

PART A

STATE TRAIL GRANT APPLICATION

GRANT CATEGORY

Check ONE: ☒ Off-Highway Vehicle ☐ Small
 ☐ Planning ☐ Recreational

Check if this project is part of:

☐ Colorado Front Range Trail or
☐ A Linkage to the Colorado Front Range Trail

Name of Project: GSFO OHV Trail Crew Date: 11/04

(Please limit the project name to five words or less.)

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Name & Address of Sponsor Responsible for Project:

BLM - Glenwood Springs Field Office

50629 Highway 6 & 24

Glenwood Springs CO 81601

Phone: (970)947-2806 Fax: (970)947-2829 E-mail: Dorothy_Morgan@blm.gov

Sponsor Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN):

CONTACT INFORMATION, IF DIFFERENT THAN SPONSOR

Name & Address of Contact Responsible for Project:

Dorothy Morgan, Outdoor Recreation Planner

same

Phone: ()

Fax: ()

E-mail:

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION

Nearest Town or City: Eagle, Gypsum, Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Carbondale

County: Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, Routt

Township/Range/Section: Various, see map

State Senate District #: 08

State Representative District #: 57

LAND OWNERSHIP

Name of Landowner Federal Public Land managed by BLM

I hereby certify that the project is under control and tenure of the project sponsor.

Trail Corridor -- land is controlled by:

☐ Fee Simple

☐ Lease

☐ Easement

☐ License

☐ Right-of-way

☐ Land
Acquisition
Ownership to be
Obtained

☒ Other
(explain)

Federal Public Land managed by BLM

USER INFORMATION

Trails Users (Please check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Line Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Paddling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-Country Skiing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biking | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four-Wheeling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorcycling | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Terrain Vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Access | |

TRAIL INFORMATION

(Please include the following)

Miles of new trail construction	5-10
Miles of trail maintenance	50
Miles of trail reconstruction	10
Miles of trail to be signed	50
Miles of trail grooming	0
Miles of trails being planned	5-10
Size of new trailhead construction/reconstruction	¼ acre
Miles of inter-connecting travel benefiting from project	100

TYPE OF TRAIL SURFACE

(Please check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt | <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Crusher Fines | |

GRANT REQUEST

Amount Requested (round off figure to nearest \$100):

Total project cost \$ 80,900

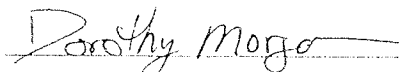
Grant request \$ 45,400

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT REQUEST (please use a minimum font size of 10 pitch and use ONLY the fifteen lines provided below):

Hire an OHV Trail Crew for six months and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps for two weeks to construct and maintain OHV trails and trail systems in the Glenwood Springs Field Office. Ongoing duties will include: maintain and improve trails, build new trails where approved by current or future plans, work with partners and volunteers to design, plan and implement projects, install directional, interpretive and regulatory signs, inventory and monitor trails, produce maps and guides of riding areas, rehabilitate closed trails and damaged areas, provide maps, Tread Lightly and other visitor use information on riding areas, trail conditions and regulations.

In addition to these ongoing duties, the OHV Trail Crew will plan and design new projects for the following field season. The Glenwood Springs Field Office would like to become eligible for the OHV Good Management Program. This grant would be our third consecutive grant that will qualify us for this program.

Submitted By Signature:



Printed Name: Dorothy Morgan

Printed Title: Outdoor Recreation Planner

Accepted by State Parks:

PART 1C

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

Project Name GSFO OHV Trail Crew

Project Sponsor BLM Glenwood Springs
Field Office

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:*

Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan

Date: January 1984

3. This project will remain open to public access for a minimum of:

☐ 5 years

☐ 10 years

☒ 25 years

☐ Indefinitely.

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

Date and title of document:

Castle Peak Travel Management Plan 8/97, Bocco Mountain Implementation Plan 01/02, Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment anticipated 11/05.

If not, please state reason. No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.

Any projects not covered in these documents will be approved prior to construction.

For more information contact:

Dorothy Morgan (970) 947-2806

The next planning process that may effect this project is planned for 2006 (date).

5. If capital equipment is to be purchased as part of this project, how it will be used after project completion?

☐ Returned to Colorado State Parks ☒ Kept in service on trail-related work for 25 years

☐ Other (explain):

Karl Mendonca, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title


Land Manager Signature and Title

Page 1 of 1

10/23/04
Date

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA (Part D)

NOTE: 25% of your score for each criteria will be based on your oral presentation

Provide answers to each of the following four criteria (four page maximum):

1. Benefits and Education:

Describe the objectives of your project and how it will benefit OHV recreation and education. (25 points)

This grant will fund an OHV Trail Crew for six months in 2006 and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) for 2 weeks. The crew will maintain existing and designated trails, design and build new trails and trailhead parking areas, update trails inventory, monitor trails for safety concerns or resource impacts and provide information to OHV users on riding areas, trail conditions and regulations. They will also plan and participate in larger projects with the RMYC. It is estimated that the crew and the RMYC will complete at least 10 miles of new trail construction, 50 miles of trail maintenance and 10 miles of trail reconstruction. The OHV Trail Crew will work 10 hour days, Friday through Monday so that they are working during the high use times during the weekends. They will ride Suzuki 400 motorcycles equipped with trail maintenance tools. These bikes were purchased by the BLM in 2002 and 2003 and modeled after the Statewide OHV Trail crew motorcycles. The crew will also use Trimble Geo3 (or newer) GPS units to map trails and identify areas of concern. The RMYC will work for two weeks with the OHV Trail Crew on larger projects. All work will be done on routes open to motorized use.

