

EXHIBIT A



COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
 Department of Natural Resources

2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM Grant Application

Name of Project: SFPB Snow-Cat		Date of Application: 3/31/22	
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>			
Total Project Cost: \$ 265,180		Grant Request: \$ 150,000	
<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: South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club			
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 454 South Fork, Co 81154			
		Fax:	
Telephone: 719-850-2213		Email: curt800@msn.com	
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: Curtis Miller		Title: President	
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 742 South Fork, Co 81154			
Telephone: 719-850-2213		Fax:	
		Email: curt800@msn.com	
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES XX 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: Curtis Miller		Title: President	
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Mailing Address:			
Telephone:		Fax:	
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PROJECT LOCATION			
Nearest Town or City: South Fork			
County(ies): Rio Grande			
Township/Range/Section:			
State Senate District #: 05		State Representative District #: 62	
Land Ownership:			
State		Federal	
		Private	
		Local Government	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
TRAIL USER INFORMATION :			
Snowmobile % 85		X-Country Skiing 13 %	
Snow Shoeing % 1		Camping/Hiking 1 %	

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SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: SFPB Snow-Cat	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: Curtis Miller	Application Year: 2022-2023
Project Contact: Curtis Miller	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$265,180	Grant Request: \$150,000

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project: Only need to describe what you intend to purchase with grant funds. All other information such as project background, needs and benefits will be address in the Project Selection Criteria (Exhibit D).

South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club (SFBPSC) will use this grant towards the purchase of a new Pisten Bully 100 equipped with a tiller and 12 way blade. This new groomer will replace the clubs present groomer, a 2009 Pisten Bully PB 100.

2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B

CLUB NAME: South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club

PROJECT NAME: Snow-cat Replacement SFPBSC

***ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) ON YOUR GRANT APPLICATION ***

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES (Only enter data in cells that are NOT shaded)
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT			\$150,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	
Club Funds		\$ 60,180.00	\$ 60,180.00
Volunteer Support	Install Fuel Tank, Tool Box, Engine Preheater		\$ 2,000.00
Club Funds	Purchase Wabasto Engine Preheater & Timer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Trade In		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
Other			\$ -
			\$ -
Total	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 117,180.00	\$ 119,180.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)			\$ 269,180.00

← Enter amount of grant request

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USE OF GRANT FUNDING

List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

Purchase of 2022 Pistenbully 100	\$ 150,000.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING	\$ 150,000.00

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SHOULD BE THE SAME AS AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST

Exhibit D

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Needs and Urgency of the Project (40 points):

A. Describe the need for this project.

This Grant request is for the purpose of obtaining funding, to allow the South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club (SFPBSC) to purchase a new Snow-Cat to maintain and groom 150 miles of Snowmobile Trails. The current Snow-Cat is a 2009 Pisten Bully PB 100 10', purchased in 2009 and has been used to groom for thirteen seasons. The (SFPBSC) feel that by purchasing a new Snow-Cat we can accomplish the following goals. (SFPBSC) had always planned on trading the snow-cat every 10 years to keep up with changing technology and to keep from spending high dollars on costly repairs. The new 2022 Pisten Bully100 will have some additional advantages over our older 2009 PB 100. The 2022 Pisten Bully 100 has approximately 75 more HP and the Tracks are longer by one added axle length. The extra HP will be a substantial improvement, but the extra length in track will be the greatest needed improvement. Longer tracks will help the Snow-cats climbing traction and be more stable when grooming out the 3' to 4' moguls that the new sleds are producing on many sections of the trail. Many areas of our trails have some very steep sections that at times after a large snow, are impossible to groom sections of trail currently. When we can't get up some of the steep section we are unable to groom many miles of the trail system. Lastly we have not had to spend a lot of money or repairs of the current PB 100 but we are getting at the time when the tracks and other expensive components may have to be replaced due to age and wear. We don't want to spend large sums of money on parts for an older snow-cat that has a 55K value, this takes away from being able to put that money forward to assist in the grant process.

B. What is the importance of this project to your grooming program, the Colorado Snowmobile Program and your local community?

