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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: OHV San Carlos GM Trail Project 2025		Date of Application: 11/30/2023
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$174,620	Grant Request: \$153,420	
<i>(round off to the nearest \$1)</i>	<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form.</i>	
<b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b> (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: San Carlos RD, PSICC NF		
Mailing Address: 3028 E. Main St, Canon City, CO 81212		
Telephone: (719) 269-8500	Email: Arthur.Ellege@usda.gov	
OFFICIAL USE ONLY – UEI # (IF REQUIRED):		
<a href="https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei">https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei</a>		
<b>PROJECT CONTACT</b> 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: Arthur Ellege	Title: Recreation Management Specialist	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 125, La Veta, CO 81055		
Telephone: (719) 742-3681	Email: Arthur.Ellege@usda.gov	
	Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES	
<b>PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT</b> This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Arthur Ellege	Title: Recreation Management Specialist	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 125, La Veta, CO 81055		
Telephone: (719) 742 - 3681	Email: Arthur.Ellege@usda.gov	
<b>GRANTS &amp; AGREEMENTS SPECIALIST (USFS only) or BUDGET CONTACT (BLM only)</b>		
Name: Jenn Munn	Title: Grants Management Specialist (Trainee)	
Mailing Address: 1617 Cole Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80401		
Telephone: (605) 515-8812	Email: Jennifer.Munn@usda.gov	

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**PROJECT LOCATION**

Nearest Town or City: Canon City, CO  
 County(ies): Pueblo, Fremont, Custer, Huerfano  
 Provide a point of reference for mapping purposes (i.e. a google searchable landscape feature):  
 Greenhorn Mountain  
 Township/Range/Section: T23S R 70W Sec. 8,13,18  
 State Senate District #: 2 State Representative District #: 47

**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): USDA FS

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

Miles of Singletrack: 61 Miles of 50" or less: 117 Miles of Full-sized: 0

**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.

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Corps
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration/Rehabilitation (existing corridor)	<input 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 & 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>80</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Enforcement, Education &amp; Visitor Contacts</b> (e.g., patrols, enforcement, education and visitor contacts, wages, safety contacts, equipment, etc.)
<b>5</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>10</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>

<b>SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:</b>	
Project Name: OHV San Carlos Good Management 2025	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: San Carlos Ranger District	Application Year: 2024-2025
Project Contact: Arthur Ellege	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$174,620	Grant Request: \$153,420

**Project Description:**  
 To 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 and provide education and rider ethics training to the OHV riding community; maintain and operate facilities owned by the USDA Forest Service that are used by OHV recreationalists; implement approved federal Travel Management Plans; provide a field presence for visitor contacts, OHV regulation compliance and resource protection.

**WHO?**  
 The San Carlos Ranger District of the San Isabel National Forest is a sub-unit of the USDA Forest Service, PSICC National Forest.

**WHERE?**  
 Work will be performed on motorized trails open to the public on National Forest Lands in Fremont, Pueblo, Custer, and Huerfano Counties. Reconstruction and maintenance will be done on most of the system trails on the District including: Rainbow, St. Charles, Cisneros, Snowslide, South Creek, Squirrel Creek, Second Mace, Dome Rock, Silver Circle, Middle Creek, Left Hand Fork, Pole Creek, Horse Ranch, Tanner, Stultz, Dodgeton, Short Cut, Baker Creek. An increased emphasis will be maintenance of the restoration done in 2019 on the five miles of the Indian Trail severely impacted by the Spring Fire in 2018. Burned trees continue to fall onto the trail, and erosion problems persist. The OHV crew will assist Arrowhead Trails, Inc. with Phase 2 of the Tanner Trail restoration project.

**WHAT?**  
 Priorities for this grant fall into several categories. The first is providing a safe and enjoyable riding experience for our trail users. Trails will be maintained to Forest Service standards and will be properly signed. Trail logs are kept and forwarded to the trails committee. Resource protection is also a high priority. Trail structures will be built and maintained to reduce soil erosion and stream siltation. Wildlife habitat will be preserved by closing unauthorized routes that impact wetlands and big game migration routes. Education and compliance are an integral part of our OHV program. Info kiosks are kept updated with timely notices and regulatory information. Public contacts are made by Forest Protection Officers to explain trail etiquette and the need for OHV registration. The San Carlos OHV trail crew will clear 160 miles of trail, maintain over 70 miles of trail and restore/reconstruct another 6 miles. San Carlos has an active volunteer program and develops projects tailored to promote return participation.