The crew will focus in two types of areas, those limited to designated routes, including Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs), and Open Areas. Within the SRMAs crews will assess the trail system early in the riding season, and perform any needed maintenance to trails and signs. These areas will be checked on a regular basis through the season and trails will be maintained as needed. Any new trails will be designed and submitted for approval, with the intent of doing the construction in the following field season.

In Open areas, the crew will focus on keeping the route inventory up to date, signing public land boundaries, identifying any safety hazards and informing visitors of any restrictions or concerns.

OHV riding opportunities will be created and improved by the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of our designated trail systems and by the monitoring and inventory of Open Areas. By having a regular presence in the field during the riding season, the crew will be able to readily identify problems with the trail systems and quickly remedy them.

The crew will be providing essential maintenance that will keep OHV riding opportunities available. Without maintenance in some areas the trails become impossible to ride. A portion of a loop that is not rideable prevents use of the whole loop, so keeping the system maintained is very important.

Education will be one of the responsibilities of the Trail Crew. They will distribute maps of riding areas, post TREAD LIGHTLY! information at trailheads and in local bike

shops, and speak with visitors about responsible riding. The Off-Highway Vehicle Registration Fund will be promoted through these efforts as well.

The OHV enthusiasts who will benefit include motorcyclists, ATV riders, and 4WD users. The number of users increases every year as the population of the area grows along with the popularity of the sport. As the OHV community learns about the improved riding opportunities even more use will occur.

Multiple uses of trail will be managed based on the width of the trail. Single track trails less than 36" wide will be open to non-motorized uses and motorcycles. Trails less than 52" wide will be open to non-motorized uses, motorcycles and ATVs. Trails and roads greater than 52" wide will be open to non-motorized uses and all motorized uses.

This project will provide economic and quality of life benefits to local communities by increasing trail-related visitation to these areas and providing local residents a riding area close to home.

2. Partnerships:

Provide evidence of support for this project from trail users, agencies, local governments, community groups, or individuals (letters, petitions, news articles, event descriptions, etc. must be attached to your application packet). (25 points)

This project has a variety of support, including OHV enthusiasts, clubs and businesses, local conservation organizations and local governments. The GSFO is committed to working with several partners on all travel management activities. We have been working closely with the Eagle Valley Sport Riders for several years on improving OHV opportunities in the area. We have also been working with the Town of Eagle, Town of Gypsum, Eagle County and Rifle Recreation Department on travel management issues and have formed very good working relationships with these local governments. The trail crew is supported by OHV enthusiasts because they improve trails, enhance riding opportunities and provide information on riding areas and regulations. Conservation organizations and local governments also support the trail crew because they provide for re-routing trails around sensitive areas, improve the information available to visitors and decrease erosion by improving trail drainage, grade and surfacing. See attached letters.

3. Leverage:

List the amounts and sources of funds, in-kind services, materials, and trail acquisition costs for this project that will be used to leverage OHV Registration Grants. (25 points)

Regional and local volunteers will be used to plan and construct new trails and to maintain existing trails. The OHV trail crew would lead volunteer projects on trails where improvements to drainage, grade or surface is needed. Projects would also include re-routing trails away from hazardous or sensitive areas.

Cash Match: If this grant is awarded, the BLM is eligible for Challenge Cost Share (CCS) funds which will match 1:1 the funds received from the OHV Registration Grant. CCS funds have been received by the GSFO for the past three years, and are expected to continue as long as we have grants to match. If received, the CCS funds will pay for motorcycle maintenance, directional and informational signs and maps, and project supplies and materials.

In-kind Match: services and materials including use of BLM vehicles, motorcycles, tools and equipment as well as BLM staff time to supervise and coordinate the program. The GSFO has two Suzuki 400 motorcycles equipped with trail building tools like those used by the Statewide OHV Trail Crew. The Town of Eagle, Town of Gypsum and Eagle County have been involved in trail planning for the past few years. They are willing to help when needed with in-kind donations of labor and equipment.

In 2004 the BLM funded a full time two person trail crew in the GSFO. The crew worked 40 hours per week on trail related projects. During this year they assessed 200 miles of trail, contacted 100 people, built and maintained 65 trail structures, installed 45 signs and inventoried an additional 10 miles of routes. They also designed new trail routes that will be approved and constructed in 2005. In 2005 the crew will work on the planning and design of new routes that will be constructed in 2006. As we build on the success of each year, our goal is to create one of the most effective OHV management programs in the state.