The SFPBSC has been providing 150 miles of groomed trails for several decades and the recent flood of extreme riders has been overwhelming. With two of our most popular trail heads on Wolf Creek Pass that the extreme riders love, it is very important that we continue to have the ability to keep these important trail heads groomed on a regular bases. The Snow-cat we are trying to replace is stationed at one of these two trail heads all season to keep one of the parking lots plowed out and to be able to groom these priority trail heads. The local community has seen and is well aware of the importance to their business of all of the snowmobilers that have now found South Fork.

C. Why is it important to undertake this project now instead of at a later time? Please describe any elements that make this project urgent or time sensitive?

The 2009 PB 100 is now 13 years old and it would be wise to update this older model while it still has some trade value and before repair cost become an issue. SFPBSC has a second 2015 PB 100 that will need to be replacing in the coming years. We are expecting to replace the 2015 PB-100 sometime around 2027.

D. What is the impact on the Statewide Snowmobile Program if this project does not get funded?

If the SFBPSC is unsuccessful this year we will be forced to reapply for the grant in 2023. The down side to applying again next year will be, our trade will be worth less money and depending on repairs that could arise we may not have as much matching dollars to contribute to the purchase. We would probably have to ask for a larger grant amount due to the above factors on next year's grant request.

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Benefits (30 points):

- A. What benefits will this project provide to the community and the Colorado Snowmobile Program?

The whole economy for South Fork is based on recreation. South Fork's Summer time economy is plentiful with Fishing, Hiking, Camping, RV's, ATV and UTVing, Rafting and other Mountainous activities. Our winter economy is poor at best with most businesses struggling in the winter months.

Therefore, snowmobiling is seen by most of the business as a very important part of our winter economy. In the last few years the increase in snowmobilers is unbelievable. We are now experiencing over full parking lots with the overflow parking lots full as well. This used to occur on a few weeks each season, now this seems to be the new normal in January thru February. Please note letters of support.

- B. Many of the trails that the (SFPBSC) builds and maintains are multi-use trails. We have a good volume of snowmobilers that are and have been using our trail system and the numbers continue to overwhelm. Our trails are listed as high use trails and the parking lots are full or overflowing on the week long. Many of our trails make loops so you don't have to ride the same trail both ways. We see our trail system as a way to get to the many off trail riding areas from milder areas to the Extreme rider's dreams. Two of our trail heads on Wolf Creek pass draw the Extreme Powder Riders. The trails in the Willow Park System are a better choice for the less Extreme rider's. We are grooming 147 miles of snowmobile trails and are permitted to groom 155 miles of trails. The (SFPBSC) also builds alpine ski tracks beside our groomed snowmobile trail for 3 miles on the Big Meadows Trail. The Big Meadows Trails has more cross-county skiers using the first three miles of trails than snowmobilers. We have seen an increase in cross-county skiers, showshoers and hikers using Big Meadows as well as Tucker Ponds and Fox Mountain Trails. We need to be able to continue to maintain and groom these trails for multiple users and by keeping our equipment updated will be crucial to continue to provide safe and well maintained trails for the multiple users.

- C. How does your grooming program protect and improve winter trail opportunities?

SFPBSC has a good working relationship with the Forest Service and by continued Trail Grooming and maintenance of the trails this has been helpful when we have needed to get involved fending off the loss of trails from the ski community.

D. What is unique about your trail system?

Our trail system has a great mix of meadows, smaller mountains and easy tree riding to the Extreme areas on the Continental Divide, Wolf Creek Pass with lots of Powder Snow amounts. We have a lot of connecting trails that make large loops so riders don't have to ride the same trail back all the way to the trailhead. South Fork has become well known for having large amounts of powder snow and with 5 trailheads giving very good access to the trails.

E. What types and skill level of trail users does your trail system attract?

We currently seem to be attracting the Extreme riders looking to ride the large amounts of powder snow and extreme terrain that the Continental Divide offers. Wolf creek area normally receives 400 inches of snow each year. Extreme riders currently make up about 80% of our riders. The other 20% ride the trails and get off the trail to play depending on their ability.