**WHEN?**  
 Work will commence in May 2025 when the full-time crew reports. Pre-work will already be done scheduling Mile High Youth Corps, training, and contractor work. Field projects will continue through October when the seasonal crew completes repairs and servicing of tools and equipment

**Program Funding Acknowledgement** – The *Colorado Registration Dollars at Work* logo is displayed on signs and kiosks around the District. Almost all our public contact discussions include thanking trail users for registering their machines to support the grants that enable the hiring of OHV trail crews and purchasing the tools they need to maintain trails.

## Budget Form

**Project Name:** OHV San Carlos GM Trail Project 2025

**Date Project will be Completed:** Nov. 30, 2025

**Project Sponsor:** San Carlos RD, PSICC NF

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)	\$153,420		\$ 153,420.00
Other Funding Sources	\$ -		\$ -
Forest Service training not covered by grant funds	\$ -	\$1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Forest Service administration and office support	\$ -	\$3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
Forest Service facilities utilities; gov't. tool and equipment use		\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Forest Service vehicles monthly rate costs, gasoline, repairs & maintenance		\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Forest Service project design & oversight; ordering supplies and equipment		\$4,750.00	\$4,750.00
Arrowhead Trails, Inc. conservation & stewardship field instruction		\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00
Royal Gorge ATV Club trail & bridge contributions	\$ -	\$1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>USE OF GRANT FUNDING</b>		<b>TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 174,620.00</b>
<small>List uses of grant funding (only) below</small>			

<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		Total Cost
GS-7 OHV Program Supervisor	\$30.00	\$1,200 per week X 14 weeks	\$ 16,800.00
GS-7 OHV Trail Crew Leader	\$ 30.00	\$1,200 per week X 24 weeks	\$ 28,800.00
GS-7 OHV Trail Crew Member	\$ 30.00	\$1,200 per week X 24 weeks	\$ 28,800.00
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Overtime, Holiday Pay	\$36.00	120 hrs.	\$4,320.00
overnight per diem, OHV workshop & FPO training,			\$2,100.00
<small>For CPW use only: Approximate number of workhours</small>	4,614.00	<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 138,420.00</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
trailhead kiosk construction and repair materials, stains, & hardware	\$1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
trailhead RS-1 signs and timber supports	\$2,500	2	\$ 5,000.00
trail destination directional signs, supports & hardware	\$250.00	8	\$ 2,000.00
trail information notices printing and lamination	\$12.00	25	\$ 300.00
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,800.00</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>			
motorcycle, ATV, & UTV servicing and repairs parts and supplies	\$3,250.00	1	\$ 3,250.00
Morrison trail dozer repair parts & servicing supplies	\$1,200.00	1	\$950.00
chainsaws parts & supplies; power tools, generators parts & repair costs	\$1,500.00	1	\$ 1,500.00
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,700.00</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>IV. Contracted Services</b> <small>Identify as: Youth Corps, NEPA, planning, engineering, construction contractor/subcontractor costs</small>			
	\$ -		\$ -
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>V. Volunteer Support</b> <small>Identify as: <i>For Volunteers Only</i> 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 & non-monetary awards	\$500.00		\$500.00
		<b>Category Total</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 153,420.00</b>

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

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

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

Project Name OHV San Carlos Good Management Trail Project Project Sponsor San Carlos RD, PSICC NF

As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

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

Pike and San Isabel NF, Comanche and Cimarron NG Date: 10/18/1984

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

Date and title of document:

Pike and San Isabel NF Forest Environmental Impact Study 1984

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:

- 4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for 2024.

Destiny Chapman, San Carlos District Ranger

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Handwritten signature: Destiny Chapman, District Ranger

11/19/2023

Date

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ Project Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

The project described in this application has my approval.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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
  - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
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

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**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)

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

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**Signature of person consulted:**

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### **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