4. Environment and Planning:

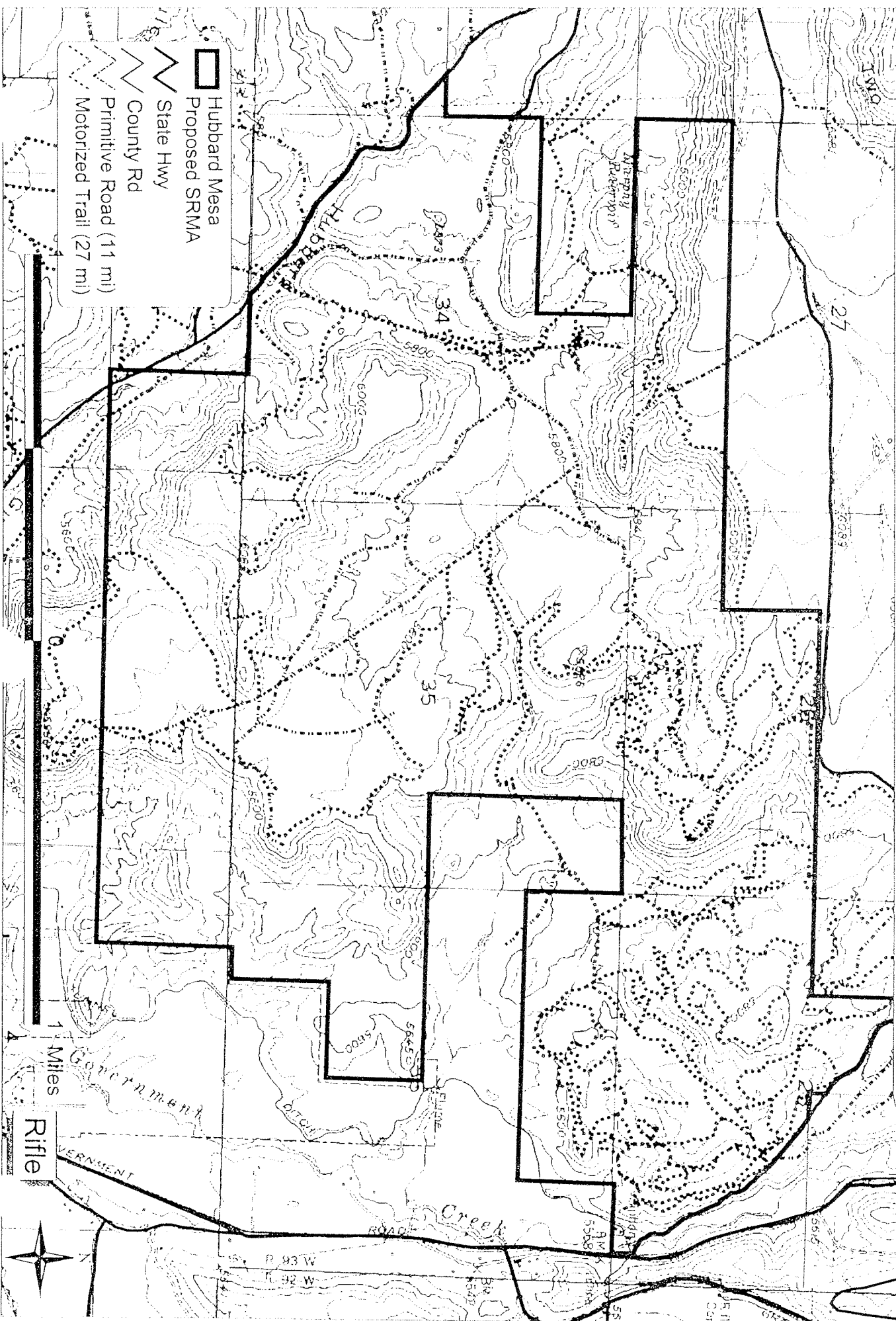
Show how the project aids in the protection or improvement of the environment by fixing any existing problems, avoiding or minimizing impacts of the project, or both; AND describe how this project relates to plans for trail development, recreation management, transportation, and other local, state or federal plans. (25 points)

This project aids in the protection and improvement of the environment by identifying areas where trails have impacted resources and mitigating those impacts by improving or re-routing the trail. Any new trails will be constructed in a manner which prevents soil erosion and avoids sensitive wildlife, cultural or riparian areas and eroded areas will be re-vegetated. The public will continue to be educated about these resources through direct contact with the OHV crew, interpretive signs, maps and brochures. Ongoing monitoring will take place which will aid in the assessment of impacts to the areas.

