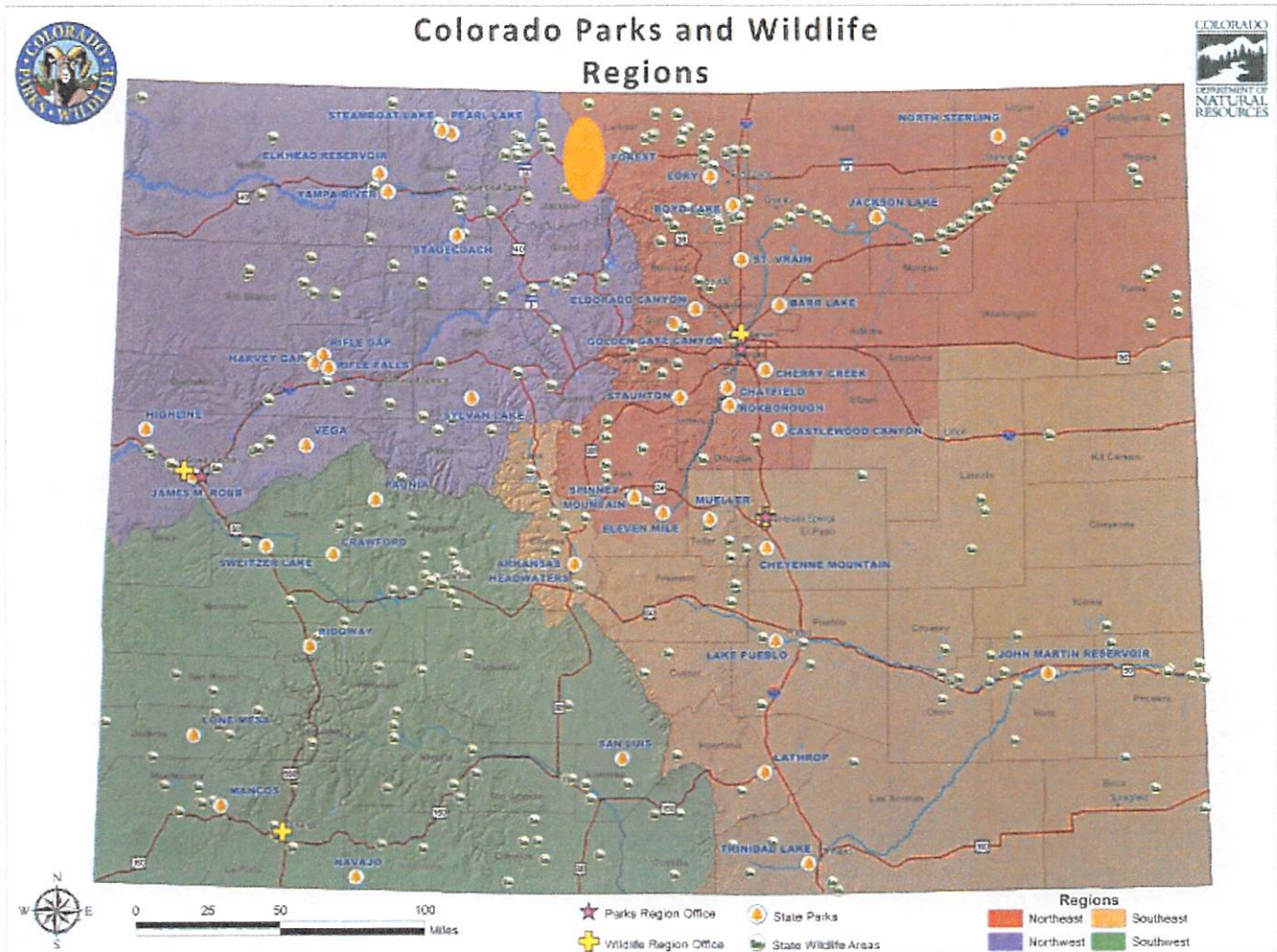
- A. *Projects* may not be planned in isolation. The general public, adjacent landowners, and other interested parties should be involved from the outset. Describe the public involvement process used in the planning of this project and the results of any input.
- B. Summarize the most important comments received and your response to those comments.
- C. Describe any changes to your project design or scope of work based on public input.

