

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL



**SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
MEETING PACKET**

Virtual Meeting

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

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AGENDA



HOST: *Virtual*
Meeting point:
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ATTENDEES: *Division of Outdoor Recreation Employees:*
Rachel Toker, Chase Pili

Council Members:

Eric Nelson (Acting Chair), Brody Johnson, Fred Christensen, Jason Blankenagel, Tyson Todd, Cheryl Butler, Laura Ault, Sheriff Curtis

Public:
TBD

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

5:00 p.m.

INFORMATION

1. WELCOME

1.1. Call to Order

Eric Nelson, Acting Chair

1.2. Attendance and Introductions

ACTION

1.3. Approval of August 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes

5:05 p.m.

ACTION

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THREE COUNCIL POSITIONS

Chase Pili & Rachel Toker

2.1. 4-Wheel Drive Representative

2.2. Motorcycle Representative

2.3. Snowmobile Representative

5:35 p.m.

ACTION

3. ELECT COUNCIL CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND SECRETARY

Eric Nelson, Acting Chair

5:45 p.m.

ACTION

4. SET MEETING DATE FOR AUGUST 2024

Rachel Toker, Grant Administrator

5:50 p.m.

INFORMATION

5. OTHER ITEMS

TBD

6:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT



OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Minutes Of The Meeting Held on August 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Garfield County Courthouse

55 South Main Street, Panguitch, Utah 84759

Streamed Live on YouTube

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present:

Ron Tolman (Chair)
Eric Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Brody Johnson
Fred Christensen
Jason Blankenagel
Kirk Chester
Laura Ault
Nathan Curtis
Scott Wheeler

Excused:

Cheryl Butler
Tyson Todd

Host:

Garfield County

Division of Outdoor Recreation:

Chase Pili
Rachel Toker


Attorney General's Office Representative:

Shane Stroud

Visitors:

Brett Stewart (Utah OHV Advocates)
Jeff Beiber (Desert Roads and Trails Society)
Kaden Figgins (Garfield County)
Leslie Fonger (Greater Zion)
Michael Cook (Uintah County Trails)
Michael Gottfredson (Duchesne County)
Randee Sanders (Red Cliff Desert Reserve)

Audio/video recording of this meeting is located a

 *Off-highway Vehicle Advisory Council 8/18/2023*

TIME AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY

:00

1. WELCOME

1.1. Call to Order (5:50)

Chair Ron Tolman called the meeting to order, and Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Administrator Rachel Toker recorded the minutes. Ms. Toker also took attendance of the council members present. With a quorum of council members in attendance, the meeting proceeded with its agenda.

1.2. Attendance and Introductions (6:45)

Chair Tolman asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Council members provided their names and affiliations for the record.

1.3. Approval of April 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes (8:40)

Chair Tolman presented the minutes of the April 21, 2023, OHV Advisory Council meeting and requested their approval as presented.

**BRODY JOHNSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES
FROM THE APRIL 21, 2023 OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING.**

ERIC NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9:20 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Tolman opened the floor to public comments, welcoming input from both in-person attendees and online participants. It was agreed by Ms. Toker and Chair Tolman to allocate time for individuals present to address their respective grant applications at the time of review.

10:30 3. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF COORDINATION FORM FOR ACCESS PROTECTION APPLICANTS

Chair Tolman turned the time over to Shane Stroud from the Attorney General's Office, who provided a presentation on the coordination process between the Division and the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO) for Access Protection applicants. This form facilitates the grant's ability to ensure that access protection projects comply with legal requirements.

Council member Laura Ault spoke in support of the created form, explaining that it streamlines the process. She noted that previously, applicants were contacting various employees within PLPCO, but this form ensures consistency with a single point of contact.

Having no further questions, Chair Tolman sought a motion.

FRED CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COORDINATION FORM FOR ACCESS PROTECTION APPLICANTS. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION, AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

17:55 4. REQUIRED APPLICANT PRESENTATION

4.1. Navajo Road OHV Improvement Project (18:35)

Leslie Fonger from Greater Zion presented the project application, explaining its connection to St. George and the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. She also highlighted the necessity of this improvement due to the lack of a staging area for OHV users.

Advisory council member Scott Wheeler voiced concerns regarding the project, leading to a discussion. OHV Program Manager Chase Pili intervened, allowing each participant an opportunity to express their views.

Chair Tolman mentioned that scoring for this and the following project will occur during the grant review.