F. Does your club offer any educational programs such as snowmobile safe riding or avalanche awareness? Explain what classes were offered last season.

We are fortunate that we have Mountain Skills/ Matt Entz as local member of the SFPBSC, Matt offers Avalanche Rescue Courses, Level 1, Level 2 Avalanche training as well as Snowmobile riding workshops all winter long. Matt also is a partner with the club on an avalanche beacon check station located at the Tucker Ponds Trail head.

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Partnerships (10 points):

- A. List all agencies or organizations that your grooming program partners with and how these partnerships enhance and improve each other's program.

Rio Grande National Forest Service-Provides the club with our Special Use Permit to be allowed to conduct the trail grooming on 155 miles of trails.

Colorado Snowmobile Association-CSA is an important partner in our grooming program and Capital Grants, working closely with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife-CPW is one of the most important partners in funding our grooming program and Capital grants from Colorado snowmobile registration stickers. Without the Colorado State Parks and Wildlife's funding through the registration stickers we would not have a grooming program.

- B. If your club is awarded this grant, describe how the club will promote or acknowledge the use of Colorado snowmobile registration funds and the capital grant program as a funding source for the project?

After receiving a new grant we normally get some local press coverage when we receive the new Snow-cat, showing the public, how we were able to purchase the needed expensive equipment. We also do several posts of Facebook and well as a few other sites. The groomer operator's talk to lots of the snowmobilers at the trail heads and we always thank them for showing up with registered sleds. Snowmobilers that aren't registered normally get a quick lecture on why they should have the registration stickers and what the fees provides for them. Many of the snowmobilers still don't realize what the registration sticker provides for them.

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Leverage (20 points):

- A. List and describe all sources of revenue or in-kind services that will be used to fund your grant funded project. List and explain any donations, contributions or other ways this project will be funded.

The SFPBSC will provide \$60,180 from saving toward the purchase of the new Snow-cat. The 2009 PB 100 will have a trade value of \$55,000. The club will provide the labor to remove and reinstall the tool box and the auxiliary fuel tank. The club will purchase and provide the labor to install a new Webasto engine heater on the new Snow-cat. The heater & timer cost \$2000.00 and the labor for all of the above work would have a value of over \$4000.00. The engine heater is necessary as the Snow-cats are at the trail heads and there is no electric service available to just plug the unit in. Without the preheater, starting the Snow-cats is almost impossible and very hard on the Snow-cat.

- B. Describe what aspects of the clubs grooming operations are provided by volunteers. Explain and highlight the number of volunteer hours provided last grooming season.

Executive Director was responsible for grooming 250 hours last season and one volunteer who is 86 years of age, was able to volunteer to groom 100 hours, with the help of the Executive Director servicing, fueling, grooming, marking and logging the trails to assist the volunteer. We also had over 200 hours of volunteer help assisting with the cutting and removal of all of the windblown beetle kill trees.

- C. Does your program pay, contract or compensate for any services or aspects of its operations. Explain and highlight all compensated expenses from your last grooming season.

For over two decades the SFPBSC has been an all-volunteer grooming club. This year we were forced to employ an Executive Director, as in a small town of 450 with most of the population 65 years of age or older there does not seem to be any volunteers anymore. The Director is responsible for doing all the things that the volunteers used to do. The Director is responsible for servicing two snow-cats and the continued maintenance and repairs during the grooming season. Other duties are running the groomers, scheduling grooming, fueling, installing and removal of all trail poles and signage, placing two restrooms on the mountain and retrieval of them in the spring. Clearing of the normally 100 down trees across the trails after the first snowfall. Servicing and maintenance of club truck & trailer.

- D. What are the compensation rates and how are they established?

The Executive Director is compensated \$2000.00 per season for the complete servicing of the two snow-cats. The Director may be compensated an additional \$2000.00 to \$ 6000.00 for all other serviced completed depending on the grooming funds that are used from the grooming allocation. Example: If we only can only groom 50% of our allocation, Director will only receive \$3000.00. Volunteer groomer operators can receive up to \$600.00 per year based on \$5.00 per hour groomed. If we could develop more volunteers we will do away with the Executive Director position and go back to all volunteer service.