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

**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**

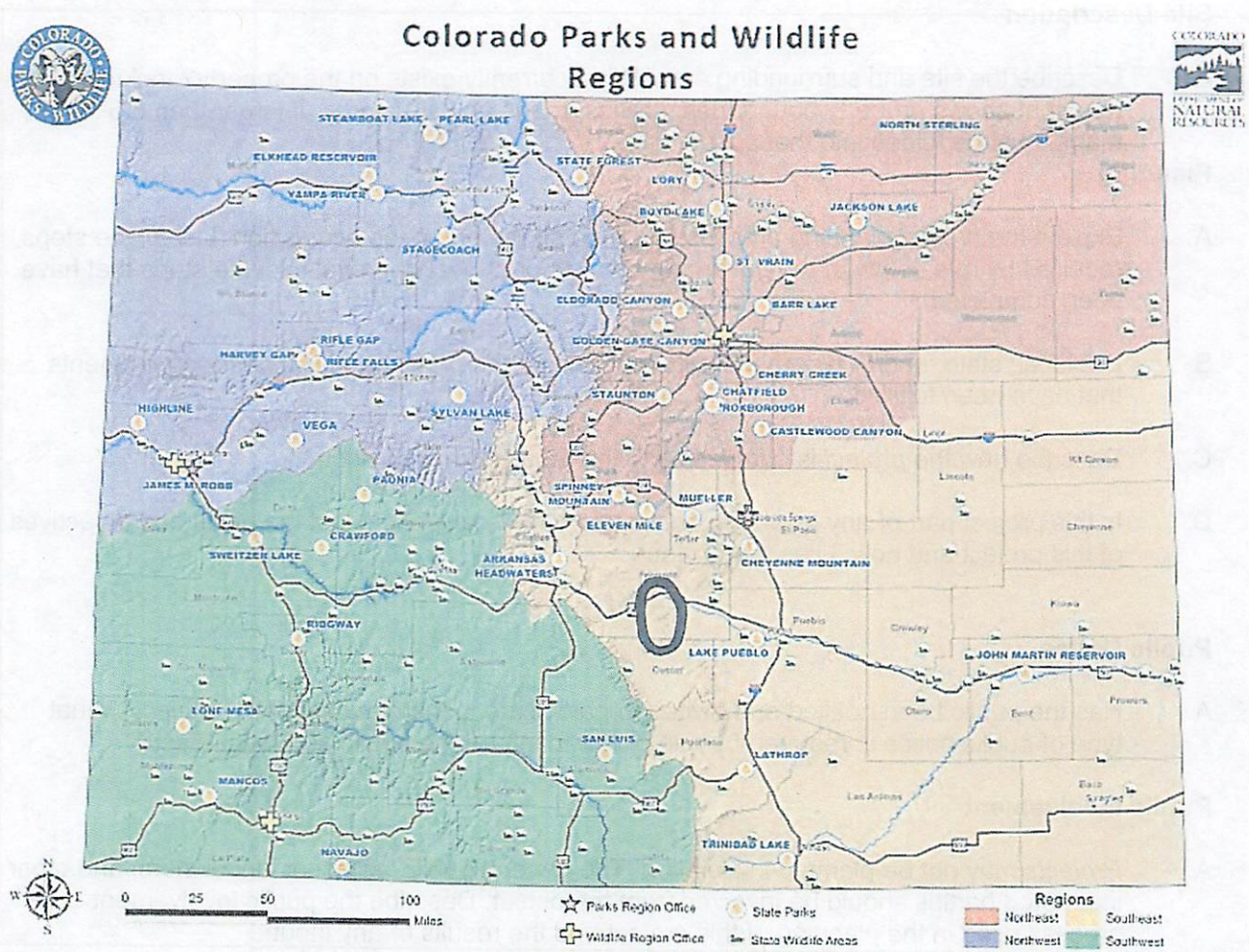
- A. Has the public been notified and invited to participate in the planning of the *project*? What type of public notice is required by rule or law to inform the public about a project?

