

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

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**COLORADO**  
Parks and Wildlife  
Department of Natural Resources

<b>Name of Project:</b> Colorado River Valley Field Office OHV Crew	<b>Date of Application:</b> 11/16/2023
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*(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)*

<b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$120,000 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<b>Grant Request:</b> \$100,000 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>
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**PROJECT SPONSOR** (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)

Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Mailing Address: 2300 River Frontage RD, Silt CO 81652  
Telephone: 970-876-9000      Email: jcasey@blm.gov

OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):

<https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>

**PROJECT CONTACT**      This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if *Project Contact* changes.

Name: Jacob Casey      Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner (Detailing)  
Mailing Address: 2300 River Frontage RD, Silt CO 81652  
Telephone: 970-876-9040      Email: jcasey@blm.gov  
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.

Name: Jacob Casey      Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner (Detailing)  
Mailing Address: 2300 River Frontage RD, Silt CO 81652  
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**GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)**

Name: Chalanne Harlow      Title: Budget Analyst  
Mailing Address:  
Telephone: 970-244-3084      Email: charlow@blm.gov

**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: Eagle, Gypsum, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Aspen, Basalt, Silt, Newcastle, Mccoy, Wolcott, Parachute, Carbondale

County(ies): Garfield, Eagle, Pitkin, Routt, Mesa

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

Township/Range/Section:

State Senate District #: 8

State Representative District #: 57

**LAND OWNERSHIP**

1. Provide the name/s of the property owners:

2. The trail corridor is controlled by:  Fee Simple  Lease  Easement  License

Right-of-Way  Land Acquisition Ownership to be obtained  Other (explain): Federal

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

Miles of Singletrack: 108

Miles of 50" or less: 638

Miles of Full-sized: 732

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

All-Terrain Vehicle

Side x Side

Full Sized 4X4

Motorcycling

Four-Wheeling

Accessible Access

**PROJECT INFORMATION** (Please check all activities that apply to this project.)

Include detailed information for each in the Project Scope of Work.

Trail Maintenance

Travel Plan Implementation

**\*New Trail Construction** miles / ft. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)

Resource Protection & Improvement

**\*Major Re-Route** miles / ft. closed \_\_\_\_\_  
(that will require new or additional *environmental* approvals)  
miles / ft. added \_\_\_\_\_

Signs

Youth Corps

Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)

Planning

Visitor Contacts & Law Enforcement

Capital Equipment

Education

Land Acquisition or Other

**\* New Trail Construction & Major Re-Route:** Trail location(s) must be indicated on project map and detailed description of trail work plans must be provided in Project Selection Criteria, Section D-1, #3 Resource Protection, Enhancement & Restoration

**TRAIL ACTIVITIES SUMMARY** (Based on your project description and budget, provide the percentage for each of the categories listed below.)

<b>% of Budget</b>	<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.)
<b>30</b>	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
<b>10</b>	<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.)
<b>30</b>	<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.)
<b>100</b>	<b>Total: (Note: Percentages should add to 100 %)</b>

**SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:**

Project Name: CRVFO OHV Crew 2024-25	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM CRVFO	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Jacob Casey	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$120,000	Grant Request: \$100,000

**Project Description:**

The Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) will again hire a seasonal Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Crew of two (2) rangers to work on BLM public lands adjacent to 11 communities (Eagle, Gypsum, Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Rifle, Aspen, Basalt, Silt, New Castle, McCoy, and Wolcott) within five counties (Eagle, Pitkin, Garfield, Routt, and Mesa). The CRVFO approximately 1500 miles of routes on 550,000 acres of public BLM lands. The OHV trail Crew will work from late May through November. In 2015 the CRVFO signed a new Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Travel Management Plan (TMP).

Our OHV crew continues manage our travel management plan including route designations, new OHV trails, trail maintenance, trailhead construction, work on parking and support facilities, educational work, work on facilities owned by the US Forest Service and BLM that are primarily used by OHV users, and to provide a field presence with visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement by authorized Good Management programs.

In addition to funding two (2) seasonal OHV rangers, this grant will be used to fund the summer season for our permanent park ranger to work with the recreation staff and the OHV crew on the ground. The permanent park ranger position is funded during the winter season with BLM fee monies. Additional care will be taken to maintain records of where the permanent park ranger pay comes from and keep those duties separated by funding source.

This grant money would outfit the OHV crew with proper riding and work gear, maintain OHVs and work equipment, purchase signs and signing materials for trailheads, directional, and travel management signs, and to produce map handouts and web based downloadable maps for popular riding areas. Although the work will be conducted throughout the field office there are seven popular OHV riding areas that will see the majority of the attention as outlined in our RMP implementation strategy. These areas are:

**- Bocco Mountain – 1,388 acres with 17 miles of motorized single-track trails**

Bocco mountain is a high use single track riding area; the trails in this area are in a bentonite soil that is rutted out very easily. High use and erodible soil mean that continued trail maintenance on this trail system will be needed yearly. Annually we ride this trail system to take out whoops and remove encroaching brush. We also have a kiosk and parking area at the trail head where we continually make visitor contacts at throughout the riding system.

**- Gypsum Hills – 16,930 acres with 104 miles of trails**

Since the completion of the Dry Lakes Moto X track, this area has seen a significant increase in dirt bike use and dispersed camping. The events area is directly adjacent to BLM land and has required increased management to maintain quality trails in the area. We keep in contact with CPW officer Brian Woodrich on routes and problems he notices in this and adjacent areas. We have biannual meetings with CPW, Rocky Mountain Sport Riders, Eagle County, and the Town of Gypsum to address status and concerns with the moto-x park. We have a growing amount of hunting traffic in this area, and we spend time contacting those users, including providing education and checking registrations.

**- Hardscrabble – 20,000 acres with 131 miles of trails**

Hardscrabble remains an area of high use. Our OHV crew spends most of its time here completing trail maintenance, replacing signage, and making visitor contacts. The CRVFO is working with the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders to add additional single-track trail to this SRMA per the 2015 RMP. Currently we are internally scoping these new single track motorcycle routes and will proceed with an environmental

assessment after resource surveys and Section 7 consultation are completed. Meetings have been conducted with CPW officer Layton Stutsman, and field visits are being planned for the near future.

- **Hubbard Mesa Open OHV Area – 3,000 acres with 60 miles of trails**

Hubbard Mesa is an Open OHV area on the north end of Rifle. We have a parking area, practice arena and a kid's single-track practice arena attached to the parking lot. We often ride the trails system here, fixing trail issues as needed and replacing signage. There has always been a dumping issue here, so we have started to implement a Survey 123 program with our OHV rangers to report dump sites to be cleaned up by contracted hazmat companies. This has been a great success in Hubbard Mesa. During the most recent annual Hubbard mesa clean up with High Country 4 Wheelers and White River 4x4 club, we had a record low amount of trash.

- **McCoy – 6,300 acres with 22 miles of trails**

In 2023 the crew completed trail maintenance on the entire trail system, including brushing out trails and fixing some whoops. The 2020 NOHVCC report included public concerns about loops that the BLM had closed in the area. These routes remain closed because they went onto private land and are not part of our formal route inventory.

