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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

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

Name of Project: Uncompahgre Field Office GM Crew		Date of Application: 11/7/23
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$278,400 <i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	Grant Request: \$160,400 <i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office		
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
Telephone: 970-240-5310	Email: ckilbane@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 <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Caroline Kilbane	Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner	
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
Telephone: 970-240-5310	Email: ckilbane@blm.gov	
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: <u>YES</u> NO	
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: same as above	Title:	
Mailing Address:		
Telephone:	Email:	
GRANTS & AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)		
Name: Scott Stewart	Title: Budget Analyst	
Mailing Address: 2465 S Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401		
Telephone: 970-240-5350	Email: msstewart@blm.gov	

PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Montrose, Delta, Olathe, Norwood, Nucla, Naturita		
County(ies): Delta, San Miguel, Ouray, Mesa, Gunnison		
Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature): Peach Valley OHV		
Township/Range/Section: Uncompahgre Field Office Boundary (multiple township/ranges)		
State Senate District #: 4 and 6	State Representative District #: 54 and 58	
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>Federal Lands</u>		
TRAIL SYSTEM INFORMATION (List the number of miles for each type of OHV trail in your area)		
Miles of Singletrack: <u>165</u>	Miles of 50" or less: <u>94</u>	Miles of Full-sized: <u>2,884</u>
TRAIL USER INFORMATION (Please check all that apply to the work planned for this project)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Side x Side	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Plan Implementation	
<input type="checkbox"/> *New Trail Construction miles / ft. _____ (Approved through Travel Mgt Decision)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Protection & Improvement	
<input type="checkbox"/> *Major Re-Route miles / ft. closed _____ (that will require new or additional environmental approvals) miles / ft. added _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signs	
	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital Equipment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<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 30%	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.)	
15%	Enforcement, Education & Visitor Contacts (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)	
40%	Planning & Travel Plan Implementation (e.g., planning, engineering, maps, inventorying, travel management signs & installation, decommission non-system routes, rehabilitation, new construction, wages, monitoring, etc.)	
15%	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: Uncompahgre Field Office GM Crew	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Caroline Kilbane	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$278,400	Grant Request: \$160,400

Project Description: The BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office/Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area (UFO/GGNCA) is a federal land manager for over a million acres of public land on the Western Slope based out of Montrose, CO. The UFO/GGNCA both provide unique riding experiences for motorized visitors of all skill levels and attracts visitors from local, regional, national, and international markets. Our maintenance, education, and construction activities are completed by our OHV Crew, which consists of two GS-7 Career-Seasonal OHV Park Rangers, and support from our GS-9 Trails Coordinator Park Ranger. The GS-9 Trails Coordinator is a permanent year-round position partially supports the OHV Crew by bringing a higher depth of experience in being able to design and construct new trails and improve implementation capacity for new projects at a higher complexity level. The position is partially funded through the GM grant, and partially from UFO Recreation funds. Having a Trails Program Coordinator will enhance the institutional knowledge and training opportunities for the two career seasonal crew members. This team is led by the UFO Outdoor Recreation Planner Caroline Kilbane, the office trails lead.

The crew focuses on multiple use routes located on BLM/USFS lands within Montrose, Delta, San Miguel, Ouray, and Gunnison counties. The crew operates on the GGNCA (Peach Valley / Flat Top areas), the UFO (mainly the Dry Creek area), and portions of the United States Forest Service (USFS) Uncompahgre National Forest. Additionally, work will be performed with partners, cooperators, local and county government agencies as well as clubs and organizations. Building on our work from FY24, we hope to begin construction on the new trails designed in 2024 in the Paradox Valley Extensive Recreation Management Area as well as continuing design in that area. BLM would also continue to improve the North Delta Open OHV Area by signing and inventorying and signing the highest value routes and continuing to work on the design and construction of an improved staging area including the addition of a motocross track. These two projects would both be building on the work of 2024 and adding new riding opportunities. The crew would also focus major efforts on replacing many of the original components of the Peach Valley Skills course, as much of the lumber needs replaced and the features re-worked.