**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 Map

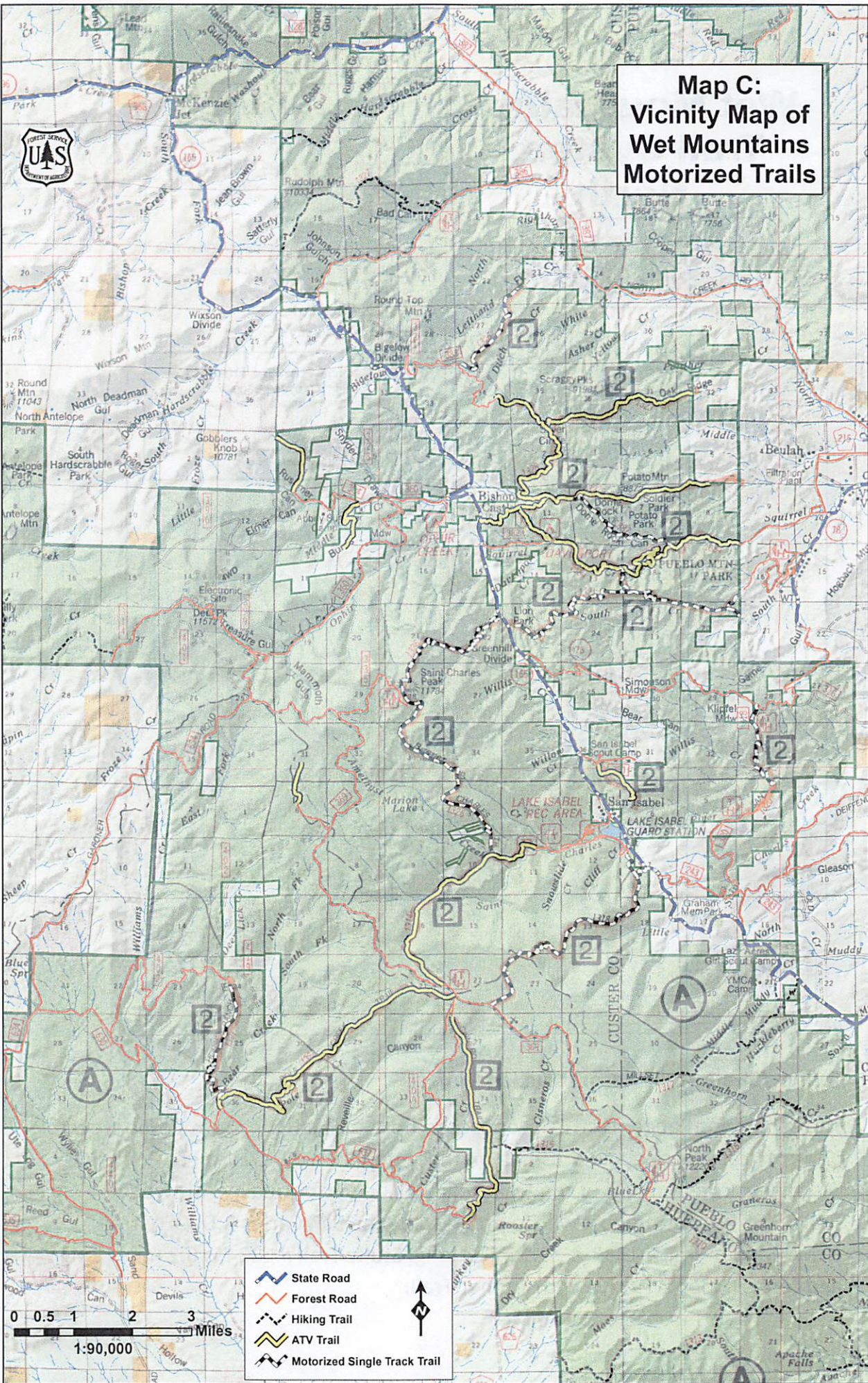
E-1 Vicinity Map: Please mark the vicinity where the project is located on the map below.



E-2 Project Map: 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 C:  
Vicinity Map of  
Wet Mountains  
Motorized Trails**





### **(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



## SOUTHERN FRONT RANGE

November 8, 2023

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Attention: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

*RE: San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trail Grant 2025*

Dear Mr. Tom Metsa,

On behalf of Mile High Youth Corps (MHYC), I am writing in full support of San Carlos Ranger District's (SCRD) application to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trails Grant program. Funding will allow SCRD to continue providing safe and accessible OHV opportunities on public lands through contracting with MHYC, hiring an OHV trail crew, hiring a trails contractor to perform machine reconstruction and drainage work and purchasing and maintaining equipment. This support is critical to advancing the safety and enjoyment of off-highway vehicle use in the Lake Isabel, La Veta and Wet Mountain areas, while protecting and sustaining our natural resources.

MHYP is a comprehensive, year-round model serving 250 young adults annually across 24 Colorado counties, having the largest geographic footprint amongst Colorado's eight accredited youth corps. MHYP's Land Conservation program engages young adults, ages 18-24, in conservation-based work focused on environmental improvements on public lands. Simultaneously, the program opens the door to careers in natural resources by giving youth hands-on experience and a greater understanding of the industry. To support project efforts, MHYP is committed to providing dedicated crews of Land Conservation Corpsmembers to assist with OHV trail maintenance projects during the grant period.