- **Red Hill (near Gypsum) – 14,520 acres with 85 miles of trails**

Red Hill Gypsum is an area of contention at the CRVFO. In the past we have closed trail routes that were not in our Travel Management Plan (TMP), which upset some in the local riding community. BLM did a site visit with Rocky Mountain Sport Riders in '21 to identify routes we could keep open or re-route without causing continued resource damage. This year, working with CPW officer Layton Stutsman, we identified routes that are not a part of our TMP that traveled into a section of State land. We had closed these routes in the past, but they had been opened back up. Our efforts to close these areas in 2023 seem to be holding up. We will continue to work with our partners to manage this area. At the beginning of the season, we conducted an interagency public education day at the trail head that included the White River National Forest and Stay the Trail. After making many public contacts, we visited some areas of concern for the USFS that are adjacent to BLM lands and helped them with some TMP implementation efforts. We are planning to add USFS kiosks to our trail head to give users better information about designated trails on USFS lands in the area.

- **Silt Mesa- 21 miles**

Silt Mesa is an area north of Silt that gets a wide variety of use from locals. Garfield County now allows OHV access on Peach Valley Rd adjacent to Silt Mesa. This allows locals to ride their OHVs directly to the area without needing to trailer. This has resulted in increased use, so we have increased the OHV crew's presence in this area, increased directional signage on routes in our TMP, and we marked non- designated routes. This resulted in improved compliance and use of designated routes. The CRVFO is currently in the planning process for a new rock crawling trail in partnership with High County 4-wheelers. The public is interested in more facilities such as a trailhead kiosk and designated parking area, and we have begun to look into making these improvements.

# Budget Form

**Project Name: CRVFO 2025 OHV Crew**

**Date Project will be Completed: 12/25/2025**

**Project Sponsor:**

\*\*\*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)	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000.00
<b>Other Funding Sources</b> <small>List other sources of project funding, here, and for what the funding will be used. BLM will be the other funding source, this will be spent predominantly on labor but also OHV crew Equipment maintenance costs and fuel.</small>	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<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>\$ 120,000.00</b>

<b>I. Personnel Costs</b> <small>Identify as: Salary/wage, benefits, *travel, training, outfitting costs, personal protection equipment, etc. Non-Profit organizations will be required to purchase</small>			
Club Member/Employee Name or Title	\$ Per Hr		Total Cost
Park Ranger	\$ 36.46	16 wks x 40hrs	\$ 23,334.40
crew member	\$ 34.72	26wks x 40 hrs	\$ 30,553.60
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	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	2,316.01	<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 84,441.60</b>

<b>II. Project Materials/Supplies</b> <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
carsonite signs, posts,nuts/bolts,timber locks, kiosk materials, printed signs	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ 7,000.00	1	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>

<b>III. Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Trail Dozer, ATV, motorcycle, chainsaws, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel and repairs, fleet vehicle operations, etc.</small>			
OHV Maintenance, various small equipment and parts	\$ 7,000.00	1	\$ 7,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>

<b>III.A. FLEET Equipment</b> <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR &amp; USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</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>			
Volunteer PPE, Dumpster costs for Hubbard Mesa volunteer cleanup.	\$ 1,558.40	1	\$ 1,558.40
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,558.40</b>

<b>VI. Insurance</b> <small>(Non-profit organizations only)</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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

\* 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**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000.00</b>
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## FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

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Project Name                      Colorado River Valley OHV Crew                      Project Sponsor                      Bureau of Land Management

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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:

Colorado River Valley Field Office Approved RMP                      Date: June 2015

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

Date and title of document:

2015 Colorado River Valley RMP

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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.

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

Hilary Boyd, Assistant Field Manager - Resources, [hboyd@blm.gov](mailto:hboyd@blm.gov), 970-366-1917

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

Hilary Boyd, Assistant Field Manager – Resources

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Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

**HILARY BOYD** Digitally signed by HILARY BOYD  
Date: 2023.11.21 08:42:11 -07'00'

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11/21/2023

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Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

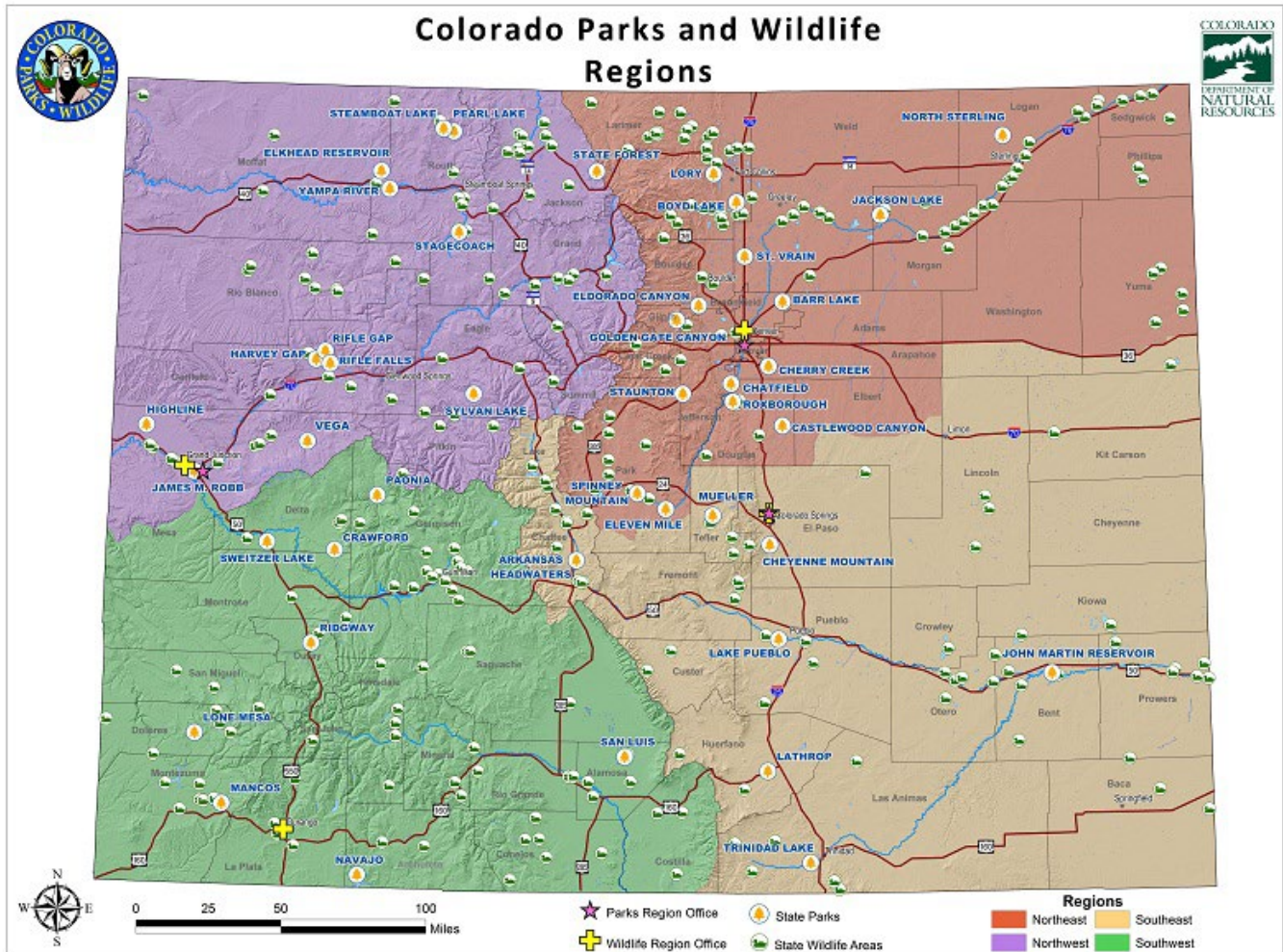


## E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

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)