In addition to the new projects the Good Management OHV Crew will develop, maintain and improve existing 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 BLM that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; and provide a field presence for visitor contacts, compliance and enforcement.

The crew will be working on the projects listed above for an extended season from March-November. Having the two career seasonals will allow for more work to be continued into the shoulder seasons. The BLM is also requesting a new UTV to enable us to better complete our work and shuttle supplies into project sites.

An emphasis is placed on educating users about Tread Lightly, Stay the Trail, and other stewardship programs through personal contacts, UTV and motorcycle safety trainings, maps and

brochure development, information, and signing. The crew will install signage and stickers showing that Colorado Registration Dollars at Work is the funding for these new projects and continued maintenance of the trails the public love to ride. The crew is also essential for customer service, working with local clubs, users and landowners, GPS/GIS work, inventorying trails and roads, trail maintenance, rehabilitation projects, signing, collecting use data, volunteer projects, implementing BLM and USFS travel management plans, assisting with permit compliance for events, and coordinating with BLM/USFS offices in Grand Junction, Gunnison, Montrose, Norwood and Delta on user information and joint trail maintenance and signing.

The Uncompahgre OHV Trail Crew is essential in working with local government agencies, clubs, users, and landowners. They provide valuable feedback to the recreation planner on issues and opportunities that may exist in areas, as well as possible solutions or ideas on how to move forward. The UFO/GGNCA will also continue to support Al Griffin and Chad Greiner, MSF and ASI certified, with motorcycle and ATV educational trainings as well.

DEFINITIONS:

UTV	Utility Vehicle
ATV	All Terrain Vehicle
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
USFS	United States Forest Service
GPS	Global Positioning System
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
UFO	Uncompahgre Field Office
GGNCA	Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ASI	ATV Safety Institute
MSF	Motorcycle Safety Foundation
ERMA	Extensive Recreation Management Areas
GS	General Schedule

Budget Form

Project Name: Uncompahgre Field Office GM Crew

Date Project will be Completed: 1-Dec

Project Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office

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)			\$ 160,400.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BLM (half Trails Park Ranger salary)		\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000.00
BLM (OHV Truck)	\$ -	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000.00
USFS (dozer operation)	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000.00
Half of new UTV cost	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000.00
USE OF GRANT FUNDING <small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>	TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT		\$ 278,400.00

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	weeks	Total Cost
Career Seasonal (GS-7)	\$ 42.00	30	\$ 50,400.00
Career Seasonal (GS-7)	\$ 42.00	30	\$ 50,400.00
Trails Park Ranger (half year salary)	\$ 50.00	22	\$ 44,000.00
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	3,447.62	Category Total	\$ 144,800.00

II. Project Materials/Supplies <small>Identify as: Signs, rock, lumber, paint, nails, printing, maps/guides, education materials, etc.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Trail supplies and materials such as lumber, hardware for repairs, mulch, etc	\$ -		\$ -
Lumber for Peach Valley	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 3,000.00

III. Equipment <small>Identify as: Trail Dozers, ATV/UTV, motorcycle, chainsaws, winches, field equipment rentals, equipment fuel, repairs, and operations, etc.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
Fuel for UTV, ATV, Motorcycles, and other equipment	\$ -		\$ -
Half of a new UTV purchase	\$ -		\$ -
Equipment Repairs/Safety Inspections	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ 12,600.00

III.A. FLEET Equipment <small>Identify as: Crew Fleet Vehicles/Trucks monthly FOR & USE, Fleet Equipment monthly USE.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

IV. Contracted Services <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

V. Volunteer Support <small>Identify as: For Volunteers Only Safety education, safety gear (gloves/goggles), outfitting, per diem (meals or mileage when travel required by and identified in project scope of work), non-monetary awards or recognition.</small>			
Item Description	Price Per	Quantity	Total
	\$ -		\$ -
		Category Total	\$ -

Total	\$ 160,400.00
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Note: Any changes to the budget must have pre-approval from the Program

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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.