We appreciate the huge impact that the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Grant has had on public lands across Colorado. We encourage you to look favorably on SCRD's proposal to continue this impact. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or need more information about our program. I can be reached at 303.433.1206 extension 230 or at [jesser@mhyc.net](mailto:jesser@mhyc.net).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Roehm', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jesse Roehm  
Director: Land Conservation and Operations

**HEADQUARTERS**

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Denver, CO 80204

**SOUTHERN FRONT RANGE**

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Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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Denver, CO 80204

**EAST MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY CENTER**

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## Central Colorado Mountain Riders

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11 November 2023

Colorado State Parks  
Attn: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
13787 South Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa and OHV Committee Members,

Please accept this letter of support from the Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR) for the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant 2025 that will help them provide better OHV opportunities on our public lands.

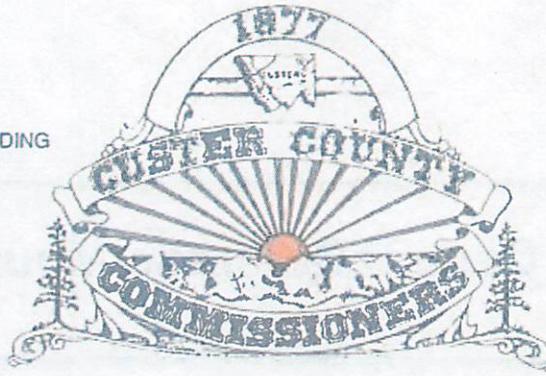
CCMR is an all-volunteer, non-profit motorcycle club based in Salida, CO. Our mission is to preserve, maintain and create multiuse motorized trail opportunities in the central Colorado area through cooperation, education, etiquette, and stewardship. CCMR has over 200 members and businesses who are recreational users that spend thousands of hours on trails and contribute to the CPW OHV funding with the purchase of hundreds of OHV stickers annually. CCMR partners with the US Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to preserve the sport of motorized trail riding and multiuse recreation in central Colorado including opportunities within the San Carlos Ranger District, specifically the Westcliffe, Lake Isabel, and Wet Mountain areas.

The San Carlos district, via this OHV grant, plans to hire a trail crew to maintain motorized trails used by many CCMR members. The San Carlos Ranger District also plans to utilize the Youth Corps and subcontractors to maintain these trails. Many of our members utilize these trails in early Spring and late Fall when our riding areas are snow blocked. Specific trails are the Indian Trail and the Tanner Trail. This ranger district also maintains the Rainbow Trail in their district. This 100+ mile trail is a favorite of many of CCMR members. CCMR members benefit from the maintenance done on these trails.

The San Carlos Ranger District OHV effort is an asset to the Colorado motorized community. CCMR recommends the approval of the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trail Project 2025 Grant.

Sincerely,  
**Bob Daniel**  
President – CCMR

CUSTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
615 ROSITA AVENUE  
P. O. BOX 150  
WESTCLIFFE, COLORADO 81252  
(719) 783-2552  
FAX (719) 783-2885



November 15, 2023

Colorado State Parks  
Attn: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Mr. Metsa,

The Custer County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails Grant 2025. Custer County has hundreds of miles of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails in the Sangre De Cristo Range and the Wet Mountains. The trails need to be upgraded, improved, and properly signed to make them as user-friendly as possible for those who are eager to experience the unparalleled natural beauty that Custer County has to offer. People are encouraged to come to Custer County as an OHV destination place and will help give the economy of Custer County a much-needed boost.

Funding from Colorado Parks and Wildlife grants through OHV registration would enable the US Forest Service to provide quality motorized trails on our public lands. As Commissioners, we recognize the economical and promotional value of maintained OHV trails in Custer County. With these funds, the San Carlos Range District will be able to maintain system trails on National Forest Lands within the San Carlos Ranger District. This grant proposal is necessary to continue the successful work that has been done in the past. Thank you for considering this application for funding.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kevin V. Day in blue ink.

Kevin V. Day, BOCC Chairman

Handwritten signature of William R. Canda in blue ink.

William R. Canda, BOCC Vice-Chairman

Handwritten signature of Lucas D. Epp in blue ink.

Lucas D. Epp, Commissioner





La Veta Trails  
P.O. Box 202, La Veta, CO 81055  
(719) 890-4071 / russellm9999@gmail.com  
[www.lavetatrails.org](http://www.lavetatrails.org)

November 10, 2023

Colorado State Parks  
13787 S. Highway 85  
Littleton, CO 80125  
ATTN: Tom Metsa, OHV Program Manager

Dear Mr. Metsa,

La Veta Trails (LVT) is writing to support the critical work the San Carlos Ranger District (SCRD) will complete with the 2025 OHV Trails Grant. OHV trails bring critically needed revenue for small businesses and tax revenue for local and county governments hit hard by multiple economic, catastrophic weather, and public health disasters.