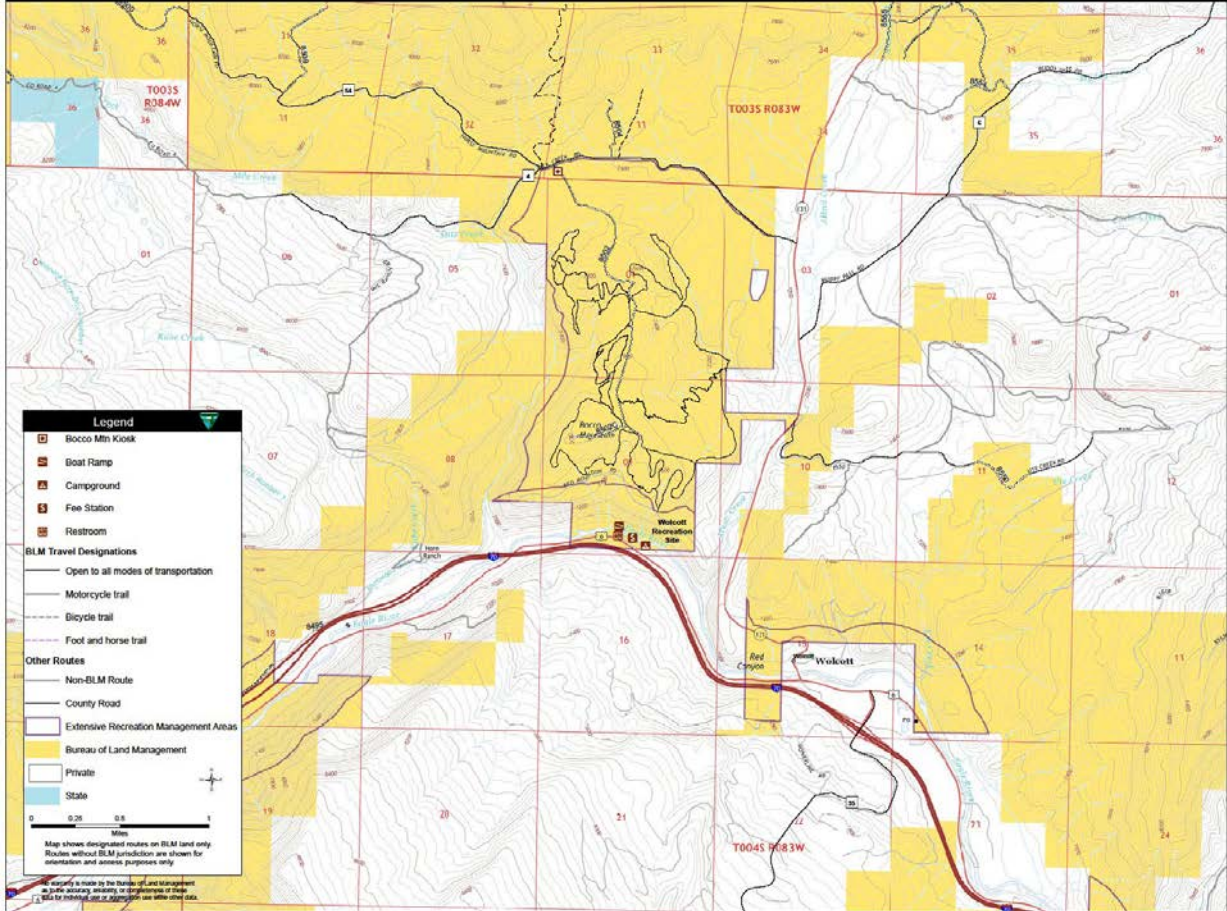
**E-1** Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



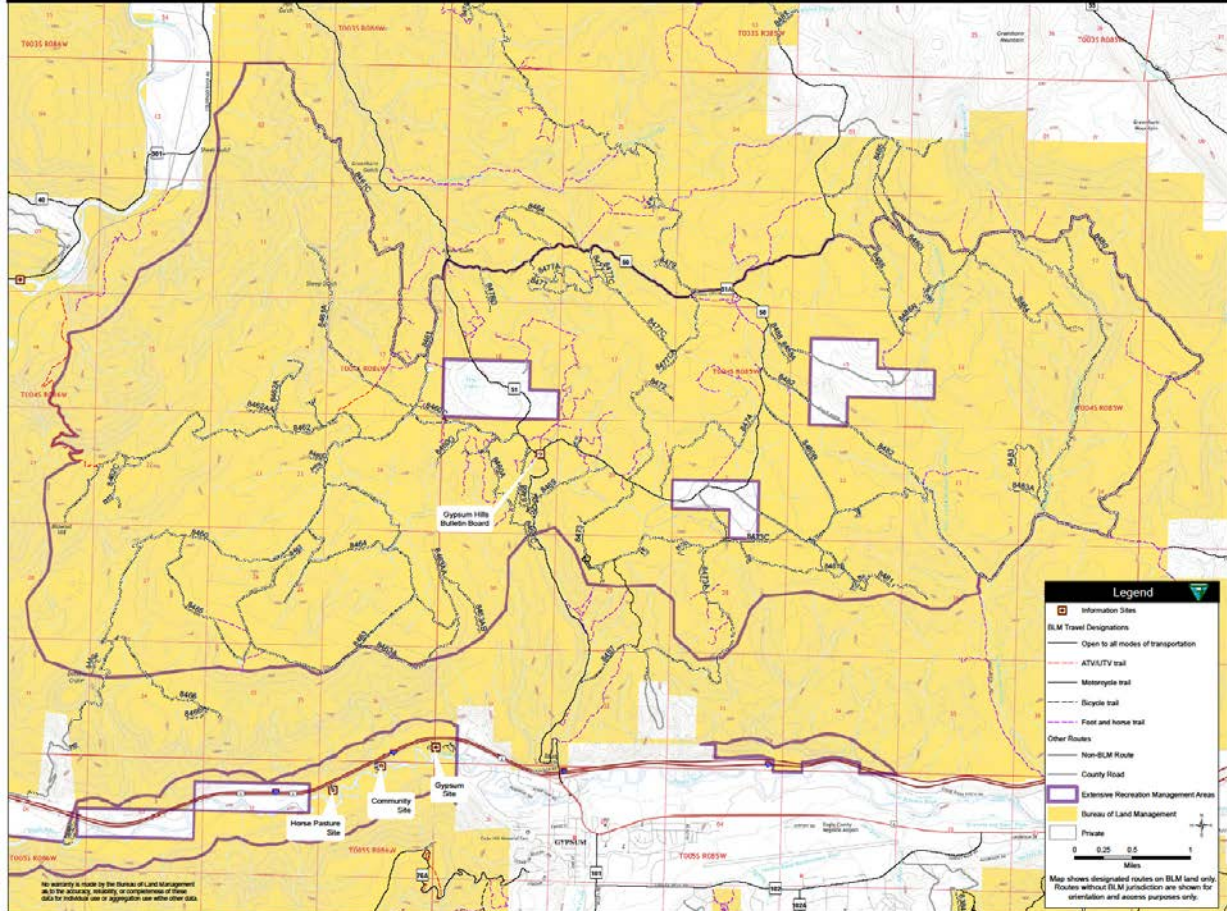
**E-2** Project Maps:



## Bocco Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area

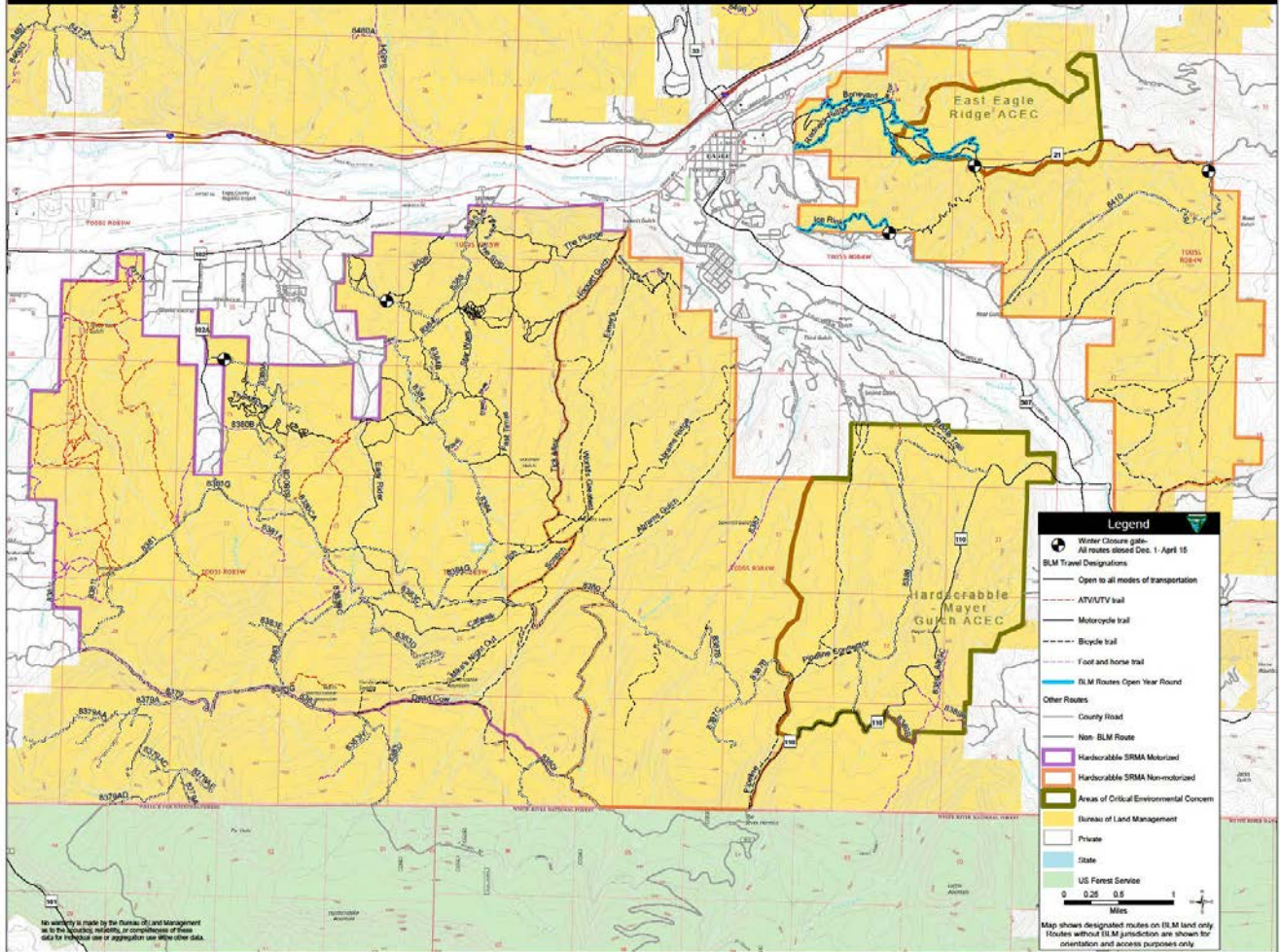


## Gypsum Hills Extensive Recreation Management Area





# Hardscrabble Special Recreation Management Area



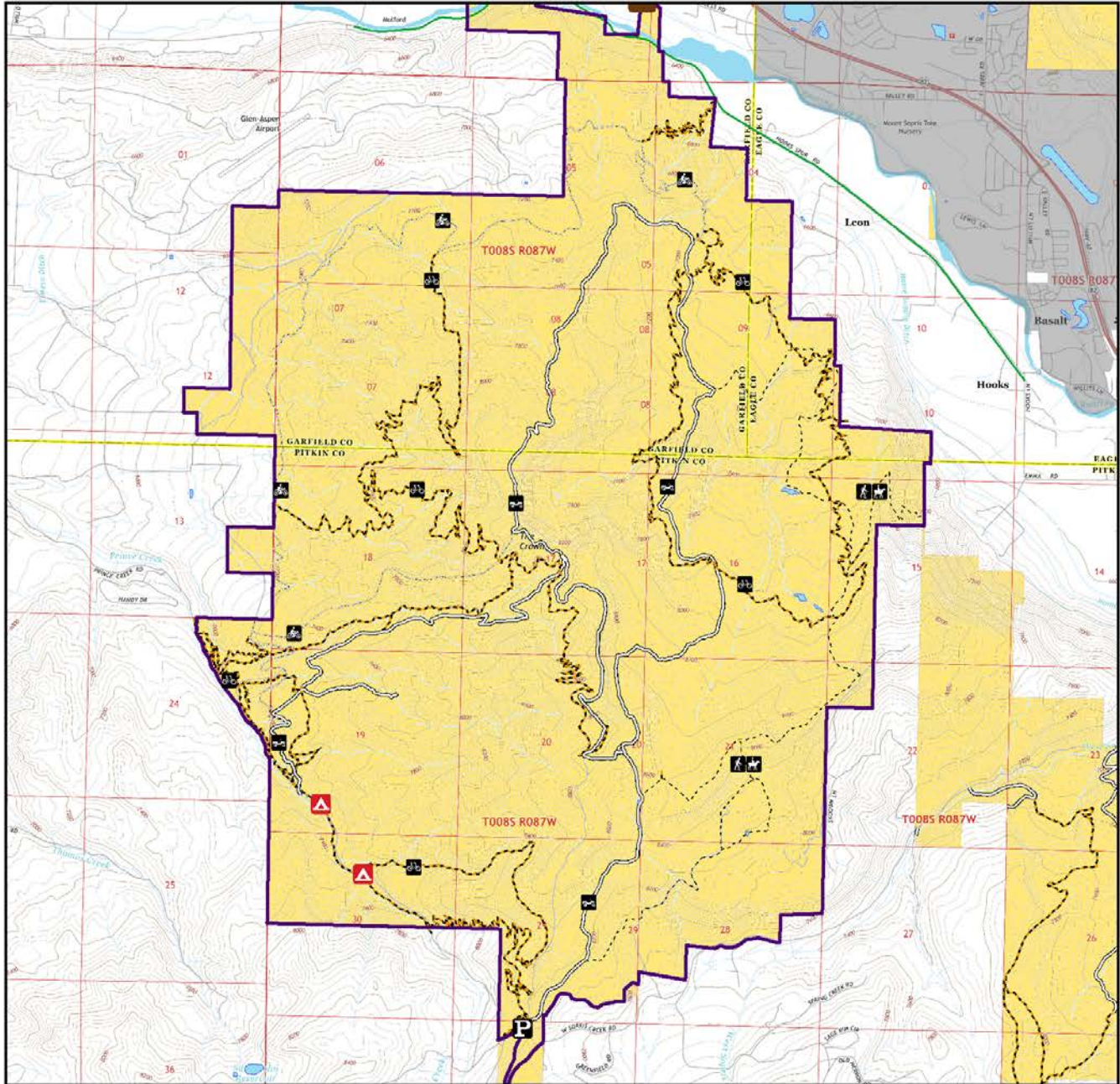




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**The Crown SRMA- Colorado River Valley Field Office**



**BLM Routes**

- Open to Bikes, Hikers, Equestrians
- Open to Hikers, Equestrian, and Livestock
- Open to Motorcycles, Bikes, Hikers, & Equestrians