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

Maps being requested include:

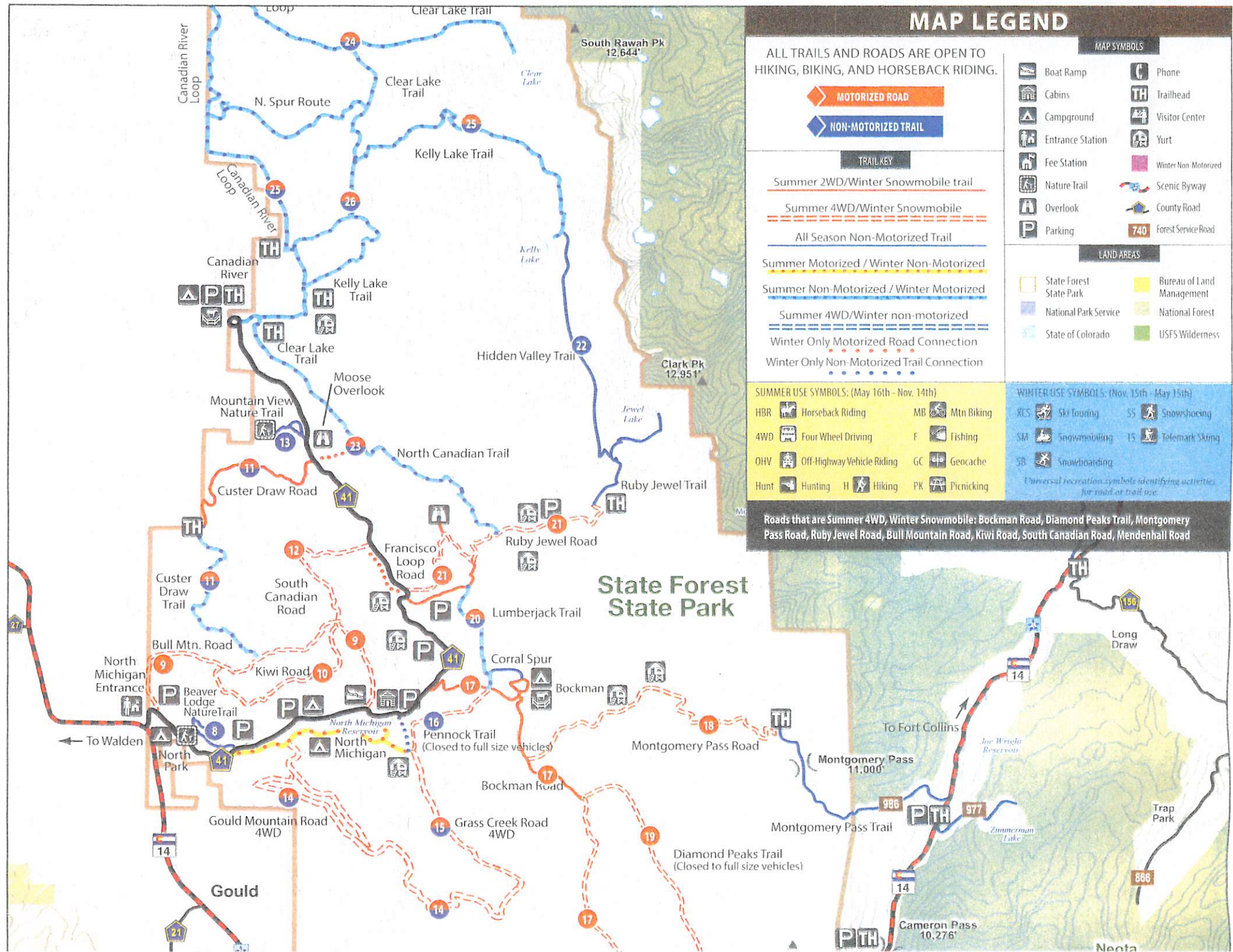
- "General area" (vicinity) map. (E-1)
- A drill-down of that map that shows the *specific* "project vicinity". (E-2a)
- Another drill down map showing specific trails and/or work area (highlighted). (E-2b)

**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)

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.



# MAP LEGEND

ALL TRAILS AND ROADS ARE OPEN TO  
HIKING, BIKING, AND HORSEBACK RIDING.



### TRAIL KEY

Summer 2WD/Winter Snowmobile trail

Summer 4WD/Winter Snowmobile

All Season Non-Motorized Trail

Summer Motorized / Winter Non-Motorized

Summer Non-Motorized / Winter Motorized

Summer 4WD/Winter non-motorized

Winter Only Motorized Road Connection

Winter Only Non-Motorized Trail Connection

### SUMMER USE SYMBOLS: (May 16th - Nov. 14th)

- |      |                            |    |            |
|------|----------------------------|----|------------|
| HBR  | Horseback Riding           | MB | Mtn Biking |
| 4WD  | Four Wheel Driving         | F  | Fishing    |
| OHV  | Off-Highway Vehicle Riding | GC | Geocache   |
| Hunt | Hunting                    | H  | Hiking     |
|      |                            | PK | Picnicking |

### MAP SYMBOLS

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|------------------|----------------------|
| Boat Ramp        | Phone                |
| Cabins           | Trailhead            |
| Campground       | Visitor Center       |
| Entrance Station | Yurt                 |
| Fee Station      | Winter Non-Motorized |
| Nature Trail     | Scenic Byway         |
| Overlook         | County Road          |
| Parking          | Forest Service Road  |

### LAND AREAS

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| State Forest          | Bureau of Land Management |
| State Park            | National Forest           |
| National Park Service | USFS Wilderness           |
| State of Colorado     |                           |

### WINTER USE SYMBOLS: (Nov. 15th - May 15th)

- |     |              |    |                 |
|-----|--------------|----|-----------------|
| XCS | Ski Touring  | SS | Snowshoeing     |
| SM  | Snowmobiling | TS | Telemark Skiing |
| SB  | Snowboarding |    |                 |

Universal recreation symbols identifying activities for road or trail use.