While Colorado and the rest of the country were hit hard by the 2008 economic recession, Huerfano County has been slow to recover, unlike other areas of the state. Huerfano County has been one of the poorest counties since 2010, ranking at the bottom in 2020. The Spring Fire 2018, COVID, and a windstorm that closed an important SCRD recreation area have not helped the recovery efforts.

Research conducted by the Outdoor Industry Association concluded that outdoor recreation is the fastest-growing industry in the country, fueling economic recovery across the nation and in states like Colorado. We cannot report the impact in Huerfano County because outdoor recreation tourism data is combined with other industries.

LVT recognizes the SCRD's critical work to increase access to our public lands, improve safety, and facilitate positive recreation opportunities. The maintenance crew and equipment funded by this grant will address long-standing issues and remove barriers so we can attract visitors to the region. LVT promotes OHV trails in its Spanish Peaks Region Recreation and Trail Guide, which is updated and published annually.

We desperately need this project to improve popular OHV trails in the San Isabel National Forest. We are excited to support the SCRD and look forward to our ongoing partnership to promote OHV trails.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Russell  
President, La Veta Trails



Mr. Tom Metsa  
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The Royal Gorge ATV Club Fully supports the San Carlos Ranger District OHV trails grant request for 2025. Plans include hiring an OHV trail crew to maintain system trails (motorcycle and ATV routes) on National Forest Lands within the San Carlos Ranger District. They also plan to contract with Mile High Youth Corps to work on motorized trails, as well as hire a trails contractor to perform machine reconstruction and drainage work. Grant funds will help to purchase and maintain equipment to improve popular and historic ATV accessible trails. San Carlos Ranger District will also maintain ATV and motorized single-track trails in the Lake Isabel, La Veta, and Wet Mountain areas. During the summer of 2023 we completed much good work on your motorized trails, focusing on Indian Trail and the Tanner Trail outside Canon City. Major accomplishments included a motorcycle enduro event, clearing many miles of trail, repairing flood damage, installing trail signs, collecting trail use data, and facilitating volunteer projects. The trails that the San Carlos Ranger District manages are always well maintained. We give great credit to the Forest Service staff and OHV crew. Grant money is going to good use for the motorized and non-motorized user groups.

Tim McCain  
Public lands liaison  
Royal Gorge ATV Club

**(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**

Consider including specific details, such as:

- List 5 of your most important goals for this work season
- Anticipated work the crew will be focused on (e.g. clearing corridor, building drainage systems, tread repair, turnpike repair, etc.)
- Planned location/names of the trails the crew will work on
- Time of year you anticipate the work will be done
- Planned volunteer workdays/events
- Collaboration efforts with OHV user groups / partners (involvement with potential projects)
- Describe any issues encountered during the 2023 season and your plan to overcome them

## *Work Plan for the San Carlos RD OHV grants program 2025*

- San Carlos Ranger District will hire a 4-person OHV trail crew funded by our approved Good Management grant. Duties will include clearing and maintaining system trails open to the public; providing trails, regulatory, and natural resource information to the visiting public; maintaining trailhead kiosks and trail signs; repairing and servicing OHV vehicles, equipment, and tools. The crew will report in May 2025 and work into October. Safety, program, and technical training will be provided throughout the season.
- The OHV trail crew will provide logistical and technical support for a Mile High Youth Corps crew to perform four weeks clearing and widening of the Tanner/Stultz Trails system. The trails are badly overgrown with oak brush.
- Arrowhead Trails, Inc. will mobilize a trail dozer and mini excavator for Phase 2 of the Tanner/Stultz reconstruction project. This will complete the work begun in 2024. Phase 1 will rebuild 5.9 miles of Tanner and Phase 2 will finish the final 2.8 miles of heavy maintenance on Tanner Trail and progress into the Stultz trail and perform moderate to heavy maintenance for 6.2 miles.
- Additional duties for the OHV trail crew include maintaining the shop and grounds at Lake Isabel Work Center where bunkhouses are available for the crew. An on-site permanent Forest Service employee is stationed at Lake Isabel and provides program oversight and supervision.
- Challenges encountered during the 2023 season were primarily centered around the hiring of an OHV crew. The initial hiring event proved unable to find any suitable applicants, however three subsequent 60 day emergency hires were sourced from the local communities. Two of the three hires have expressed desire to return for the 2024 season. In order to incentive hiring, a proposal is under consideration by the Forest to raise the minimum pay grade for the crew to a GS-7 for permanent positions.