Project Name	Uncompahgre Field Office GM Crew	Project Sponsor	BLM Uncompahgre Field Office
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

BLM Gunnison Gorge Resource Management Plan & EIS Date: November 2004

BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Resource Management Plan April 2020

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

Date and title of document:

See above.

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:

Caroline Kilbane

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for n/a.

Suzanne Copping, Uncompahgre Field Manager

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

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Land Manager Signature and Title

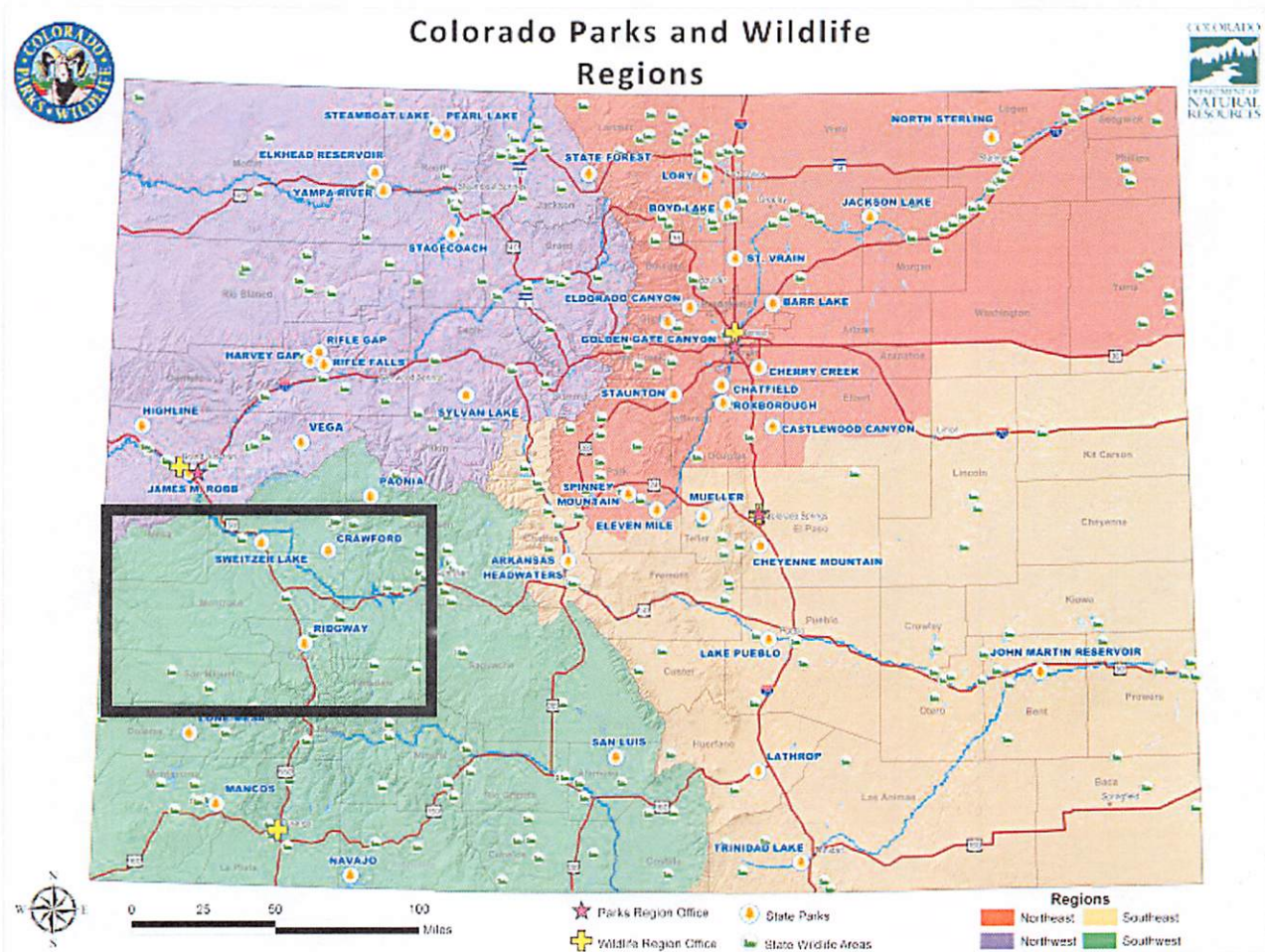
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E-1 Vicinity Map & E-2 Project Site Maps