E. Is your club trading or selling a snow cat or any equipment as part of this grant funded project? What is the value of trade/sale and how was this price established?

The SFPBSC will be trading in the 2009 PB 100 for a value of \$55,000 the price was established by Kassbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc. in Grand Junction, Co. From the research that I have done I believe the trade price is probably a fair price. If we receive this grant we will actively try to sell this Snow-cat outright for a larger amount. If successful in selling the Snow-cat outright, the SFPBSc will add \$55,000.00 more in cash funds to replace the amount of the trade. Any proceeds received above the \$55,000 trade value would be ear marked for replacement of the 2015 PB-100 in the future.

REVIEW COMMITTEE:

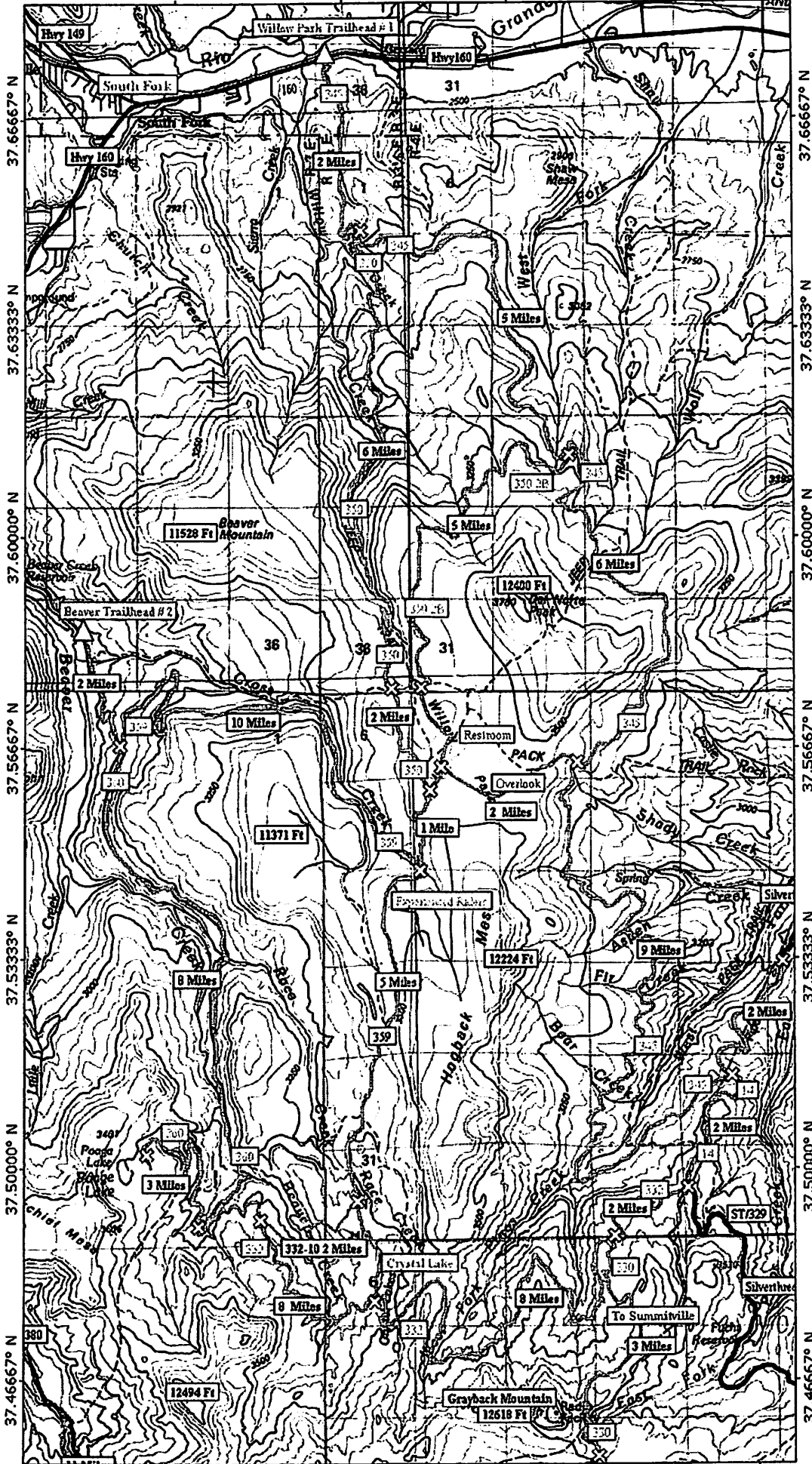
Do you wish to present your project to the Review Committee Yes