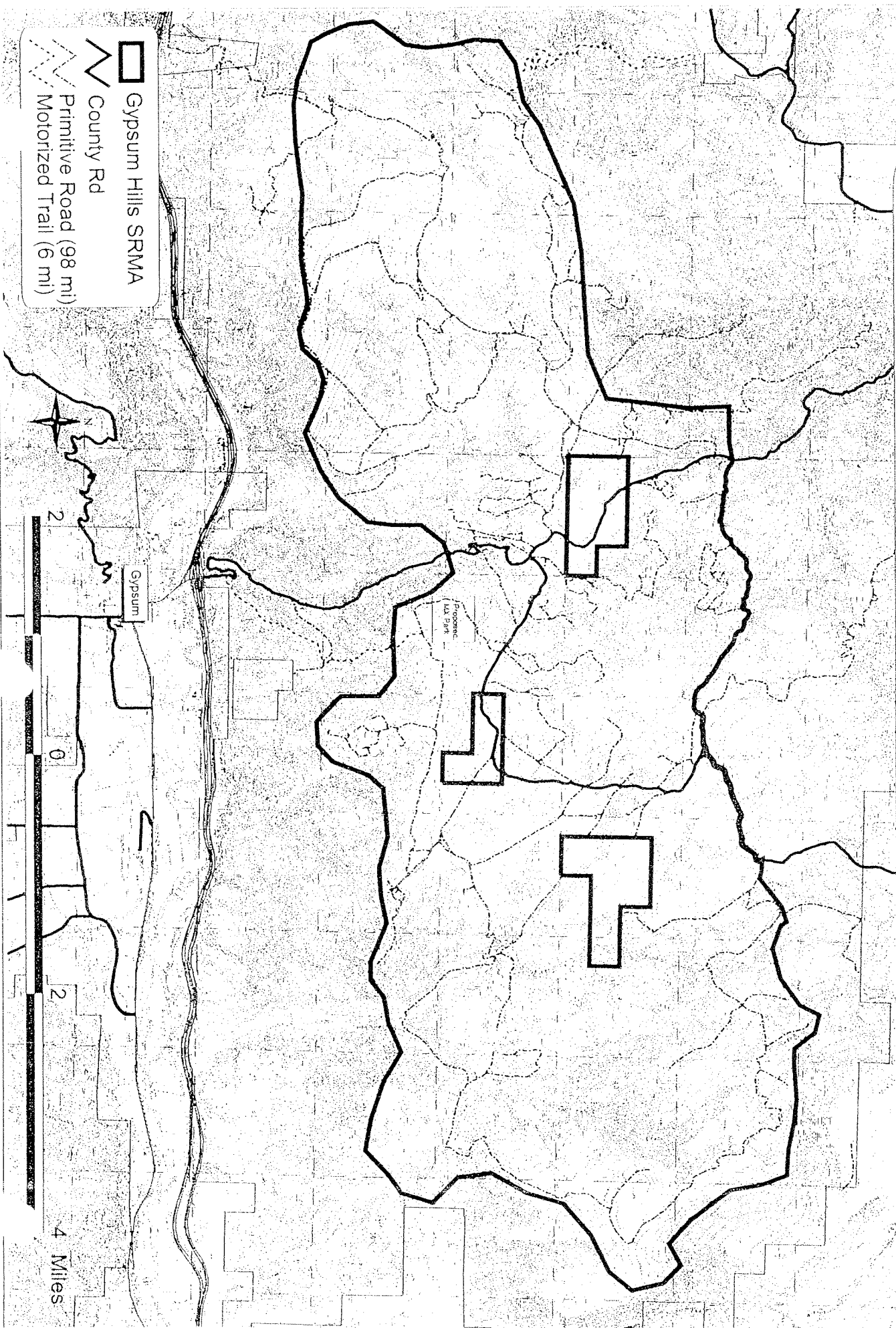
The project meets the land management objectives written in the Castle Peak Travel Management Plan to provide a variety of motorized recreational opportunities in the Bocco Mountain and Gypsum Hills Special Recreation Management Areas. The work done by the OHV trail crew and the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps will help us to meet those objectives. Once the Roan Plateau Land Use Plan is complete, this project will implement the Travel Management decisions from that document. It will improve the long term sustainability of the trail system by providing ongoing maintenance and monitoring which will prevent the loss of trail opportunities.

The Town of Eagle held several public hearings on the issue of travel management in their open space areas during the summer of 2004. In addition, the BLM conducted a Travel Assessment of the adjacent Hardscrabble area to identify the travel related issues in that area. As a result, of these two related efforts, the Town has designated motorized access through their Open Space lands. This allows legal public motorized access to BLM lands from the Town of Eagle. The BLM is working on an system of designated routes within the area that will be implemented and monitored by the OHV crew.

