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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 6, 2024

TO: Fletcher Jacobs, State Trails Program Manager

FROM: Mark Leslie, Northeast Regional Manager

Subject: Wildlife Impacts Review, 2025 Motorized (OHV) Trail Grant Cycle

There are a total of seventeen (15) motorized (OHV) grant applications within the Northeast Region requesting funding from the State Trails Program for the 2025 grant cycle. These applications were distributed to CPW Area Field Staff (Area Wildlife Managers, District Wildlife Managers, and Biologists) for review and comment. In addition, the comments were reviewed by Northeast Region Staff including Regional Manager Mark Leslie, Deputy Regional Manager Shannon Schaller, and Regional Trails Coordinator Luke Svare. Below is a list by application name with a summary of our comments and concerns.

Competitive Grant Applications:

- COHVCO OHV Workshops 2025
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- Columbine OHV Parking Area restrooms
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- Pike National Forest LEO Motorcycle
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- South Park Ranger District Equipment
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- Boulder Ranger District OHV Crew
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- North Zone OHV Crew
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.



- RMMMC 2025 Trail Planning
 - Area 5 staff have concerns about the potential for construction of new trail segments on the Rampart Range area, such as those indicated in correspondence with the applicant (693, 693A, 649, 650, 653, etc.) There is currently an enforcement and maintenance backlog and the addition of more mileage will exacerbate this problem. Additionally, more trails will contribute to habitat fragmentation in an area that already has a significant amount of disturbance from trails. Staff is supportive of sustainable re-routes of current trail segments that will decrease long term maintenance issues. However, wildlife impacts vary based on location and landscape features. Therefore, if this planning process is funded it is expected that there is thorough consultation with Area 5 District Wildlife Managers on potential alignments of re-routed trail segments to identify any wildlife impacts to potentially critical habitat.
 - Rampart Trail Crew and Patrol VII
 - Trail maintenance work March through August should be cognizant of nesting migratory birds including songbirds and birds of prey. Trees identified for removal should be assessed for active nests. Activity near the active nest should be avoided per CPW Raptor Buffer Guidelines. Otherwise, no significant impacts are anticipated on the north Rampart Range area; and trail maintenance and patrol on existing trails would further benefit the resource.
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 - Stay the Trail Education Stewardship Alliance
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
 - Stay the Trail Travel Management Signage
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
- Good Management Grant Applications:**
- Clear Creek Ranger District GM Crew
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.
 - South Park Ranger District GM Crew
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.



- North Rampart GM Crew
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- Statewide GM Crew
 - Application was reviewed. No significant wildlife impact.