Roads that are Summer 4WD, Winter Snowmobile: Bockman Road, Diamond Peaks Trail, Montgomery Pass Road, Ruby Jewel Road, Bull Mountain Road, Kiwi Road, South Canadian Road, Mendenhall Road

## **(F) Project Illustration**

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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













## **(G) Letters of Project Support**

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Provide up to six (6) letters of support from entities that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from at least three of the categories listed below. Letters must be current, and must document the need and demand for the proposed project. Please note, identically worded form letters do not sufficiently fulfill this requirement. All letters must be included with the application. Letters mailed directly to the State Trails Program will not be accepted as letters of support for the application, rather they will be treated as public comments on the project as proposed.

- Adjacent land owners
- Federal, county, city and private land owners
- Individual users or user groups
- Partners and/or cooperators
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October 12, 2023

Dear Colorado State Trails OHV Grant Committee,

The State Forest State Park has our support for their Good Management Grant for 2-3 summer trail crews.

The North Park Snow Snakes Snowmobile Club works closely with the Colorado Parks & Wildlife here to keep and maintain motorized recreation opportunities in the North Park area. We are a destination for both motorized and non-motorized recreation; and our club, together with the State Forest/State Park, the U.S. Forest Service, the BLM, and the Colorado Parks & Wildlife work towards keeping well marked and maintained motorized trails in our area.

Our club members, local residents, and destination vacationers use many of these trails on our snowmobiles in the winter and on our OHVs in the summer. We want to see them open, well maintained and marked.

The State Forest Good Management Grant will help to keep the riding opportunities in the area open, accessible and a desired destination. Thank you for your support to keep these trails open.

Respectfully,

**Jason Sjoberg**

Jason Sjoberg  
President, North Park Snow Snakes Snowmobile Club



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**October 24th, 2023**

Dear OHV Committee,

As the State Forest Manager with the Colorado State Forest Service, I am writing to express my support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) proposal to improve existing trail maintenance capabilities.

Maintaining the road and trail system at the State Forest is constant work. Recent increase in visitor use has strained capacity to repair and maintain existing roads. An example of this is the increase in traffic from hunters during early snow events, which causes a great deal of damage to roads surfaced with native material. Current staffing at the State Forest is inadequate to address these challenges, along with the every year problems from natural disturbances like the recent outbreak of western bark beetles and wind events. Our agency and CPW have a long history of joint maintenance of the State Forest road systems. But even with our best efforts, there are many roads and trails in dire need of improvement.

The North Sand Dunes is one of the most popular recreational areas on the State Forest. It is also the area that accounts for the majority of emergency calls related to OHV accidents. Improvements to the Government Creek section of the trail system will reduce erosion, reduce unauthorized spur trails and increase visitor safety.

The Colorado State Forest Service fully supports the CPW request for resources to improve road and trail infrastructure. Increasing visitor use at the State Forest requires a commensurate increase in time and resources necessary to maintain an upgrade the existing infrastructure.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Blair Rynearson

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October 25, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
State Recreation Trails Committee  
1313 Sherman Street  
Denver, CO 80201

Dear CPW Trails Committee,

I would like to express the State Land Board's full support of the State Forest State Park's (SFSP) application for a 2024 Good Management Program OHV Grant. The SFSP is a large (112 sq. miles), high elevation park in rural Jackson County. The park operates entirely on state trust land through a lease from the Colorado State Land Board. It is a multi-use property, supporting forest work and research (through the Colorado State Forest Service), livestock grazing through private agricultural leases, and public recreational use through Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW).

Tony Johnson, CPW Senior Ranger at the park, has explained ongoing need for trail work and maintenance to promote safe, responsible Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding opportunities, and to facilitate first responder/emergency response services. On-going maintenance is especially important on large, multi-use properties.

Please let this letter show our support for the CPW State Forest State Park's Good Management Program OHV Grant.

Sincerely,

Abraham Medina  
Recreation Program Manager  
State Land Board





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

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

- The trail crew will spend approximately the first 2-4 weeks of the season fixing the damage that winter did to the trails. They will be moving down timbers, clearing trees, fixing any water damage, and repairing any water bars
- The crew will then run and open all trails on park.
- Government Creek at the North Sand Hills portion of the state park will be a major focus for next year, there are portions of the trail that are not up to standard and need major repair.
- The crew will also spend a great deal of time fixing a portion of Bockman Road closest to the campground. This is a portion that they were unable to get to this year and needs trees cleared off the downhill side of the trail, as well as anything near the tributary cleared away.
- The crew will then move back to North Sand Creek to help and finish any work in partnership with the BLM, as well as place all signage and 70 inch blockades.