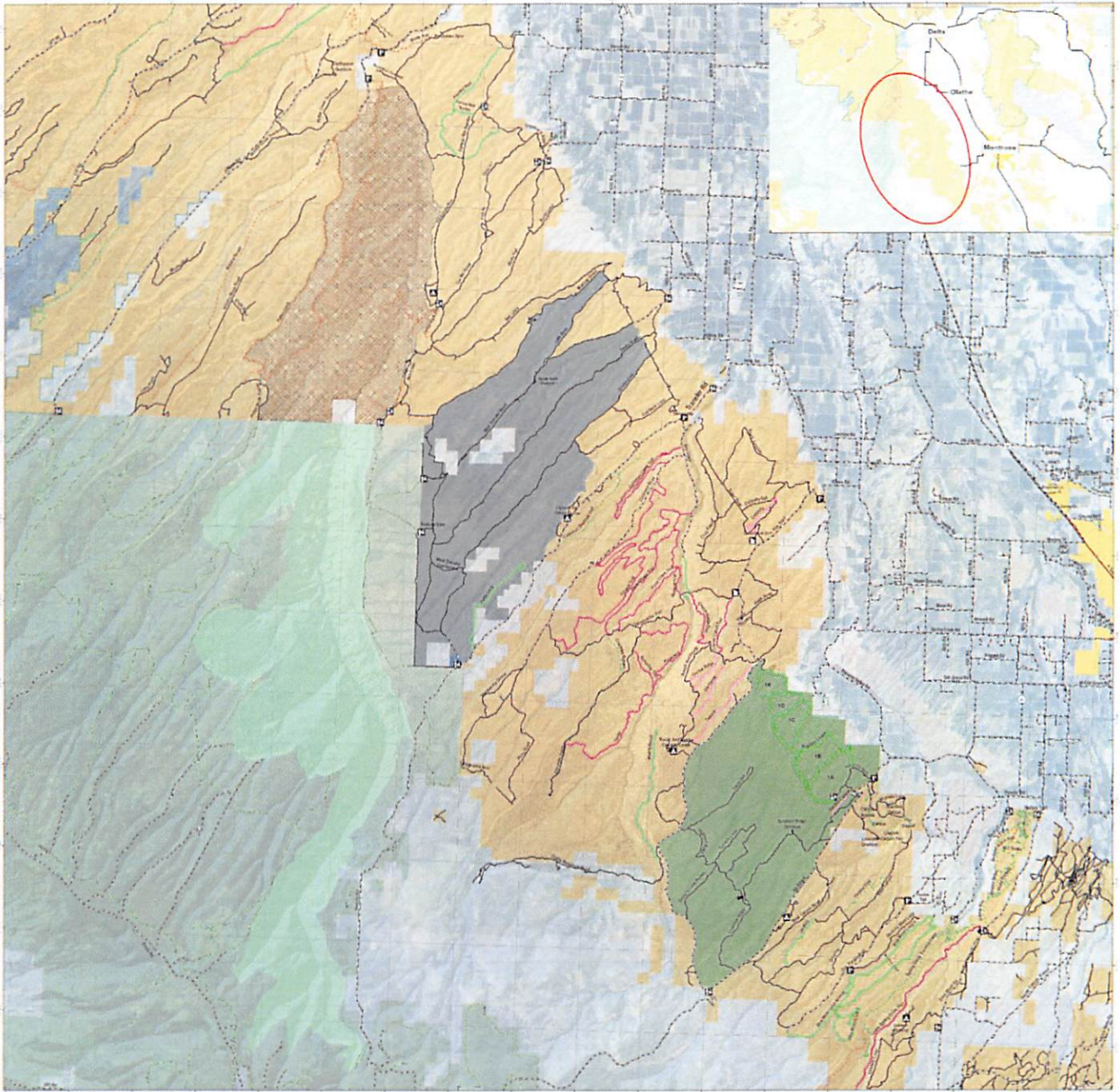
Maps being requested include:

- “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.