- Open to all Modes of Transportation
- Rio Grande Trail

**Land Ownership**

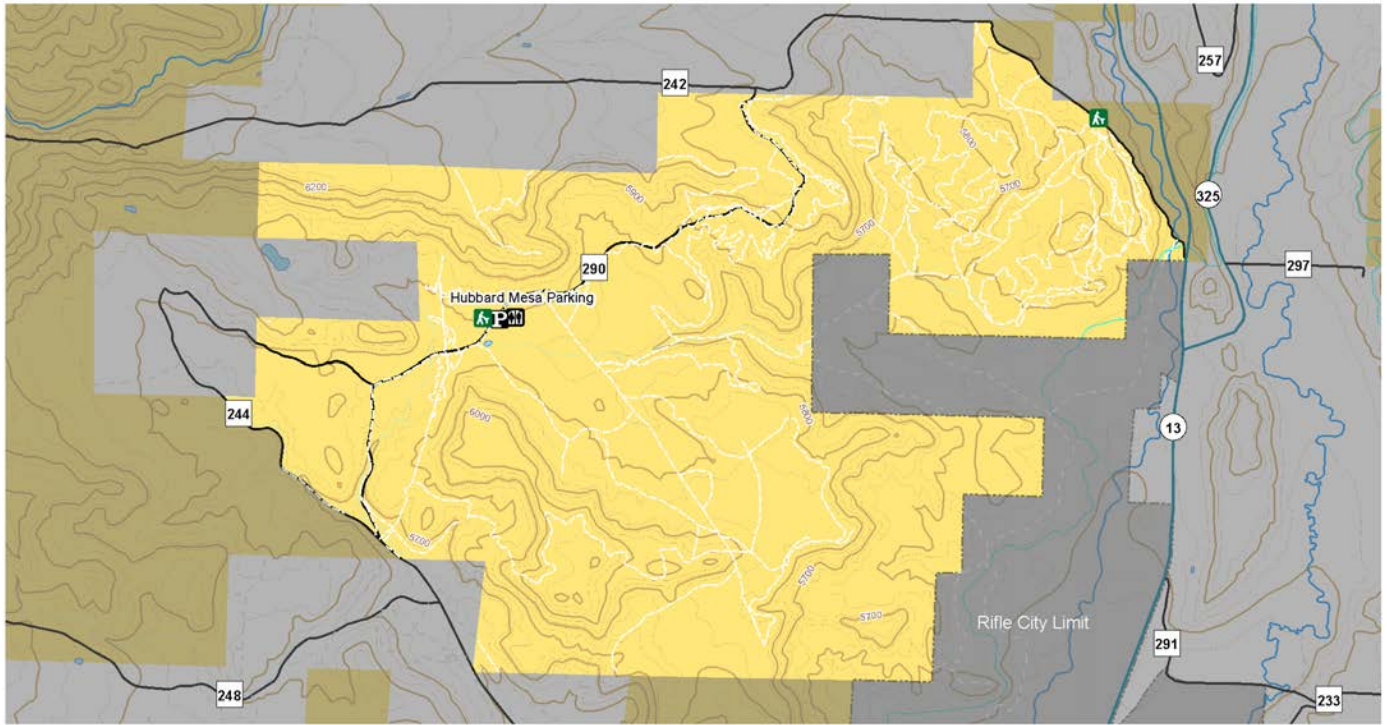
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State Wildlife Area
- Campground
- Parking Area

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Hubbard Mesa OHV Area-Colorado River Valley Field Office



0 0.5 1 Miles

-  Information Kiosk
-  Parking Area
-  Restroom
-  Hubbard Mesa Known Routes
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Private