Hubbard Mesa Proposed Special Recreation Management Area Existing Trails



Gypsum Hills SRMA Designated Routes



Hardscrabble Area

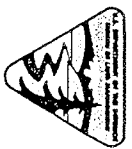
Gypsum

Eagle

- Highway
- Road
- Unimproved Road (7.5 mi)
- 4x4 Trail (15 mi)
- Motorized Trail (28 mi)
- BLM
- National Forest
- Private Land



6 Miles



Bocco Mountain
Special Recreation Management Area



MOTORIZED AND MECHANIZED VEHICLES
MUST STAY ON DESIGNATED ROUTES

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To State Bridge

Off Highway Vehicles: Regulations
OHVs operated in this area are required to
-Have current State Registration
-Have a spark arrester meeting the USDA
Standard
-Meet applicable State and Federal noise
emissions standards

The user-created Motocross Tracks and
several user-created trails in this area have
been closed to protect wildlife, soil and
cultural resources. Please obey posted trail
closures and stay on designated routes
Failure to comply with regulations may
result in fines and an overall decrease in
motorized recreational opportunities on
public lands.

BLM SRMA Boundary

State Hwy

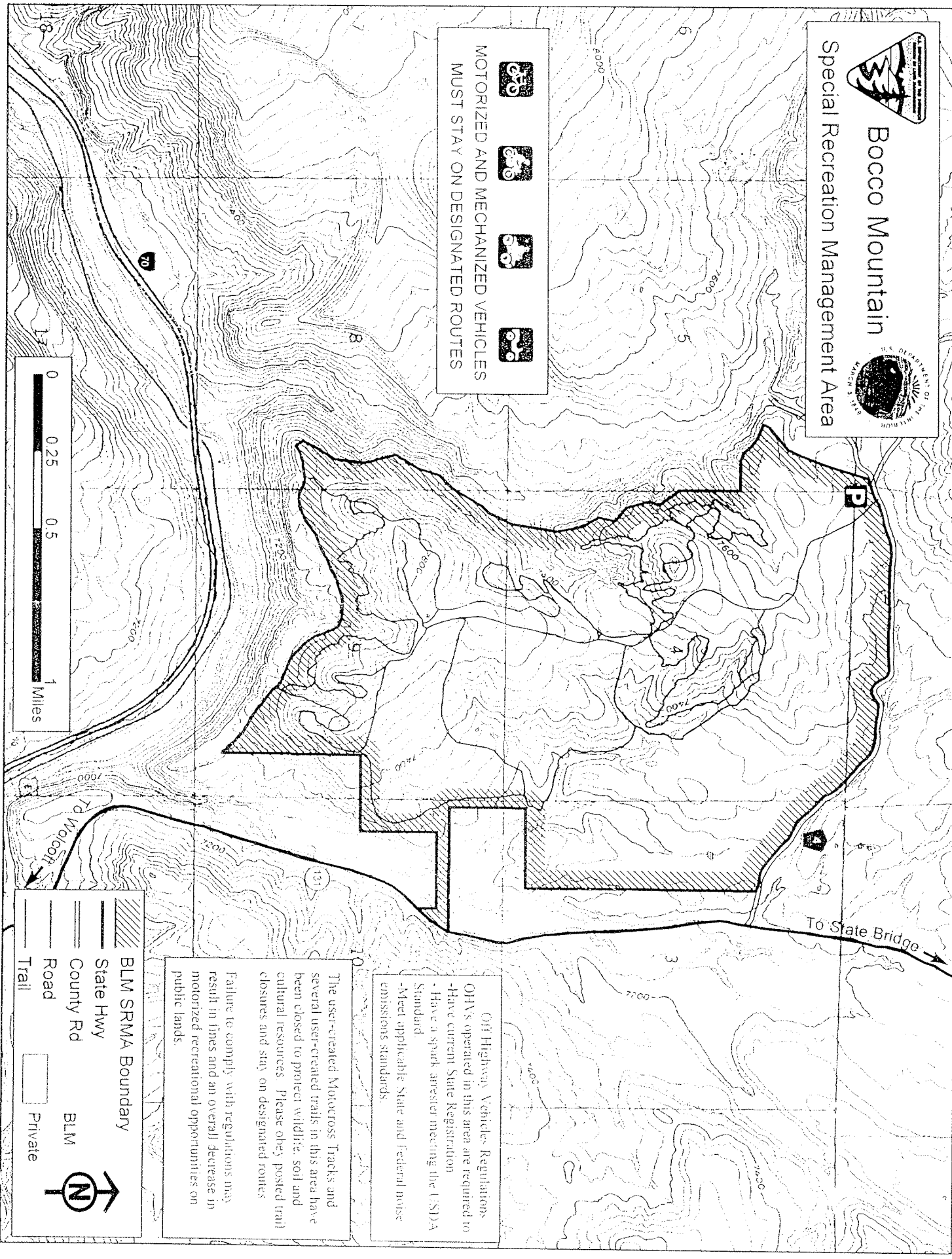
County Rd

Road

Trail

BLM

Private



Red Hill Area

Gypsum

- Red Hill Area
- Interstate
- Road
- Primitive Rd (76 mi)
- Motorized Trail (10 mi)

- BLM
- US Forest
- Private Land
- State Land



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- McCoy Area
 State Hwy
 Road
 4 WD (5 mi)
 Motorized Trail (22 mi)
 BLM
 Private Land

2005-2006 Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund Grants Budget

Please use this format in preparing your project budget. We need to see clearly the dollar amounts of the grant request, total project cost and the grant match for both cash and in-kind services. Under "Sources of Funds," list the specific contributions of both applicant and partner agencies, organizations, and businesses. Under "Uses of Funds," list the major budget items or expenditures in categories appropriate to your project.