Name of Presenter: Curtis Miller

Phone number: 719-850-2213 Cell

E-mail address curt800@msn.com

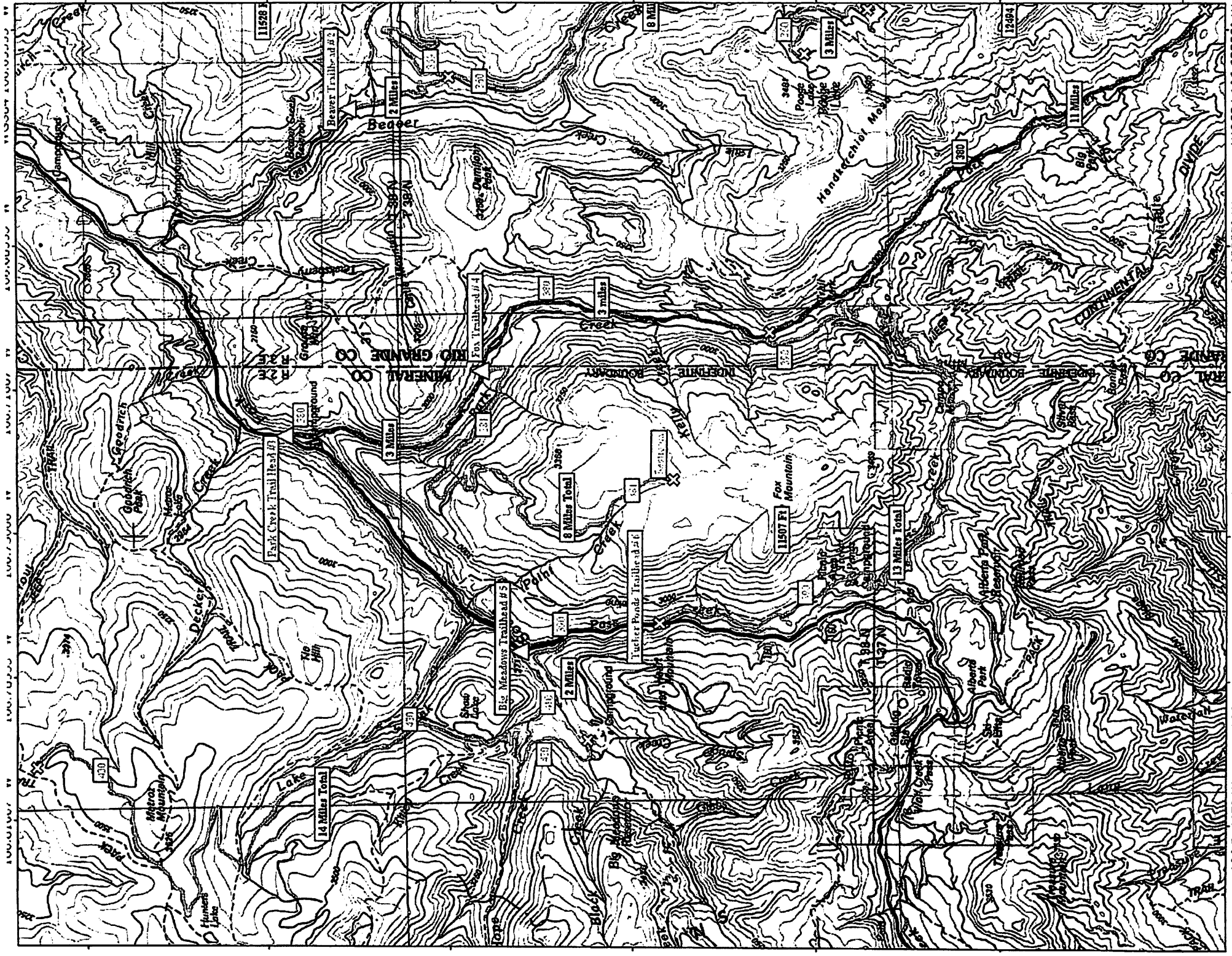
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March 28, 2022

Curt Miller
South Fork Powder Busters
South Fork, CO

I have listed the prices below for the vehicle that we were talking about. The prices listed below are this year's prices.