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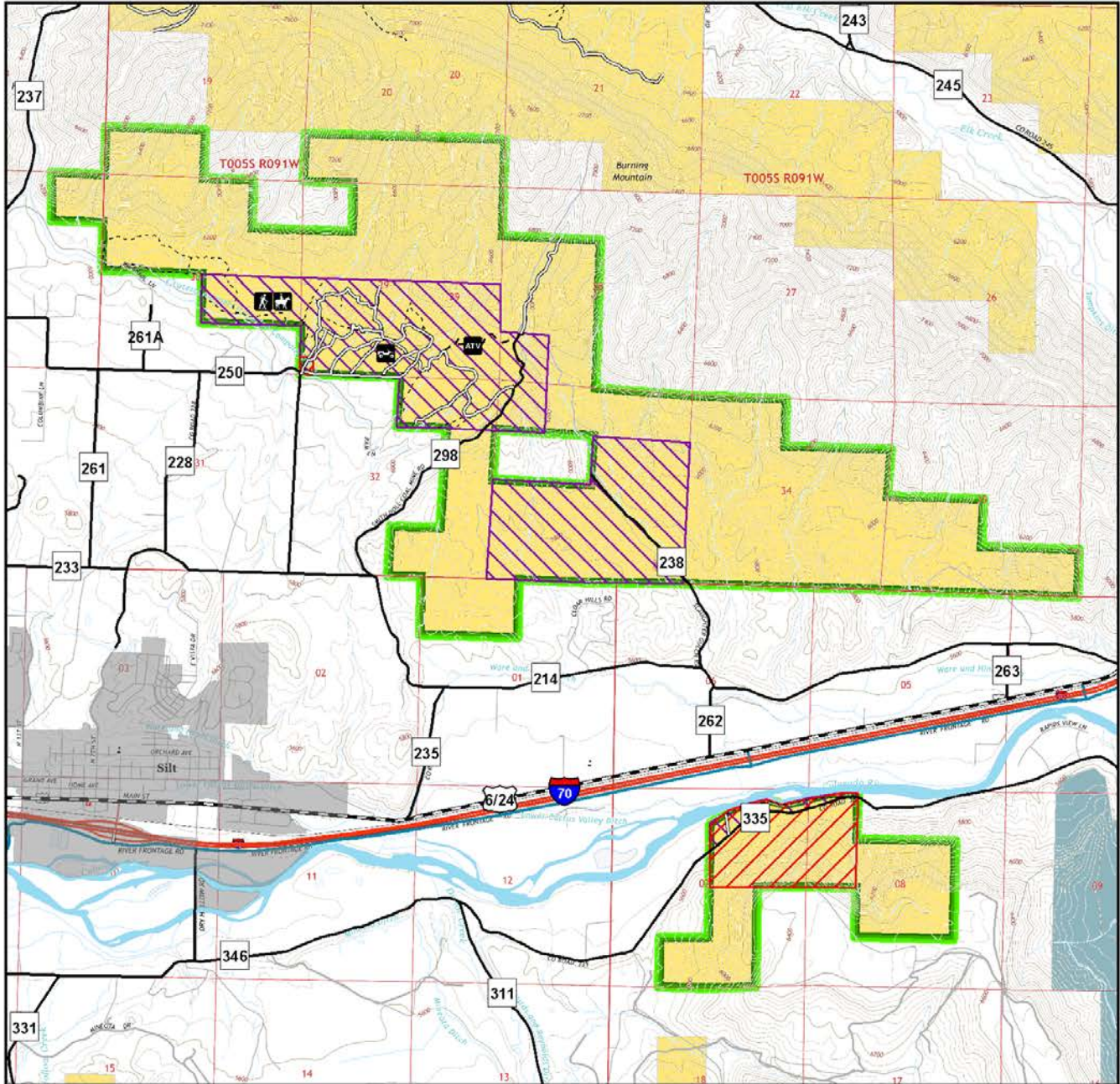




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Silt Mesa ERMA- Colorado River Valley Field Office



**BLM Routes**

- - - Open to ATV (<50 in), Motorcycles, Bikes, Hikers, & Equestrians
- Open to Hikers, Equestrian, and Livestock
- == Open to all Modes of Transportation
- ▭ No Camping
- ▭ No Firearm Use

**Silt Mesa ERMA**

- ▭ Land Ownership
- ▭ Bureau of Land Management
- ▭ Private
- ▭ State Wildlife Area

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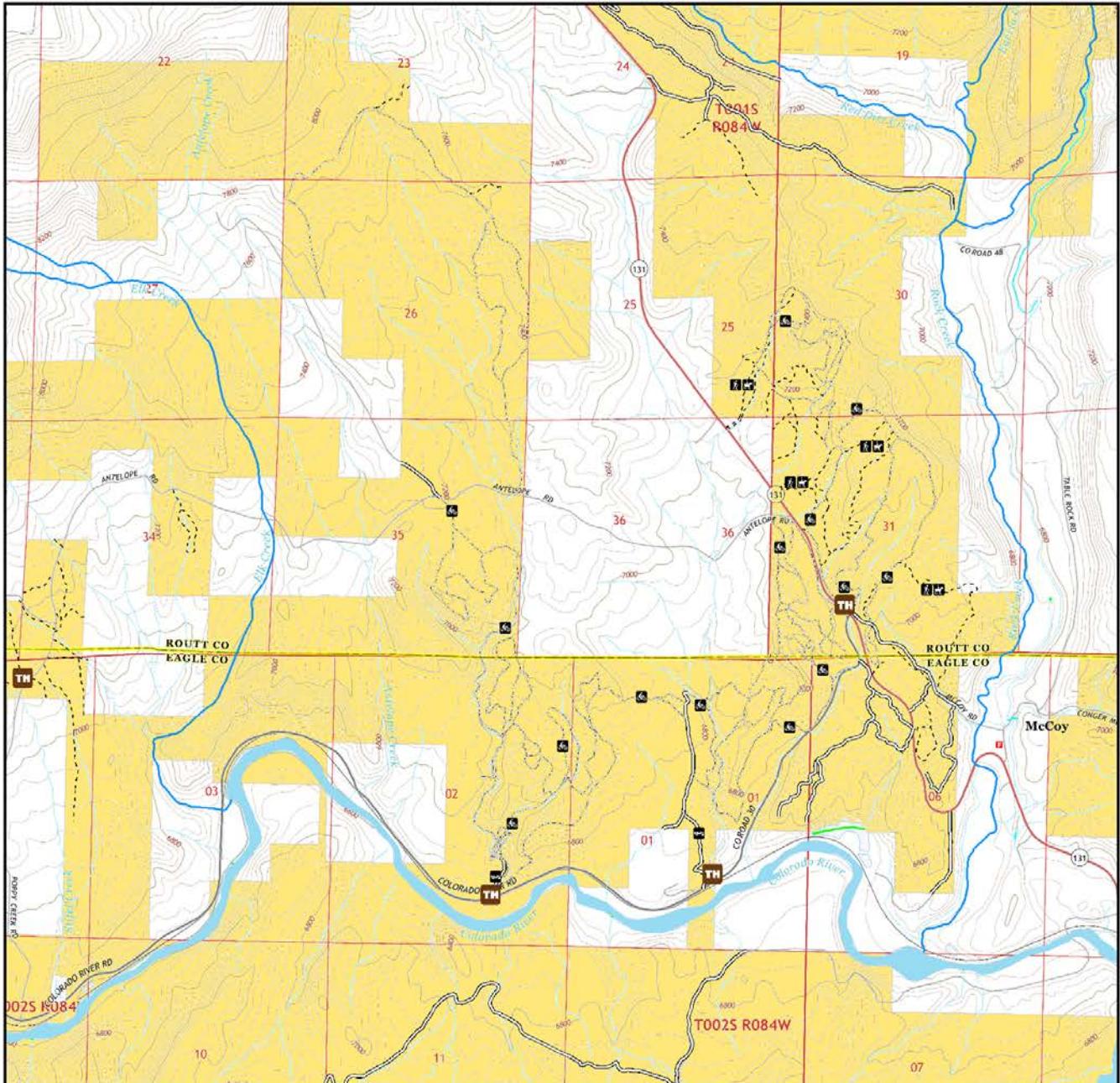




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**COLORADO**

**McCoy Trails-Colorado River Valley Field Office**



**TH** Trail Head

**BLM Routes**

- Open to Hikers, Equestrian, and Livestock
- Open to Motorcycles, Bikes, Hikers, & Equestrians
- Open to all Modes of Transportation
- Yellow Box Bureau of Land Management
- White Box Private

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## (F) Project Illustration

Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams

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

Items to consider including may be:

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



In 2023, the BLM CRVFO two-person OHV Crew installed nearly 100 route identification signs. These route signs have been noticed by the local OHV community in the past years and are greatly appreciated.