Sources of Funds	Date	Grant Request	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Totals
State Parks OHV Fund	5-06 - 10-06	\$45,400			\$45,400
Applicant (BLM)	5-06 - 10-06		\$6,000	\$26,500	\$32,500
Partners (ECO Trails)	5-06 - 10-06			\$1,000	\$1,000
Partners (Town of Eagle)	5-06 - 10-06			\$1,000	\$1,000
Partners (Eagle Valley Sport Riders)	5-06 - 10-06			\$1,000	\$1,000
Totals		\$45,400	\$6,000	\$29,500	\$80,900

Uses of Funds	Date	Grant Request	Cash Match	In-Kind Match	Totals
OHV Trail Crew	5-06 - 10-06	\$34,000			\$34,000
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps week 1	5-06 - 10-06	\$5,700	\$0.00		\$5,700
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps week 2	5-06 - 10-06	\$5,700 5			\$5,700
Motorcycle maintenance	5-06 - 10-06		\$3,000		\$3,000
Project Supervision	5-06 - 10-06			\$20,000	\$20,000
Project materials & supplies	5-06 - 10-06			\$5,000	\$5,000
BLM Vehicle	5-06 - 10-06			\$4,500	\$4,500
Signs (directional, informational)	5-06 - 10-06		\$1,000		\$1,000
Maps, publications	5-06 - 10-06		\$2,000		\$2,000
Totals		\$45,400	\$6,000	\$29,500	\$80,900
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$96,800					

In-kind Services: Contributions other than cash, such as material, supplies, professional service and other essential project items provided by the project sponsor or partner. The value of volunteer labor may not be used as in-kind match, but can receive points when included in the evaluation criteria No. 3 Leverage.

Grant Administration is an eligible in-kind match for non-profit organizations

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 11,000 \times 1.12 = 12,320 \\
 34,000 + 12,320 = 46,320
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Phone 970/328-2580 Fax 970/328-2581
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November 11, 2004

OHV Subcommittee
c/o Tom Metsa
Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager
1313 Sherman Street, Room 618
Denver, CO 80203

Committee Members:


I represent Eagle Motor Works, a local off road motorcycle sales and repair shop. Our location, in Eagle, is in close proximity to many off road riding trails.

I support Dorothy Morgan in her quest for a State Trails OHV Program grant. The work done by the Bureau of Land Management in the Glenwood Springs Field Office as well as the OHV Trail Crew and Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is essential to the vitality of the trail systems in the area. The BLM budget does not encompass funding all projects necessary to plan, design, construct, maintain, and monitor trails. To the best of my knowledge, the OHV Trail Crew is the only group presently maintaining and monitoring the trails system. With the increased usage on these trails, funding the OHV Trail Crew is increasingly important in accomplishing these necessary projects.

The funding of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps provides the added benefit in assisting the OHV Trail Crew to accomplish more in a small time frame. This is important with our shorter summer season. The use of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps helps to educate and encourage the local youth in the value of using our trail system responsibly.

Sincerely,

EAGLE MOTOR WORKS


Robert P. Egan
President

Eagle Valley Sport Riders
PO Box 315
Edwards, CO 81632

November 18, 2004

Dear OHV Subcommittee,

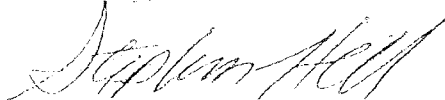
My name is Steve Hill and I am the President of the Eagle Valley Sport Riders. We support OHV use in Eagle County and other areas and have formed a club to help support our interest in OHV trail systems. Having a safe and fun environment for OHV families and individuals is very important to all of our members.

We highly support the grant to provide safer and better trail systems in Eagle County, as well as the Glenwood area. Bocco Mountain and Gypsum Hills have been a big part of the Eagle County Sport Riders for several years. We also look forward to enjoying the other potential trail improvements in the GSFO area.

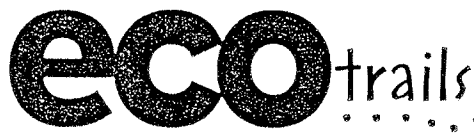
A trail crew such as the Glenwood Springs OHV Trail Crew would ensure that the trail improvements would be done safely and properly. Involving the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in 2006 will benefit everyone involved.