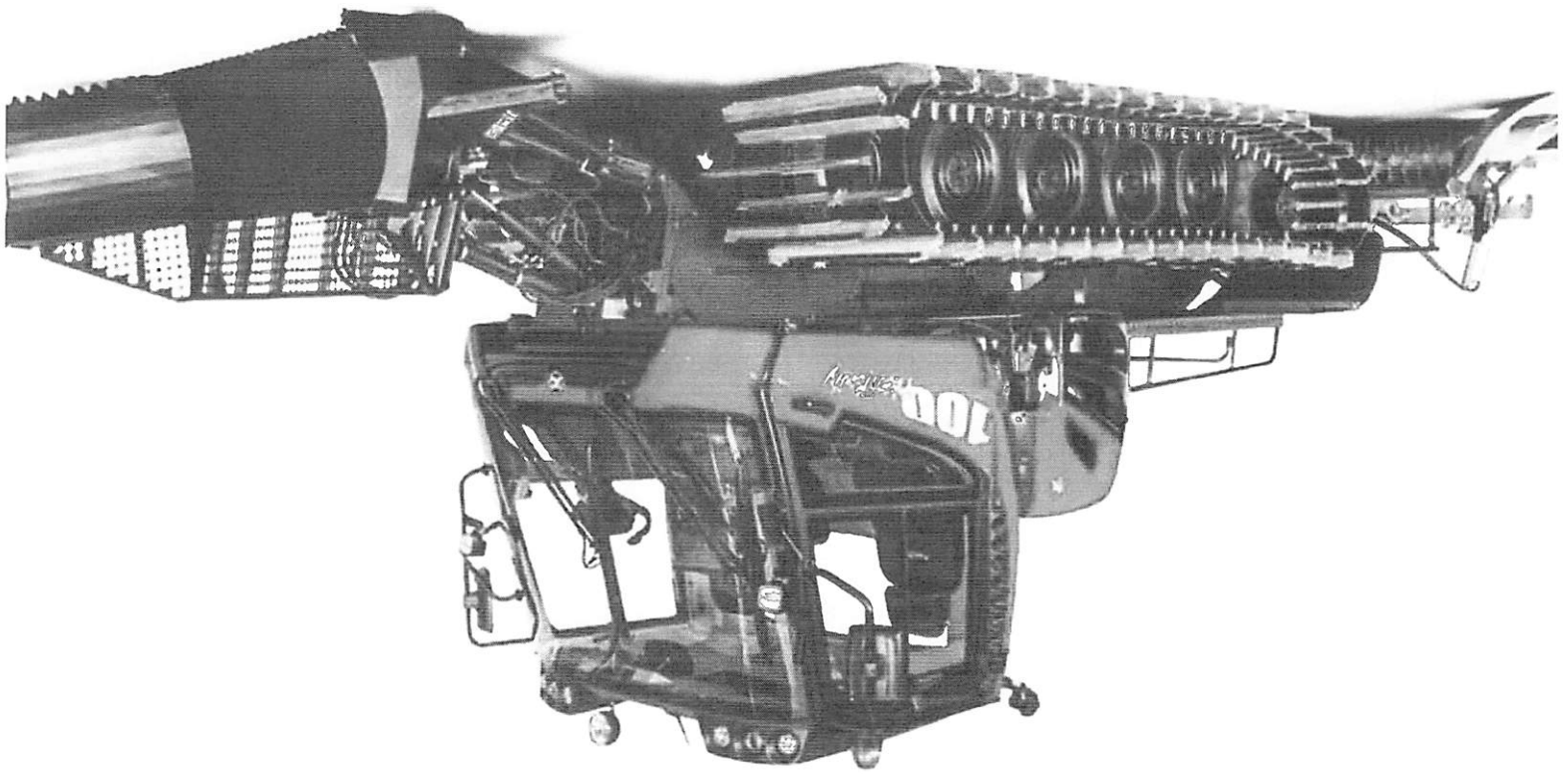
1.	PistenBully 100 3.1M Nordic -New	\$263,680.00
	Yoke Steering	\$0.00
	Solid Tires	\$0.00
	3.1M Kombi Tracks	\$0.00
	3.1M All way blade	\$0.00
	2.8M Tiller-Standard	\$0.00
	Freight	\$1,500.00
	Total	\$263,680.00