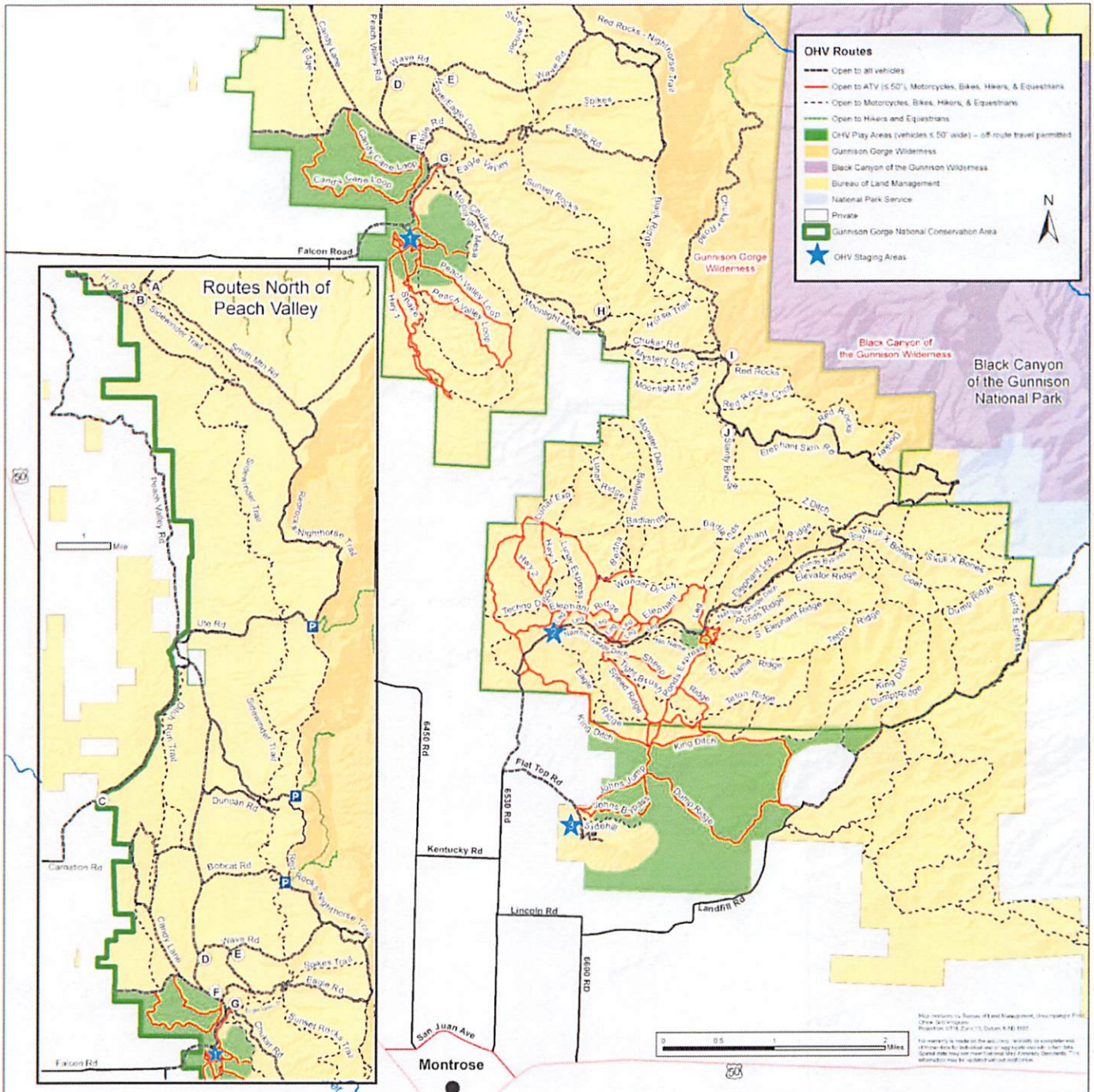


Dry Creek

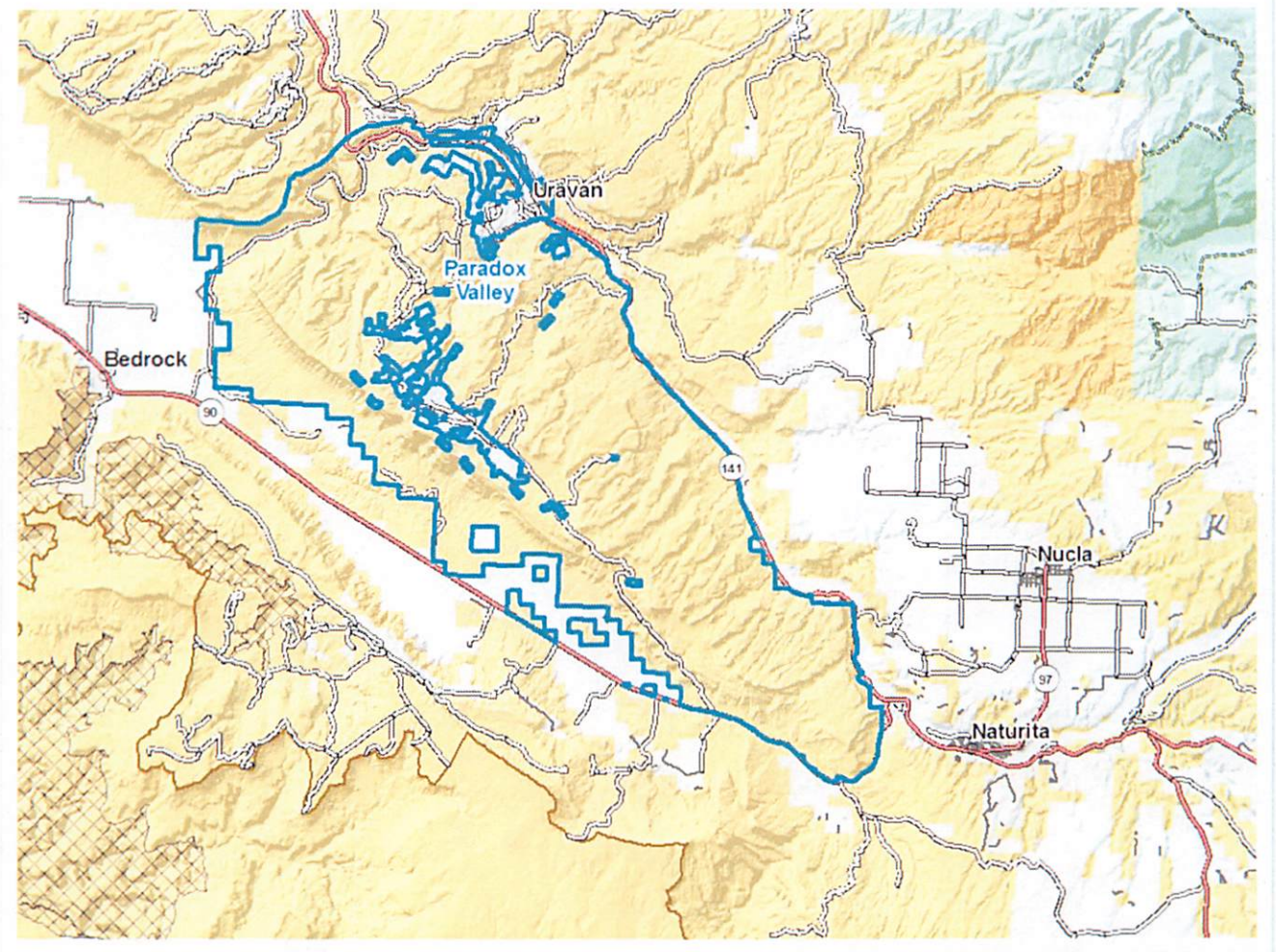


	Recreation Sites (Existing or Proposed) [Symbol] Camping [Symbol] Kiosk Information [Symbol] Hardened Camping Area [Symbol] Staging Area [Symbol] Trailhead	Route Designation [Symbol] Open to all Modes of Transportation [Symbol] Open Only to Technical Snow-Crossing & Trail Bikes [Symbol] Open to ATVs (20" or less), Motorcycles, Bikes, Horses, & Equestrians [Symbol] Open to Motorcycles, Bikes, Horses, & Equestrians	[Symbol] Open to Bikes, Horses, Equestrians [Symbol] Open to Horses and Equestrians [Symbol] Open to Foot Traffic Only [Symbol] Forest Service Roads & Trails	[Symbol] County Roads [Symbol] State Highways [Symbol] US Highway	