Thanks you for your time and for considering grant funds for this project.

Sincerely,

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Steve Hill
President
Eagle Valley Sport Riders
970-926-7701



gle county regional trails system

November 15, 2004

OHV Subcommittee
c/o Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
1313 Sherman Street Room 618
Denver, CO 80203

Dear OHV Subcommittee Members:

Please accept this letter in support of the application for an OHV Management grant submitted by the Glenwood Springs Resource Area office of the Bureau of Land Management.

The Glenwood BLM office has been proactively working on public land travel management issues in the Gypsum and Eagle area for over six years. BLM staff is currently working with our ECO Trails citizen committee on several trail and public lands access projects in western Eagle County. ECO Trails is a non-motorized trail advocacy group mainly working on issues relative to continued or improved trail access for hikers, bikers and equestrians. We also recognize the need to share public lands with motorized uses.

We appreciate the BLM staffs' efforts to try to create or improve access for all types of users, anticipate conflicts and address solutions early on, and their overall commitment to community outreach. This grant will help them continue in their efforts to develop a well-organized and balanced program of travel management.

We hope you will give their application high marks and the funding will be awarded. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ellie Caryl
ECO Trails Program Manager

..... *ECO Trails: the communities of Gypsum, Eagle, Avon, Vail, Minturn, Red Cliff
and Eagle County working together to create a regional trail system*



The Town of Eagle

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Meetings:
2nd and 4th Tuesdays

October 26, 2004

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks
1313 Sherman Street Rm 618
Denver, CO 80203

Re: OHV Grant

Dear Tom:

The Town of Eagle would like to offer this letter in support of the Glenwood Springs BLM (c/o of Dorothy Morgan) application for an OHV Grant. The grant request would enable the BLM to fund two Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail Crew members for the 2006 summer season. The OHV Trail Crew is responsible for motorized route monitoring, signing, construction, maintenance, mapping and education.

The Town of Eagle recently undertook a six month travel management plan for its approximately 1,000 acres of native open space lands that lie adjacent to BLM lands. The travel management plan determined where and what type of travel should be permitted on town open space lands and how to best access the adjacent BLM lands. Now that town decisions have been made allowing different user groups to access town open space lands and the BLM property it becomes critical to be able to monitor and evaluate how these routes will be used. Due to the fragile nature of the soils, vegetation and other natural resources of the area, having a full time presence in the field is essential to protecting those resources and educating the users to maintain compliance. This OHV trail crew will also be monitoring the interconnected transportation system, enforcing regulations and identifying opportunities for future OHV trail enhancement in the local area.

If you have any questions please contact the town's open space coordinator, Bill Heicher at 328-9654.

Sincerely,

William Powell
Town Manager
Eagle, Colorado

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TOM C. STONE
MICHAEL L. GALLAGHER
ARN M. MENCONI

October 25, 2004

Tom Metsa
OHV Program Manager
Colorado State Parks
1313 Sherman Street Room 618
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Tom:

We are writing in support of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Fund Grant application submitted by the BLM Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO). We feel that this project is important because it provides a much needed BLM presence on the Public Lands adjacent to our communities. A grant that supports a program of maintenance and visitor contact will help minimize the impact to our neighboring BLM lands and increase compliance with current OHV regulations.

We understand this is the third year the GSFO has applied for an OHV Grant. The summer of 2004 was the first year they had a full time OHV Trail Crew and we appreciate and support the work they have done in the Bocco Mountain Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), Gypsum Hills SRMA, and the Hardscrabble area. These areas are all heavily used by people using motorcycles, ATVs, four wheel drive vehicles, mountain bikes, and in some areas hiking and horseback riding. The continued funding of the OHV Trail Crew will allow for increased maintenance, monitoring and visitor contact in these areas.

We thank you for funding the crew for 2004 and 2005. We hope you will consider the request for funding the crew in 2006 and eventually accepting the GSFO into the Good Management Program.

Sincerely,
EAGLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Tom C. Stone
Chairman


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Commissioner


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Commissioner

STATE OF COLORADO
Bill Owens, Governor
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Denver, Colorado 80216
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*For Wildlife-
For People*

November 17, 2004

Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager
OHV Subcommittee
c/o Tom Metsa
1313 Sherman Street Room 618
Denver, CO 80303

RE: Bureau of Land Management – OHV Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Metsa:

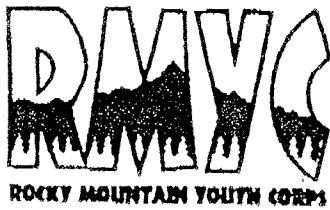
Please accept this letter in support for the OHV grant application by the Bureau of Land Management, Glenwood Springs Field Office. The public lands within the Glenwood Springs Field Office are experiencing a continued increase in OHV use. These lands also contain wildlife and their habitats and without efforts to educate, inform, guide, monitor and coordinate OHV use, negative impacts to wildlife will increase. The presence of the OHV crew in the field benefits the resource as they are available to address problems quickly and encourage responsible recreation.