4.2. Toquerville Falls Road Improvement Project (41:45)

Jeff Beiber from Desert Roads and Trails Society presented his project, outlining the necessary road improvements. He emphasized the importance of these improvements for search and rescue (SAR) operations, as the current road conditions hinder their ability to assist people in need.

Council member Eric Nelson inquired about the classification of the road. Ms. Fonger confirmed that the road is designated as a Class B road. The council then asked Mr. Stroud whether this grant could legally fund projects involving County B roads. Due to this uncertainty, the council requested that Mr. Stroud conduct further research on the matter. Subsequently, the council decided to proceed with scoring on both this issue and the previous application under the assumption that the grant could legally fund improvements to County B roads.

The council did not have a unanimous vote and both grants received a roll-called vote.

Navajo Road OHV Improvement Project

Yeas: Sheriff Curtis, Brody Johnson, Jason Blankenagel, Laura Ault, Fred Christensen, Kirk Chester, and Eric Nelson

Nays: Scott Wheeler and Ron Tolman

Absent: Cheryl Butler and Tyson Todd

Toquerville Falls Road Improvement Project

Yeas: Sheriff Curtis, Brody Johnson, Jason Blankenagel, Laura Ault, Fred Christensen, Kirk Chester, and Ron Tolman

Nays: Scott Wheeler and Eric Nelson

Absent: Cheryl Butler and Tyson Todd

Both grants were recommended for funding contingent on Mr. Stroud's findings.

1:38:35 5. BEGIN GRANT REVIEW FOR SUMMER FY24

Chair Tolman yielded the floor to Ms. Toker, who provided a concise overview of the 40 grants. She highlighted that there is a total of \$6.0 million available for grant awards for the Summer and Spring FY24 cycle. Ms. Toker also stated that the remaining balance will be available for the next cycle. The total funding requested by applicants amounted to approximately \$3.4 million. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that the percentages of funding awarded versus the amounts requested align appropriately.

The following discussions and votes are provided for applications where there were discussions or dissenting opinions. In cases where no conversation occurred and unanimous votes were cast, it can be assumed that funding was approved.

1:40:00 Application #1 - OHV Refresh for Grand County Search and Rescue

The council discussed how the SAR calls relate to an applicant's matching funds. This discussion pertained to all SAR applications.

1:49:30 Application #2 - Piute County SAR

Council member Fred Christensen expressed his support for the application. He stated that he spoke with the applicant and made a recommendation for adding tracks to the project's request.

FRED CHRISTENSEN MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE PROJECT FUNDING BY \$8,000. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2:12:25 Application #7 - Kane County Roads and Trails Access Protection Initiative

The council felt that buying two top-of-the-line machines for inventorying trails was not the best use of funding. The council discussed decreasing the funding and allotting \$60,000 to help purchase two mid-level machines.

KIRK CHESTER MADE A MOTION TO DECREASE THE FUNDING AMOUNT TO \$60,000 AND DECREASE THEIR TOTAL PROJECT COST TO \$68,200. SHERIFF CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION, AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2:34:45 Application #10 - Wayne County OHV Response

Mr. Wheeler expressed his conversation with the applicant, he raised concerns about the low cost of six bikes. The applicant was apprehensive about overspending. Mr. Wheeler also raised concerns about whether the machines would be powerful enough for their needs.

ERIC NELSON MADE A MOTION TO INCREASE THE FUNDING AMOUNT BY \$12,000 ALLOWING THE APPLICANT TO PURCHASE TWO HIGHER-END BIKES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS. SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION, AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2:42:30 6. LUNCH

At this time, the OHV Advisory Council took a 20-minute lunch break. The recorders were taken offline at this time.

3:05:45 7. CONTINUE GRANT REVIEW

After taking lunch the Council proceeded to review the grant proposals beginning with the applicants in the room. The council started with application #32.

3:18:00 Application #23 - Uintah County Stop Vandalism

Mike Cook with Uintah County fielded questions regarding the application. Mr. Christensen was worried about the funds sitting in an account until an issue arose. He also mentioned that the Paiute Trail Committee has an award for vandalism and has only awarded someone one-time in a two-year time period.

4:47:15 Application #31 - Uintah County Stop Vandalism

The council discussed concerns regarding the procurement of single-use medical supplies. They also expressed the belief that there might be alternative funding sources accessible to the applicant. As a result, the council requested council member Sheriff Curtis to collaborate with the county's sheriff in assisting the applicant in exploring alternative grant opportunities for SAR purposes.