Total Vehicle Cost **\$265,180.00**

The prices do not include the sales tax or freight. Please let me know if you should have any questions on any of these items that I have listed. Thank you for the opportunity for doing business with us. Look forward to hearing back from you soon. Quote is valid for 30 days.

Best Regards,

Adam Tietz
Regional Sales Representative
Kässbohrer All Terrain Vehicles, Inc.



RIO GRANDE COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

www.riograndecounty.org

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Snowmobile Subcommittee

RE: Support for State Trails Grant

Date: March 23, 2022

BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Dear Colorado Parks and Wildlife,

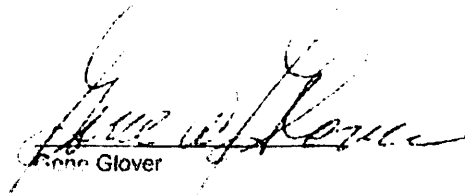
Rio Grande County depends in large part on the tourism and recreation industry to support our communities and general government services provided by the County, and winter sports are no exception. The **South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club** is applying for a Trails Grant through CPW to upgrade their equipment and trail grooming abilities, and the County wishes to support them via this letter.

The Club has been a partner to both the community, and to government agencies such as CPW and the US Forest Service, having been grooming and maintaining 150 miles of winter trails for over 34 years. Their efforts enable multi-use recreation from hikers, snowshoers, snowboarders, cross-country skiers, snowmobilers, and even dog sledgers. In addition, they also plow the parking lots to ensure both access and safety, so vehicles are not parking on the roadway.

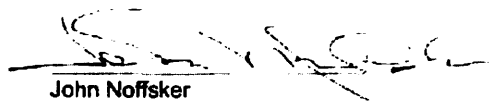
The Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners solidly encourages CPW to support the Club in their pursuit of purchasing a new Snow-Cat for the purposes stated above, so they may continue the valuable work they do in our community.

Sincerely,

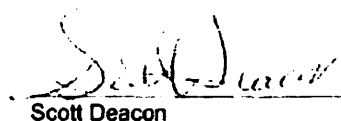
Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners



Rene Glover



John Noffske



Scott Deacon

SOUTH FORK

COLORADO

March 7, 2022

From: Hank Weber, Town Manager

To: Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Snowmobile Subcommittee

RE: Letter of Support for the South Fork Powder Busters

It is with great pleasure I pen this letter of the support for the South Fork Powder Busters. This local organization has been an essential supporter of the South Fork community for years.

Their tireless efforts has provided safety and support for the Town. This support has been a key element in providing volunteers to build, groom, maintain, and signage to mark the trail systems.

These trails provide snowmobiling and other multi-use trails for the San Luis Valley. This support has contributed to significant tourism dollars to South Fork, Rio Grande County and the State of Colorado.

It is without hesitation, I urge you to consider the South Fork Powder Busters application for the State Trails Grant. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (719)873-0152 or by email at townadministrator@southfork.org.

Most Respectfully,



Hank Weber, Town Manager
Town of South Fork



South Fork Friends
Foundation

March 15, 2022

From: Luke Brennan, Director, South Fork Friends Foundation

To: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Snowmobile Subcommittee

Re: South Fork Powder Buster Snowmobile Club State Trails Grant request

The South Fork Friends Foundation wishes to convey our support for the grant requested by the South Fork Powder Busters to purchase a new Sno-Cat groomer. Our group, like the Powder Busters, consists of local volunteers dedicated to making South Fork a better place to live, work, visit, and enjoy.