May 2023 - Road damage on the Crown Special Recreation Management Area before OHV Crew maintenance. Damage (photo above) is causing trail braiding by OHV users.



June 2023 - Road damage after OHV crew worked to provide initial maintenance to reduce resource damage. Additional, more involved road maintenance is planned for 2024.





July 2023 – The OHV Crew worked throughout the season to install camping signs on designated routes leading to dispersed camping. This information helps users camp responsibly in durable areas instead of in areas that may cause undue degradation of natural resources.



September 2023 – The OHV Crew was training to use the BLM skid steer in 2023. The crew completed several projects safely utilizing the skid steer. Pictured above and below, the crew completes drainage work on the OHV parking area within the Crown SRMA.







October 2023 - The OHV Crew completed a fence install within the Hardscrabble – East Eagle Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). The fence will help to encourage OHV users to stay on the designated route and allow for vegetation to reestablish itself in disturbed areas outside of the approved route corridor.





October 2023 – Here the OHV Crew is working to install barriers with the skid steer to protect the Blue Lakes area near the Castle Peak Wilderness Study Area (WSA). This area is a sensitive riparian area. The OHV routes surrounding Castle Peak are popular for BLM permitted OHV tours. Our permittees appreciate the work of the OHV Crew to keep routes labeled, maintained, and keep scenic areas like Blue Lake protected from damage.

# Hi Country 4 Wheelers

P.O. Box 2494

Glenwood Springs, CO. 81602



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November 17, 2019

Re: Grant Proposal- CPW OHV Program Good Management grant.

Dear OHV Sub Committee Members,

Hi Country 4 Wheelers supports the Colorado River Valley BLM's continued funding for CPW OHV programs good management grant. This grant pays for 3 seasonal rangers and all of their equipment and supplies every year.

Hi Country 4 Wheelers (HC4W) is a nonprofit family oriented 4 wheel drive club from Glenwood Springs. We are involved in a variety of activities including high quality four wheel drive experiences and opportunities by promoting appropriate stewardship on our public lands.

We have relationships with our local Forest Service and BLM agencies which provides the opportunity for OHV enthusiasts to engage in land use issues that promote, protect and preserve the spectacular landscape unique to western Colorado. Every year HC4W helps host an annual volunteer cleanup at the Hubbard Mesa OHV use area north of Rifle Colorado. Annually the CRVBLM leads us in cleaning up thousands of pounds of trash, scrap metal and hundreds of tires. We rely on help and guidance from the CRVBLM so we may continue to protect natural and cultural resources which are so vitally important to the people and economies of western Colorado.

OHV recreation is important to the people and economies of western Colorado. Hi Country 4 Wheelers enthusiastically supports ongoing trail maintenance and clearly signed trail systems. An OHV crew dedicated to these tasks would go a long way towards enhancing OHV recreation opportunities in western Colorado.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the CRVBLM's grant application.

Kindly

Jennifer Isenhardt

President HC4W

970-379-0544

jenisenhardt86@gmail.com



Michael Jones  
Recreation Planner  
Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado River Valley Field Office  
2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Michael:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR). We are writing to support the Colorado River Valley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the recurring Good Management Grant. We are a family oriented, non-profit, motorcycle club dedicated to preserving and expanding riding opportunities in Colorado, with specific focus on Eagle County and the Vail Valley. We support balanced and responsible use of public lands while promoting respect, education, and stewardship of the environment. The club was founded in 1996.

The club has had an excellent, long standing relationship with the Colorado River Valley Field Office in working together to support a responsible, well thought out, approach to motorized trail systems within our local district. We implement this plan through trail maintenance, clean-up days, and public outreach. We value our relationship with the local district and have had great success creating a shared vision for our local trail systems; implemented by the district, as well as volunteers such as our local club.

This recurring grant is critical to maintaining not only a balanced approach to recreational uses on the local BLM District land, but also making sure those trail systems are implemented correctly so that they're talked about far and wide, support the local mountain economy, and provide recreation opportunities for generations to come.

Thank you for your time. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Joe O'Malley  
President, RMSR  
970.471.9912  
joeo@rmsrco.com



November 15, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The White River Trail Runners ATV/UTV Club formed in 2009 to promote through education various activities and recreation for its members and to promote good conduct, sportsmanship, safety and conservation practices while respecting landowners and their property. We have a working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management regarding land use issues and trail maintenance.

We are writing to support the Colorado River Valley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the recurring Good Management Grant. This recurring grant is critical to maintaining not only a balanced approach to recreational uses on the local BLM District land, but also making sure those trail systems are implemented correctly so that they're talked about far and wide, support the local mountain economy, and provide recreation opportunities for generations to come.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Best Regards,

Susan C. Nichols-Alvis, President/Secretary  
White River Trail Runners ATV/UTV Club  
970-309-7042  
nicholsfui@yahoo.com





Michael Jones  
Recreation Planner  
Bureau of Land Management  
Colorado River Valley Field Office  
2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Michael:

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR). We are writing to support the Colorado River Valley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in purchasing new off-road motorcycles. We are a family oriented, non-profit, motorcycle club dedicated to preserving and expanding riding opportunities in Colorado, with specific focus on Eagle County and the Vail Valley. We support balanced and responsible use of public lands while promoting respect, education, and stewardship of the environment. The club was founded in 1996.

The club has had an excellent, long standing relationship with the Colorado River Valley Field Office in working together to support a responsible, well thought out, approach to motorized trail systems within our local district. We implement this plan through trail maintenance, clean-up days, and public outreach. We value our relationship with the local district and have had great success creating a shared vision for our local trail systems; implemented by the district, as well as volunteers such as our local club.

Having the proper equipment is critical for the BLM to implement and maintain its travel management plans efficiently. Aging equipment is not only a safety concern, but takes valuable time and money to maintain properly. Down time during these maintenance cycles would also take away from the task at hand. New equipment would help the boots on the ground perform their duties in an efficient and safe manner.

Thank you for your time. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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November 21, 2019

Via Email

OHV Subcommittee  
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Dear Committee Members:

The Town of Gypsum supports the Colorado River Valley Field Offices (CRVFO) request of Colorado Parks and Wildlife to fund the purchase new motorcycles in 2021. The bikes the BLM OHV field crew are currently using are aging out and becoming more costly to maintain. In partnership with the BLM, the Town has made a significant investment in trail maintenance and signage in the past couple of years and these new bikes will help the OHV crew to maintain and protect all the progress we've made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Hancock, P. E.  
Assistant Town Manager, Engineer

Cc: Jeremy Rietmann, Town Manager

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

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During the 2025 summer season, the OHV crew will patrol high use areas such as Gypsum Hills and Hardscrabble, making visitor contacts and maintaining/improving signage. Maintaining signs requires ongoing attention, and the OHV crew is able to give this the attention it needs. The crew has been meticulous in the past, and that is our expectation moving forward. Other areas requiring extra attention to signs include the Roan Plateau and Red Hill Gypsum.