Land Status [Symbol] Bureau of Land Management [Symbol] US Forest Service [Symbol] City/Town [Symbol] Private	Dry Creek Seasonal Closures [Symbol] December 1 - April 15 [Symbol] December 1 - March 31 2.0 Miles
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Flat Top- Peach Valley

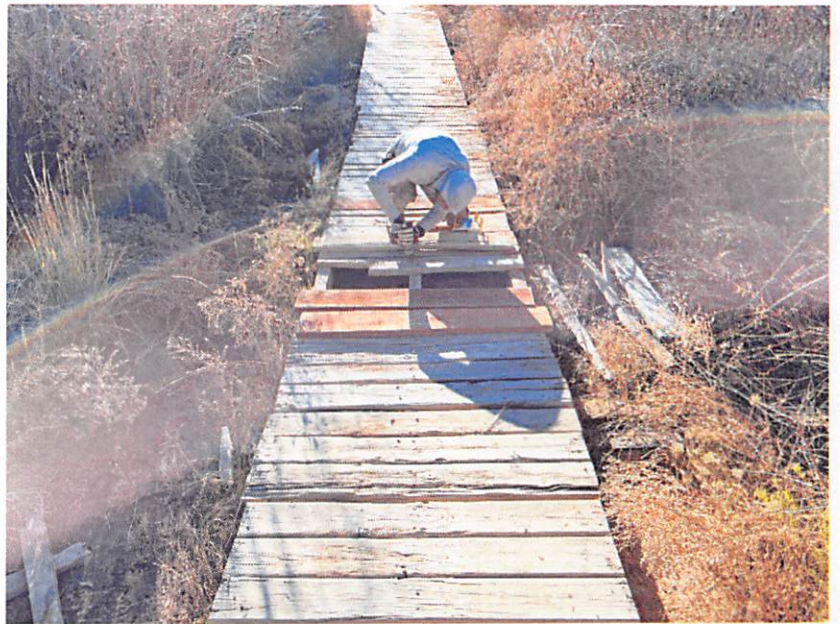


Paradox Valley Extensive Recreation Area



(F) Project Illustration
Photographs, Drawings, Engineering Plans, Diagrams





(G) Letters of Project Support

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.

- See attached letters of support



WEST END VISITORS CENTER
UNAWEEP – TABEGUACHE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

November 16, 2023

RE: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce and the West End Visitors Center, I am happy to present this as a letter of support for the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, and their grant request for a Trails Coordinator. The communities of Nucla, Naturita, and Norwood (the West End) encompass acres and acres of public lands with trails that may be utilized for various outdoor recreation activities.

The West End area with its incredible open spaces is well suited for the outdoor and nature-focused adventurer. This proposal is well rounded and looks to serve multiple user groups. Our residents will love the added trails & amenities, since outdoor activities are what draws many to the West End and is what has kept others here for generations.