5:16:55 Application #40 - DWR Snow Operation Training

Sheriff Curtis expressed concerns that it seemed the applicant had used Utah County's SAR calls to bolster their SAR statistics. There were also concerns about the intended use of the machines, particularly whether they would be deployed for SAR calls. Furthermore, it was noted that the applicant had not contacted the leadership of the agencies that provided letters of support.

5:23:25 8. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED OHVR GRANTS FOR SUMMER FY24

Out of the **40** Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) Grants received, the OHV Advisory Council has recommended **37** grants for funding in the FY24 Q1 - Summer period.

Out of those 37 recommended grants, two (2) projects were recommended for funding contingent on the findings of Mr. Stroud.

Key		
Recommended for Funding	Not Recommended for Funding	Contingent on Findings

#	Project Name	Organization	Project Total	Requested
1	OHV Refresh for Grand County Search and Rescue	Grand County Sheriff's Search and Rescue	\$60,550.00	\$45,412.50
2	Piute County SAR	Piute County Search and Rescue	\$99,971.00	\$76,979.00
3	Carbon County Search and Rescue's OHV Incident Response	Carbon County Search and Rescue	\$68,200.00	\$52,000.00
4	Utah Singletrack Trail Maintenance 2023-2024 Season	Western Singletrack Alliance	\$125,035.00	\$97,427.00
5	Paiute Trail Parker Mountain Expansion - Education Marketing	The Paiute Trail Committee	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
6	Garfield County Sheriff's Office SAR Side By Side	Garfield County Sheriff's Office	\$46,819.00	\$26,819.00
7	Kane County Roads and Trails Access Protection Initiative	Kane County	\$68,200.00	\$60,000.00
8	Beaver County SnowCat Trail Grooming	Beaver County SAR & Tourism Council	\$441,400.00	\$350,000.00
9	Wayne County OHV Trails Maintenance and Construction Project	Wayne County Road Department	\$86,500.00	\$64,500.00
10	Wayne County OHV Response	Wayne County Search & Rescue	\$62,554.00	\$57,179.00
11	Jordan River OHV Motorcross Track Fence	Western Singletrack Alliance	\$179,181.50	\$82,500.00
12	Polaris Xpedition UTV	Utah County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$112,474.46	\$60,308.23
13	Iron County SAR 6 X 6 ATV Purchase	Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue	\$19,300.00	\$11,800.00
14	Richfield BLM Field Office UTV Acquisition	Bureau of Land Management Richfield Field Office	\$76,040.00	\$56,540.00
15	Rocky Ford Trail Maintenance	Garfield County	\$19,800.00	\$15,000.00
16	Garfield County OHV Tourism Projects	Garfield County Tourism	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00
17	Flint Trail to Big Ridge Two Pipe Loop, Happy Canyon Trails	Wayne County Road Department	\$200,000.00	\$170,000.00
18	Color Country OHV Trail Equipment and	Iron County	\$142,869.00	\$112,744.00

	Maintenance 2023			
19	Utahrapator State Park Trail Equipment and Signage	Utah State Parks (Utahrapator)	\$144,403.55	\$103,249.35
20	Moonshine Arch Restroom	Uintah County	\$65,000.00	\$52,000.00
21	UMORA Access Protection	Utah Motorcycle Off-Road Racing Association	\$60,943.25	\$47,140.00
22	Bureau of Land Management OHV Trail Maintenance Equipment	Bureau of Land Management - Price Field Office	\$35,982.00	\$21,995.00
23	Uintah County Stop Vandalism	Uintah County	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00
24	Uintah County Search & Rescue Drone	Uintah County	\$33,000.00	\$24,000.00
25	Iron County SAR ATV Trailer Purchase	Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue	\$34,100.00	\$20,600.00
26	Pails for Nails, OHV Pocket Trail Guide, & Don't Burn Campaign	Juab County Tourism Department	\$108,000.00	\$81,000.00
27	Uintah County Trails Trailers	Uintah County	\$40,000.00	\$32,000.00
28	Uintah County Seasonal Trails Crew	Uintah County	\$104,700.00	\$83,700.00
29	Summit County SAR Snowmobile Upgrade	Summit County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$72,000.00	\$54,000.00
30	Summit County SAR Medical Response UTV Request	Summit County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$32,675.00	\$24,506.25
31	Juab County EMS Department	Juab County EMS Department	\$84,994.14	\$59,395.40
32	Duchesne County OHV Trespassing Signage	Duchesne County	\$20,819.60	\$13,377.10
33	Steinaker OHV Connection	Department of Natural Resources - State Parks	\$150,331.80	\$119,761.80
34	Box Elder County Golden Spike Trail System Year 3	Public Lands Equal Access Alliance PLEAA	\$43,740.00	\$30,555.90
35	Wasatch SAR Medbed Expedition July 2023	Wasatch Search & Rescue	\$58,860.30	\$43,161.75
36	Kingston Canyon Trail 01 OHV Bridge Modification	Piute Chamber	\$15,500.00	\$12,000.00
37	Navajo Road OHV Improvement Project	Washington County	\$727,000.00	\$500,000.00