At the start of the 2025 season, new moto trails in Hardscrabble should be in the implementation process. The OHV crew will assist volunteer trail builders and support their efforts. We maintain a strong partnership with Rocky Mountain Sport Riders and plan to continue to build on this in 2025 and beyond. Rocky Mountain Sports Riders plan to have volunteers build the new trails, and we would like the OHV crew to help in whatever capacity is needed.

In 2023 the crew discovered many illegal trails in Red Hill Gypsum. We plan to have them focus on this in 2025, including working to protect resources that were damaged due to those illegal trails. Other areas needing restoration include Blue Lake where a riparian area was damaged from illegal off trail activity. Another area needing additional attention is the Firebox trail, which borders the White River National Forest in Hardscrabble. This trail has several areas where lack of drainage has become an issue and encourages visitors to drive off trail and damage the surrounding area. In 2023 a volunteer crew built trail features to help mitigate some of the drainage issues on the trail. Those areas will continue to need maintenance as we work on long term solutions.

The OHV crew helps with the annual volunteer cleanup day at Hubbard Mesa near Rifle. Partners for this event include White River 4x4 and High Country 4-wheelers. It's a popular event with a long history.



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## Colorado River Valley Field Office 2024 OHV Work Plan

For the 2024 season, our OHV crew will continue to implement our Travel Management Plan including route designations, new OHV trails, trail maintenance, trailhead construction, improved parking and support facilities, educational work, and improved facilities managed by the US Forest Service and BLM that are primarily used by OHV users. The OHV crew will also provide a field presence with visitor contacts, compliance, and enforcement through the Good Management Program.

We have some positive staffing changes in the works, which will greatly improve our capacity to manage OHV recreation at the CRVFO. Historically, we used the Good Management OHV Grant to help fund two seasonal OHV Rangers (GS-5/7) as well as a permanent GS-7 Park Ranger. The permanent position has been vacant for several years. A permanent GS-9 Supervisory Park Ranger Position was recently approved for our table of Organization to replace the GS-7 position. We are also planning to replace one of the seasonal GS-5/7 OHV ranger positions with a career seasonal GS-5/7 OHV ranger position. Based on how things go in 2024, we will consider replacing the second seasonal position with a career seasonal position in 2025. We hope to attract strong candidates and increase the longevity of people remaining in the positions by increasing the pay grade of the permanent ranger and moving towards hiring career seasonals. We also hope to have our second Outdoor Recreation Planner position, which was vacant in 2023, filled well before the 2024 season. We are looking forward to having a fully staffed Recreation Program very soon. In 2024 we plan to use the Good Management OHV Grant to help fund the GS-5/7 OHV Rangers and a portion of the GS-9 Supervisory Park Ranger's labor during the summer. We will use BLM funds to pay for the rest of the GS-9 Supervisory Park Ranger's labor.

The 2024 OHV crew will conduct work throughout the field office, with a focus on several key areas and projects described below.

**Bocco Mountain ERMA (Extensive Recreation Management Area)** - We are working with our partners to improve the parking area and signage. Trail maintenance will include maintaining signs and removing whoops, as well as clearing brush from the motorcycle trails in this area. Our partner group is looking into funding to for additional trailhead facilities including a pit toilet and improving the kiosk and parking lot. Once the funding is approved we plan to assist with development and implementation.

**Bocco Mountain/Blue Lake Area** – This area is adjacent to Bocco Mountain. Severe damage from off trail use in sensitive wetland areas was discovered in 2023. Following that discovery, the OHV crew built a fence delineating the parking area, installed a gate, installed signs, and started restoration work. In 2024 we plan to complete the wetland restoration and trail delineation work, including constructing additional

buck and rail fence to keep users on the trail. Trail maintenance and hazardous tree felling will also be completed.

**Gypsum Hills ERMA** - The OHV crew will continue to maintain signage, as well as focus on visitor contacts, particularly when visitation increases during hunting seasons. We found several route inconsistencies in this area in 2023, and the crew will focus on those areas in 2024 to improve the user experience.

**Hardscrabble SRMA (Special Recreation Management Area)** – This is one of our most visited areas. Our partner, Rocky Mountain Sports Riders, submitted a proposal to add 12-15 miles of single track. We are working through the NEPA process this winter and plan on implementing the project the summer of 2024. These new single-track motorcycle trails, once approved, will primarily be built by volunteers. The OHV crew will provide essential support and assistance. The Firebox trail, which travels through BLM and Forest Service lands, had some maintenance done this past season, but will continue to need attention in 2024. We hope to try a few different strategies to find long-term solutions to the existing drainage issues. The OHV crew will also continue to maintain trail signs and make visitor contacts.

**Hubbard Mesa Open OHV Area** – This heavily visited area is close to Rifle and continues to be a popular dumping area. We have seen improvement in the last few years, and we had a record low amount of trash in 2023 due to signage and increased visitor contacts. Our OHV crew will continue with these efforts. The crew will also help support our partners with a popular annual cleanup in May.

**Red Hill SRMA** - We have worked with the Forest Service to develop strategies for managing several overlapping areas of concern. In 2024 we will be partnering with the Forest Service to add USFS kiosks in addition to our BLM kiosks to give users better information about designated trails on USFS lands in the area. The area sees a high proportion of visitor-created trails causing resource damage in comparison to its size. Our plan is to have a high presence in this area and increase signage. In 2023, our crew was able to complete one project in this area to mitigate some of the resource damage, and they will be monitoring the efficacy of this project and making additional improvements as needed. The crew will also be repairing resource damage and delineating trails to increase user experience.

**Silt Mesa ERMA** – We received a proposal for a new rock crawling trail approximately 1.2 miles long. We are working through the NEPA process this winter, and plan to begin project implementation in 2024. We are hoping to receive a proposal from our partner in 2024 to develop the parking area. Once that is received, we will work on planning and implementation. This will include designating and grading a parking area and installing signs and a kiosk for visitor information.

**Mud Hill** – This is a popular hunting area south of Silt. In 2023, severe, intentional trail damage was discovered. Someone used heavy equipment to damage the trail and create a wall of brush to block users from accessing the area beyond the wall of brush. The discovery was made too late in the season to be able to repair the trail, but the OHV crew was able to remove the wall of brush. This area will need heavy equipment and an experienced operator to repair the trail to its previous condition. This project is at the top of our list due to the apparent access issues. Our Law Enforcement Officer is working on restitution to offset the cost.

In addition to these area-specific plans, we have identified an office-wide need for maintaining our trailhead kiosks. These kiosks provide valuable trail information and have been neglected for some time. Since most of our kiosks are in areas with high motorized use, our OHV crew will be primarily responsible for identifying and maintaining these kiosks.

We have a busy season planned for 2024 and greatly appreciate the opportunity to use the Good Management OHV Grant. This grant allows us to continue to provide quality experiences for our visitors while protecting our natural resources. On behalf of the Colorado River Valley Field Office, we thank you



very much for your time and the resources you have provided. We look forward to continuing this relationship far into the future.

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