The heart of our economy is tourism, and snowmobiling is the second biggest tourist attraction in the San Luis Valley, second only to skiing at Wolf Creek Ski area. Besides snowmobilers, the trails that the Powder Busters groom are also used by hikers, cross country skiers, snowshoers, dogsledders, hunters, fishermen, and others.

The Sno-Cat groomer that they need is vital to their mission of maintaining a system of accessible, safe, enjoyable trails.

We urge the Subcommittee to favorably consider their grant request.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Best regards,

Luke Brennan
Director, South Fork Friends Foundation
315-382-6200
lukebrennan@att.net

SOUTH FORK

COLORADO

March 11, 2022

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Snowmobile Sub-Committee

This letter is intended to offer support to the South Fork Powder Busters Snowmobile Club in their request for a grant to assist in purchasing a new Snow-Cat Trail Groomer. The Powder Busters offer an invaluable service to the tourist who visit South Fork during the winter months. The Powder Busters groom and maintain 150 miles of trails in the Rio Grande National Forest and have done so for over 30 years. This allows for tourist to have safe and accessible trails for multiple winter activities.

The groomed trails allow for snowmobiles to have a safe place to ride while also allowing more experienced riders to be able to access back country in a safe manner. The Powder Busters will also use their Snow-Cat for clearing out parking lot areas, which trucks and trailers use to stage. This helps with keeping individuals from parking on the highway that could cause safety issues for themselves and other motorists on the roads. Not only do the Powder Busters groom trails, but they ensure trails are well marked. This provides a very positive experience to visitors in our area, especially new visitors which we are seeing an increase of over the last few years.

These trails also serve as great places for people to hike, snow shoe, cross country ski and snowboard. On Big Meadows trail the Powder Busters use their Snow-Cat to lay cross-country ski tracks for 3 miles. This offers a very enjoyable and safe trail for cross-country skiers to explore the National Forest.

The multiuse activities that can be done on these trails brings in visitors from all over. The revenue this brings in for the Town of South Fork is invaluable during the winter months when business struggle the most. As the Director of the South Fork Visitor Center, I interact with many of the tourists who come to Town. Many of these visitors inquire about these groomed trails and rely on them being maintained so they can safely and responsibly enjoy the Rio Grande National Forest.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any question.

Dustin Hund
Visitor Center and Marketing Director
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South Fork, Colorado
719-873-5512

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Exhibit H – Additional Terms and Conditions

1. Subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in this document, title to equipment acquired under a grant will vest upon acquisition to the grantee.
2. The grantee's use of the equipment is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The grantee shall use the equipment only for activities and uses that are consistent with the uses outlined by the Snowmobile Recreation fund. The equipment shall not be used to benefit private individuals, lands or projects without prior written approval from CPW.
 - b. The grantee shall be liable to CPW for any failure to use the equipment in accordance with the applicable statute, including the premature sale or disposition of the equipment. The grantee's liability for such a failure shall be equal to funds contributed by CPW under a grant from the purchase or acquisition of equipment.
3. Record Keeping Requirements
 - a. Records must be maintained that include, at a minimum; a description of the equipment; a serial number or other identification number; who holds title; the acquisition date and cost of equipment; the percentage of State or grant funds used in the acquisition of the equipment; the location, use and condition of the equipment; and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the equipment. CPW shall at all times have the right to inspect these records upon request.
 - b. A physical inventory of the equipment must be taken and the results shared with CPW in order to be reconciled with the property records held by CPW at least once every two years.
 - c. A control system must be developed by grantee to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage or theft of equipment. Any confirmed or suspected loss, damage, or theft – whether discovered via the process described in 3.b. or otherwise, shall be investigated by grantee in cooperation with CPW.
 - d. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed and implemented to keep the equipment in good and working condition.

If awarded a snowmobile capital grant; I acknowledge and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Curtis Miller
Signature

Curtis Miller
Printed Name

4/2/2022
Date