38	Toquerville Falls Road Improvement Project	Desert Roads and Trails Society	\$831,320.00	\$600,000.00
39	Participating in BLM Travel Management Plans	Ride with Respect	\$121,190.00	\$97,000.00
40	DWR Snow Operation Training	Division of Wildlife Resources	\$59,271.99	\$44,447.99

Chair Tolman sought a motion to recommend \$3,438,099.27 in grant funding for 37 applications.

BRODY JOHNSON MOTION TO APPROVE THE FUNDING AS PRESENTED. FRED CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5:27:20 9. BREAK

At this time, the OHV Advisory Council took a 10-minute lunch break. The recorders were taken offline at this time.

5:37:45 10. MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Mr. Pili and Mr. Stroud spoke on the changes made to the OHV Advisory Council By-laws.

ERIC NELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS AS PRESENTED. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5:59:30 11. TERM EXPIRATION DISCUSSION & APPLICATION APPROVAL

The council deliberated on the upcoming term expiration of three OHV Advisory Council members. Mr. Pili and Ms. Toker informed the council that the applications will be publicly posted on August 21, 2023, and the application period will conclude on September 21, 2023.

JASON BLANKENAGEL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:09:30 12. ELECT THE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND SECRETARY

With three open council seats, the council opted to push this agenda item to their next meeting.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS ACTION ITEM TO THE NEXT OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING. FRED CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:25:20 13. SET MEETING DATES FOR 2024

The council discussed scheduling future meeting dates and made the following decisions:

- April 26, 2023, for the FY24 Spring cycle review.
- May 31, 2024, for the RTP review.
- They will select the August meeting date during their next meeting.
- October 4, 2024, for next year's site visit.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THESE FUTURE MEETING DATES. ERIC NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6:37:00 14. OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Pili mentioned that the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) will be holding a conference in Utah from October 12-14, 2023. During this conference, Tara McKee, Rachel Toker, and I will be speaking. Additionally, Council member Jason Blankenagel confirmed that he will also be speaking at the NOHVCC. Mr. Pili recommended that members of the OHV Advisory Council should consider attending.

6:39:30 15. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Tolman sought a motion to adjourn.

BRODY JOHNSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. KIRK CHESTER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.



DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Address :

Email :

Phone Number:

QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and limit your response to each question to no more than one page.

1. Why are you interested in filling the specific position?
2. What special qualifications could you bring to the Council?
3. What would be your primary objective in serving on the Council?
4. What is your background in dealing with current four-wheel drive issues?
5. What is your favorite riding area in Utah and why?

Please attach supporting documentation to this application. Supporting documentation must include at least one letter of support from an organized OHV association, organization, club, or group, and may include letters of recommendation from a land managing agency familiar with your OHV-related work, personal references, or any other information that attests to your qualifications for this position.

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING

More Information :

Please return this application and any supporting materials by Thursday, September 21, 2023 to:

Chase Pili, OHV Program Manager
Email: cpili@utah.gov

UTAH OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL - APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Chase Pili, OHV Program Manager
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1. Why are you interested in filling the specific position?

I would like to help represent the interests of 4-wheel drive enthusiasts throughout the state of Utah, as well as those many visiting from around the country. I believe that I have a seasoned perspective on 4x4 and Off Highway Vehicle issues and needs.

2. What specific qualifications could you bring to the Council?

I am a life-long “Jeepster” and all-around 4-wheel drive enthusiast, owning 4x4 vehicles from several different manufacturers. I have been involved in the Utah 4-wheel drive community in some fashion since the early 90s. I have an engineering background and try to be objective, thoughtful and methodical in the way I approach new challenges, information, and issues.