The local staff of the Colorado Division of Wildlife supports the funding of this application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Pat Tucker
Area Wildlife Manager



"Linking community, education and environment through service"

Administrative Office (970) 879-2135 (phone & fax)
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OHV Subcommittee
c/o Tom Metsa
Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager
1313 Sherman Street, Room 618
Denver, CO 80203

Dear State Trails OHV Program:

This letter is in support of the Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO) OHV Grant Application. Glenwood Springs and its surrounding areas have a variety of OHV areas that need to be planned, designed, constructed, maintained, and monitored on a regular basis. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps' (RMYC) involvement with the potential Glenwood Springs OHV crew would provide many of these services. RMYC is always searching for consistent projects that expose our crews to new aspects of land management and conservation methods. OHV trails are an excellent way to demonstrate to our youth crews the variety of conservation and recreation management issues in Colorado while also continuing our working relationship with the GSFO.

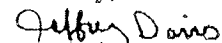
We first worked with GSFO during our summer sessions of 2004. That particular project was one of our best ones in terms of sponsor support and the meaningfulness of the project to the surrounding communities. In fact, Dorothy Morgan won the Sponsor of the Year Award in 2004, presented by the Colorado Youth Corps Association. This award exemplified her fantastic enthusiasm as a project sponsor and her abilities as a land manager. This type of sponsor dedication and expertise is just phenomenal for our field crews. I believe that any opportunity for RMYC crews to work alongside the GSFO is extremely beneficial to our own programming mission.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is a non-profit, youth serving organization, which helps youth and young adults make a difference in themselves and their community through meaningful, direct service opportunities and educational experiences. RMYC hires crews of young adults (ages 16-25) to undertake priority conservation projects such as watershed restoration, trail building and maintenance, fire/fuels reduction work, invasive weed eradication, bridges, fencing, and campground and park maintenance. RMYC is an accredited youth corps of the Colorado Youth Corps Association.

All projects are designed to provide specific environmental education while teaching work skills including teamwork, leadership, self-reliance, technical conservation skills and personal responsibility. RMYC provides work crews to land managers on a weekly basis throughout the summer and fall conservation season. Crews work on public lands (including private lands with public easements).

RMYC consistently strives for projects and sponsor relationships that have a long-term impact, provide educational potential, and/or be high priority—The GSFO / OHV proposal encompasses all of these goals. Also, the GSFO candidacy for the OHV Good Management Program suggests that the long-term prospects of these localized OHV areas would be very positive, all the while providing a great connection for quality RMYC project and partnering opportunities in the future.

If we can be of any other assistance for any other details or questions please do not hesitate to contact us directly. Thanks for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Eagle Valley Chamber of Commerce endorses the following request for a grant to fund two Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail Crew members, and one week of work for the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) for the future 2006 summer season.

In 2004 a first time grant was funded for the Off Highway Vehicle Trail Crew. During this time the crewmembers were responsible for signing, construction, mapping, maintenance, route monitoring, and education of the trails. They maintained and re-routed trails in several areas including Gypsum Hills, Red Hill, Hardscrabble, and Thompson Creek. OHV educated many visitors about travel regulations and Tread Lightly! Ethics.

It would be essential for a full time person to monitor the transportation system, enforcing regulations and educating the users. The RMYC would provide 10 crewmembers to work with the BLM 2 person crew. They would maintain trails and help with construction projects that need additional help or people to accomplish the job.

This will be the third consecutive OHC grant application for the OHV Trail Crew. After completion of the third funded project BLM will be eligible for the "Good Management Program" which will automatically fund the crew each year. BLM will match the grant with Challenge Cost Share funds and ECO trails will provide additional in-kind match in project coordination and trail design.

In summary the proposed plan would provide a very positive effect in the areas described. We encourage you to fully fund this project including the use of the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp.

Sincerely,

Tim Cochran
Executive Director
Eagle Valley Chamber of Commerce

November 17, 2004

OHV Subcommittee
C/O Tom Metsa
Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager
1313 Sherman Street Room 618
Denver, CO 80203


RE: State Trails OHV Program Grant

Dear Mr. Metsa:

As the Manager of the Town of Gypsum, I would like to convey the Town's support of the OHV grant. There are many benefits to having this trail crew in the Glenwood Springs Field Office. One would be the use of our local youth to maintain and monitor these trails. Second, by maintaining these trails we have an additional recreation form for our residents, both in our Town and in Eagle County. As representatives of this community, the council feels it is very important to improve the quality of life and provide diverse recreational opportunities. The maintenance of the OHV Trails will provide several riding areas for community members to choose from.

We hope that you will look favorably upon this request. We feel that with additional funding through this grant the maintenance of these trails can continue and offer an excellent recreation possibility to the citizens of Gypsum.

Sincerely
Town of Gypsum



Jeff Shroll, Town Manager

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