The Nucla Naturita Area Chamber of Commerce (NNACC) & the West End Visitors Center wholeheartedly support this project & look forward to its positive impact to our local recreation opportunities. Trail design, development & maintenance would certainly be an investment in a sustainable environment and economy for the incredible area of Colorado's West End.

Sincerely,

Paula Brown

Paula Brown
West End Visitor Center Director/Event Coordinator
NNACC Executive Director

PO Box 425
230 West Main
Naturita, CO 81422

NUCLA NATURITA
Area Chamber of Commerce

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Email: nnaccdirector1@gmail.com
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November 28, 2023

Dear Members of the Colorado OHV Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Delta County Commissioners, I am writing to express our unwavering support for the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) in their pursuit of Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant funding for their OHV Crew in 2025. These funds are crucial in sustaining and enhancing motorized recreation opportunities on public lands, directly benefiting OHV users. This partnership holds exceptional importance in our area.

By supporting this grant, we aim to facilitate the provision of necessary resources to maintain and enhance motorized recreation experiences on public lands. The resultant increase in opportunities for motorized recreation within our communities will notably enhance the quality of life for local residents.

We firmly believe that this grant will significantly contribute to meeting the growing demands for recreational opportunities on the western slope of Colorado.

Thank you for considering this grant application and for your commitment to fostering enhanced recreational experiences in our region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendell A. Koontz".

Wendell A. Koontz

Delta County Commissioner, Chair



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Ouray Ranger District

2505 South Townsend
Montrose, CO 81401
970-240-5300
Fax: 970-240-5367

File Code: 1580; 2700
Date: November 13, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
OHV Grants Program
13787 S. Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Off Highway Vehicle Grants Committee:

The United States Forest Service (USFS), Ouray Ranger District fully supports the Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) in their efforts to acquire OHV grant funding through Colorado Parks and Wildlife. The Ouray Ranger District and the BLM UFO have and continue to work closely together to benefit motorized trails across public lands on the western slope, especially where our boundaries meet.

These funds will continue to support OHV users by providing the necessary resources to maintain and improve motorized recreation opportunities on public lands. The two agencies have created a system that maximizes CPW funds by joining crews to work OHV trails on both BLM and USFS managed lands. As the two agencies look to expand projects and trail maintenance on public lands, this partnership is central to the success of the programs. By maintaining and accomplishing projects, the BLM UFO provides the public with quality recreation opportunities and effective management of the surrounding natural resources across different landscapes and trail systems.

We hope that you will look favorably upon our request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ouray District Ranger



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

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

Top Five Work Goals for the Uncompahgre Field Office GM Crew:

- Sign and establish a new trail network within the North Delta OHV Open Area which currently has no encouraged or defined routes or any staging area infrastructure (originally planned for 2023, but was not completed due to hiring challenges)
- Major trail maintenance and signage updates on the Paradox Trail a mixed use motorized trail from the Uncompahgre Plateau to Moab, Utah in partnership with local user groups
- Sign and maintain signage on trails that have been designated in travel plans within the GGNCA, Dry Creek, and Burn Canyon Area, as well as Limited to Existing areas
- Begin layout and design of Paradox Valley ERMA new motorized trails
- Maintain Peach Valley Recreation Training, Beginner Loop, and Skills Course site

The crew will be focused on tread repair and building drainages on trails in Dry Creek and in GGNCA. The crew will be spending extra time on the more technically advanced trails such as Black Ridge, Pork Chop, and Piney, with an emphasis on dirt bike trails in particular. •The crew will be made up of one permanent employee and two career seasonals which will allow the crew to work a longer season, from March until the end of November, weather permitting. The crew does not have any events planned at this time, but will likely work with Westcore on boardwalk repairs, the Uncompahgre Valley Trail Riders on routes in Dry Creek, and Western Slope 4-Wheelers on signage in the GGNCA.

The UFO struggled with hiring in 2022, but with the conversion to two career seasonal with intermediate dirt bike experience and a permanent trails coordinator position providing support and, on the ground, technical knowledge we hope to accomplish a lot in 2024. We plan to remain flexible and recruit for the best fits for these skilled positions.