I have a passion for 4-wheel drive vehicles that began as a little kid. I bugged my dad until he bought a Chevy Blazer when I was 8, and later he bought a Bronco. As a teen I read a lot of 4-wheel drive magazines and learned about the events and projects that organized 4-wheel drive groups around the country were involved with. I recall my friend’s dad telling me about the Moab Easter Jeep Safari and I couldn’t wait to attend. My friends and I went 4-wheeling whenever we could.

As I entered my 20s, I decided to get involved with the local clubs and the state association, the Utah 4 Wheel Drive Association (U4WDA). I wanted the state group to put on some of the cool events that I knew other states around the region were doing. I helped organize quarterly trail rides in addition to the annual summer and winter conventions. I served for 6 years as the President, and later as “Duke of Special Projects”, during which time I also served on the board of the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

I was part of an email group in the 90s-2000s called Jeep-SLC. Members of that group made up most of the BOD of U4WDA, one of them started Utah Rockcrawling and Offroad Challenge (UROC) competition rock crawling, and several members of that group served as presidents of U4WDA, have served on the OHV Advisory Council, and in recent years, started the Salt Lake Off Road Expo (SLOREX).

Over the last 8 years I have helped organize and build a team of skilled volunteers committed to the safe recovery of off-road vehicles (fullsize and ATV/SxS), going where the tow companies prefer not to. Initially approaching 300 volunteers in a free-for-all Facebook based format, our leadership board installed membership requirements and training, and the membership dropped to 30 committed members, recently growing to 40. The Utah Off Road Recovery Team (Team) typically sends 2 or more volunteers on each recovery to locations all over northern Utah. (Moab and the St George area have several companies that offer these services). Davis County dispatch has our group on speed dial, and we are working towards having MOU with other county dispatch services. During the first 90 days of 2023, the Team had just shy of 100 recoveries. All services are free of charge, though the group accepts donations.

As a licensed mechanical engineer, I manage multi-discipline projects for an engineering firm in the mineral processing, petroleum refining and power production and distribution sectors. I manage engineers and designers and work closely with our clients to understand and help them meet their business objectives.

3. What would be your primary objective in serving on the Council?

My primary objective would be to fairly represent the specific needs of 4-wheel drive enthusiasts and also do my part to help fulfil the duties of the OHV Advisory Council at large, including grant review, helping with the state's OHV program, and coordinating with the different stakeholders in the OHV community itself, including lawmakers, land managers, users, vendors and non-OHV users.

4. What is your background in dealing with current four-wheel drive issues?

I have experience in dealing with different kinds of 4-wheel drive issues, from laws and regulations to education to access.

In the late 90s, several of us that were active in Jeep-SLC and U4WDA set out to change the Utah lift law, which was poorly written and hard to understand. We used the structure of U4WDA to organize members throughout Utah to work with their elected Utah House Representatives and Senators. Through a lot of hard work and persistence, the law passed 72-0-3 in the house and 25-2-2 in the Senate and was signed into law in Feb 2001.

I served on the board of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a national group organized and committed to preserving OHV access to public lands. I try to stay involved and informed and provide review and comment on FS and BLM management plans.

I help lead and tailgun organized trail rides several times a year to assist and help educate drivers. I've been leading and gunning trails at Jeep Safari since the mid-90s, U4 trail rides since the 90s, Vernal Rock Rally since it started, Trail Hero for a few years, Winter 4x4 Jam for a few years, Labor Day Campout and RR4W Trail of the Month. I also work with several local clubs with their annual National Public Lands Day Projects.

Plus, I literally help weekly with the issues of people getting stuck off-road, whether it's dispatching a team or responding, and often both.

5. What is your favorite riding area in Utah and why?

This may be the hardest question of the bunch. From a technical aspect, my favorite trail is a rocky boulder filled wash bottom, and I think the Pinnacle Trails in Price are at the top of the list. But this passion of mine has many outlets. I love the alpine views and challenges of upper American Fork Canyon, including Mary Ellen Gulch, Miller Hill, Mineral Basin and Forest Lake. I love the solitude and landscapes of the San Rafael Swell, and a favorite loop is Eagle Canyon to Eva Conover to South Coal Wash, North Coal Wash and then Devil's Racetrack. I visit Moab several times a year, it's my happy place, whether I'm doing Fins and Things, Elephant Hill, or checking out the dinosaur tracks on Klondike Bluffs. And if I need a technical fix, I LOVE to take my Jeep Scrambler to Sand Hollow to tackle Double Sammy, John's Trail, Milt's Mile or West Rim. Did I mention snow wheelin' in Cherry Creek?

I appreciate your consideration of me for the 4-wheel drive representative for the Utah OHV Advisory Council.

Please call me if I can answer any other questions.

Best regards,
Brett

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September 19, 2023

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RE: Brett Davis Recommendation for Four-Wheel Drive Representative

Chase,

As the former Four-Wheel Drive Representative for the OHV Advisory Council, as a long-time Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association (U4WDA) board member, and as an avid off road enthusiast; I strongly recommend Brett Davis for the position of the new Four-Wheel Drive Representative for the OHV Advisory Council!

Brett is a past president of U4WDA. Brett serves diligently on the Utah Off Road Recovery Team, a nonprofit organization, rescuing stranded off road users day and night. Brett also works closely with the Red Rock 4 Wheelers as a trail leader during the annual Easter Jeep Safari and other events. He knows full-size four wheel drive community well and has served them in many capacities for many years. He would be an excellent addition to the OHV Program's Advisory Council!

Thank you,



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Brett Davis <maverick4x4@gmail.com>

Letter of recommendation

Daily Driver Automotive <dailydriverauto@hotmail.com>
To: Brett Davis <maverick4x4@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 21, 2023 at 5:58 PM

Chase Pili
OHV Program Manager

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Brett Davis. Not to over sell it but Brett is a beacon in the Off-road community, I think he knows every trail in the state and probably every off-roader also. He volunteers for Red rock 4 wheelers, Utah 4-wheel drive association as well as many other organizations. Everyone seems to know Brett and he is willing to help any stranded wheeler at a moment's notice. If you want a representative that will work hard and represent the full-size off-road community Brett is the only consideration.

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RE: The Recommendation for Four-Wheel Drive Representative


Good evening, Chase.

I'm the current president of the Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association. I have served on this board for over 30 years. I work very hard with a lot of other very good people at keeping Public Lands Public here in the State of Utah and as the Executive Board Member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, around the country. One of these People is Brett Davis. And that is why I want to recommend him for the position of the new Four-Wheel Drive Representative for the OHV Advisory Council!

Brett is a also a past President of U4WDA. Long time trail guide for the Easter Jeep Safari, Trail Leader at Trail Hero and the Winter 4x4 Jamboree! He helps out at the Off-Road Expo! Ham Radio Operator! Run check points for cross Desert Marathons! More recently he helped form the Utah Off-Road recovery team. Give selfless hours day and night, weekends recovering folks that have been loss, stuck and unfortunately broken down all over the state of Utah. The stories I could tell! And he always leads the way. He has helped keep a past member of the Councils Widow's trail rig running since his passing, Todd Adams, so she can continue to lead trails at the Easter Jeep Safari! I myself was having heart problems this last winter, I had the 30x13 Storage unit full of stuff that had to be moved because the property had been sold and they wanted everybody out. While in the hospital having heart Surgery Brett got a team of our friends together and moved the whole thing. Doesn't this sound like a person you want on the Council? I sure think so! I think he would make an outstanding addition to your team!

If you have any farther questions, please feel free to call me at 801-201-6778

Matthew J. Westrich

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Matthew West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and the last name "West" clearly distinguishable.

President Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association
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DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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QUESTIONS

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and limit your response to each question to no more than one page.

1. Why are you interested in filling the specific position?
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THANK YOU FOR APPLYING

More Information :

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Division of Outdoor Recreation
Application for OHV Advisory Council
Off-Highway Motorcycle Reprehensive

1. Why are you interested in filling this position?

My biggest concern is the continued loss over the years of OHV ridding opportunities and the threat of more losses. I have a passion for ridding off-road motorcycles and have had that from my youth. I also believe we as participants in any form of activity are responsible for maintaining it and without an organized investment of our time into any sport or activity we will by and by lose or be restricted in that opportunity.

2. What special qualifications do you feel you could bring to the council?

I spent several years participating in motocross and desert racing and somewhat less time in hill climb and trials events; while not participating currently as a competitor in these events I do enjoy being involved in these activities at a planning level and have a good understanding what it takes to organize events. I still have a zeal for riding single track and dual sport.

Over the years I have been involved with several off road motorized organizations the Sage Riders Motorcycle Club, CEMA, CCOHVA, UTMA, RWR and Blue Ribbon Coalition. I enjoy a broad range of recreational opportunities that Utah has to offer including non-motorized.

I have spent thousands of hours volunteering time to a multitude of different organizations and activities. Over the past 40 years many hundreds of hours have been spent working with lands access issues with the Price BLM field office and the Manti- La Sal Forest Service and Carbon and Emery Counties.

I have a good working knowledge of GIS and cartography and have produced maps for the local BLM office and others. I have gathered thousands of miles of GIS road, trail and area data for multiple causes.

In 2005, I was asked by the BLM to help them produced a useable transportation map for the San Rafael Swell, including a concurrent project to number and sign the routes. The endeavor to create a map took over a year and with considerable help from members of CCOHVA, Sage Riders and other user groups it took another year to finish the signage. The BLM touted the project as very successful and made navigation of the area much friendlier and more responsible.

In 2008, as a volunteer, I help organize and produce a document which contained about 1800 georeferenced photographs depicting mans interaction with public lands and rating those interfaces in Carbon and Emery Counties. Typical of the document was photos showing roads, drill sites, mining activities and structures. This document contained several maps and comments along with the images and was submitted to The Price BLM field office and Carbon and Emery Counties for the purpose of evaluating expansion of wilderness lands.

I spent two years working with Emery County Lands Council on the transportation sub-committee. My responsibilities were to gather road and trail data, take photos and present this information to the full lands council for evaluation.

From about 2004 to 2006 I volunteered as an OHV trainer.

For several years I was member at large for the Carbon County Trails Committee, developing both motorized and non motorized routes.

3. What would your primary objective in serving on the council?

To help preserve the motorized recreational opportunities that I have enjoyed in my life and interact with others that have the same concerns. Use my experience to help educate all motorized uses as well as non-motorized users, political leaders and land managers of the importance of maintaining a balance in our use of the lands.

4. What is your background in dealing with currant off-highway vehicle issues?

I have spent one term (4 years) on the Utah State OHV advisory Council representing Off-Road Motorcycles. During that period I've worked with other council members reviewing OHV Grant Applications and their merits for funding. Visited completed grant project and have encouraged others to apply for worthy OHV projects. Worked with other council members to suggest improvements to the grant process.

I'm currently serving on the HB143 steering committee that helps with guidance in the operations of the Utah OHV Advisory Council Grant Process.

Six years ago spent considerable amount of time working with the Emery County Lands bill. Speaking with County Commissioners, members of their Lands Council, attending meeting and producing maps for visual presentations. Collaborating with other motorized users on how to improve the bill and discuss long term consequences of its passage.

I've spent thousands of hours gathering GPS trail, road data and imaging to submit to County, State and Federal agencies during transportation planning processes.

Approximately seven years ago I, along with many other concern citizens protested the planned permanent closures of the Nuck Woodward Road by the Forest Service connecting the Town of Clear Creek to Huntington Canyon. I was involved in multiple Emery County Land Council meetings, Forest Service meetings, fields trips and commission meeting. After considerable pressure from the community and a year of time the Forest Service reversed their decision to close the road.

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SAGE RIDERS

August 25, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of support and recommendation for Scott Wheeler to be re-appointed to the Utah State OHV Grant Advisory Board. Scott has been a long-time member of the Sage Riders and has helped put on many races. He also is actively involved with the many work projects the Sage Riders perform on trails throughout the San Rafael Swell. He also has many years of involvement in OHV related matters and has been an advocate for OHV use in the state of Utah. His experience can help the board ensure that the funds are being used in a manner that helps promote and protect OHV use in the state. He will be a great asset to every OHV user in the state as a member of the Utah State Grant Advisory Board.

Jim Kone

President – Sage Riders Motorcycle Club



August 30, 2023

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Paul Anderson

President – Utah Motorcycle Off-Road Racing Association

I am writing this letter in support of Scott Wheeler and his application for the OHV Advisory Council. Scott has been on the council for the last four years and has played a crucial role in this program. He is well acquainted with the grant application process and investigates the applications. I know on several occasions he has conducted field trips to view completed or proposed projects. I am recommending that he be re-appointed back on the council for another four years.

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August 30, 2023

OHV Advisory Council
Off Highway Motorcycle Position

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to Scott Wheeler who is applying for the OHV Advisory Council to represent the council in the Off Highway motorcycle position. I have known Scott for more than 20 years and have the utmost respect for him. He has served in many capacities to assist and fight for keeping recreation open for off highway vehicles and has a special interest in the motorcycle trails and routes. He is very knowledgeable and would be a perfect fit for that position.

For the past three years I have worked with Scott as I have been in a position with Emery County, Utah Public lands and Trails. Scott has been active in participating in meetings and work groups to move projects forward. He is a peacemaker in many ways and goes the extra mile to help people.

I highly recommend Scott Wheeler to fill the position. He is valued highly in our community and would be a great asset in any position. Feel free to reach out to me if you need any additional information.

Best regards,



Jim Jennings

Emery County Public Lands Director



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QUESTIONS

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Why are you interested in filling the specific position?

I feel like have a few more years to contribute to the advisory counsel and complete my 8 year term. I work with the Utah Avalanche center and the Utah Snowmobile Association so I would like to help coordinate efforts for them to be more aware.

What special qualifications could you bring to the Council?

4 years of past experience and as a risk manager in my profession I see things a little bit differently that most do.

What would be your primary objective in serving on the Council?

To help further vision of responsibly using our natural resources by all types of recreationalists.

What is your background in dealing with current snowmobile issues?

8 years with the Utah Snowmobile Association.

What is your favorite riding area in Utah and why?

Skyline drive in the winter. Because many do not know much about the north skyline and it is a great place to take my family.



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November 22, 2019

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to recommend Kirk Chester as a member of the Department of Outdoor Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council. I have worked with Kirk for over 7 years on a number of snowmobile initiatives. We have purchased insurance for our fleet of snowmobiles through him and his company Grit Insurance Group. We have worked with Kirk on developing avalanche safety curriculum for snowmobilers. We have also interacted with Kirk through the Utah Snowmobile Association (USA). Most importantly we have been fortunate to spend time with him riding snowmobiles and realizing Kirk's passion for the mountains, snowmobile safety, and avalanche awareness and education.

In all cases, Kirk has demonstrated professionalism and commitment to the sport. He is always prompt in responding to phone calls, texts, and emails. He has offered us unbiased and sound business advice on purchasing insurance. He was instrumental in working with the the Utah Avalanche Center to develop an avalanche education program for for USA.

While working with Kirk on developing curriculum for snowmobile safety which included avalanche safety, he demonstrated a common-sense approach with measurable and attainable goals. He maintains a vision for the future, but he stays grounded in reality and is able to get projects accomplished. Kirk is an active and passionate snowmobiler who has continually been an advocate for the sport. Kirk would be a great member of the OHV Advisory Council to represent snowmobilers and would provide valuable recommendations to maximize the effectiveness of the OHV program.

Sincerely,

Chad Brackelsberg
Executive Director
Utah Avalanche Center



FORECASTING



AWARENESS



EDUCATION

COUNCIL OPERATIONS

1. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected annually by the Council members. The Chair shall preside at each Council meeting and may call special meetings.
2. The Vice-Chair shall act as the Chair in the Chair's absence. If the Chair's term expires, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair until a new Chair is elected by the Council. If neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chair is present and able to serve at any meeting, the quorum present may select a temporary presiding Council member to conduct the business of the meeting.
3. A quorum of Council members is necessary to conduct any approved Council business.
4. If a Council member is unable to attend the meeting, the Council member can assign a written proxy vote to the Chair for voting purposes.
5. The secretary shall keep a record of each meeting's proceedings, arrange meeting places and prepare meeting agendas that will be sent to the Council at least two weeks prior to each scheduled meeting.
6. Meetings will be open to the public. The Chair will determine when and if members of the public will be permitted to speak in Council meetings.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER, 2023

Friday, October 27, 2023

SITE VISIT

SCHEDULED - Eureka Mine (details to come)

APRIL, 2024

Friday, April 26, 2024

OHVR REVIEW - OHVR CLOSES APRIL 1

SCHEDULED

MAY, 2024

Friday, May 31, 2024

RTP REVIEW - RTP CLOSES MAY 6

SCHEDULED

AUGUST, 2024

Friday, August 16, 2024

Friday, August 23, 2024

Friday, August 30, 2024

OHVR REVIEW - OHVR CLOSES JULY 31

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No conflicts

No conflicts

OCTOBER, 2024

Friday, October 4, 2024

SITE VISIT

SCHEDULED