



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

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*Minutes Of The Meeting Held on April 26, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.
Department of Natural Resources
1594 W North Temple #112
Salt Lake City, UT 84116*

ATTENDEES

Council Members Present:

Jason Blankenagel (Chair)
Eric Nelson (Vice Chair)
Brody Johnson
Scott Wheeler
Fred Christensen
Kirk Chester
Bonnie McCallister
Cheryl Butler
Laura Ault
Sheriff, Nathan Curtis
Dave Jacobson
Brett Davis

Host:

Department of Natural
Resources

**Division of Outdoor
Recreation:**

Chase Pili
Rachel Toker
Jorge Vazquez
Evan Beitsch
Patrick Morrison
Tara McKee
Maureen Casper

Attorney General's Office

Representative:

Shane Stroud

Visitors:

James Rhodes
Nanette Billings
Shane Weybright
Erin Weybright
Mike Cook
Gennie Bird
Zeke Atwood
Michael Gottfredson
John Titre
Brett Stewart

Excused:

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TIME AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY

0:00

1. WELCOME

1.1. Call to Order

The Off-highway Vehicle Advisory Council Chair, Jason Blankenagel 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

Chair Blankenagel introduced himself to the council and everyone in attendance he then asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Council members provided their names and affiliations for the record.

1.3. Welcome New Council Members

Chair Blankenagel began by formally introducing Brett Davis and Dave Jacobson, expressing gratitude for their commitment to joining the council. Chair Blankenagel asked the two members to introduce themselves.

1.4. Approval of October 26, 2023, OHVR Meeting Minutes

Chair Blankenagel initiated the approval of the October 26 meeting minutes, providing council members an opportunity to review.

LAURA AULT MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, ERIC NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

1.5. Approval of May 22, 2023, RTP Meeting Minutes

Chair Blankenagel initiated the approval of the May 22 meeting minutes, providing council members an opportunity to review them.

KIRK CHESTER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED, ERIC NELSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

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2. REVIEW & MOTION TO APPROVE ATV REPRESENTATIVE APPLICANT

Chair Blankenagel asked Ms. Toker to present the three applicants. Ms. Toker asked Assistant Attorney General, Shane Stroud if the meeting needed to be closed for this discussion as an applicant is currently part of the meeting. Mr. Stroud informed the council that this meeting must fall under the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Mr. Stroud explained that Council Member Brody Johnson could recuse himself from this meeting if desired. Mr. Johnson recused himself and the council discussed the three applicants.

FRED CHRISTENSEN MADE THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND BRODY JOHNSON FOR HIS SECOND TERM ON THE COUNCIL, SHERIFF CURTIS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Council Member, Nathan Curtis asked if the Council could retain the two other applications for the next time a council seat opens up. Mr. Stroud stated he would look into the by-laws.

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3. MOTORIZED RTP GRANT REVIEW FOR FY24 APPLICATIONS

At this time, Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to Division of Outdoor Recreation employee, Evan Beitsch for a presentation on the Motorized Recreation Trails Program (RTP) Grant. Mr. Beitsch presented the changes to the program. These changes include only requiring a 20% sponsor match and increasing requests up to \$200,000.

OHV Program Manager Chase Pili asked if he could speak for five minutes before the council began their in-person reviews. Mr. Pili stated the purpose of these grants is to further the opportunities for OHV interests and the community. Mr. Stroud mirrored what Mr. Pili stated and explained the council must follow the laws and rules while reviewing applications.

Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to an applicant presentation.

3.1. Applicant Presentation (APP-003352 - Roam West Trails)

Visitor, James Rhodes thanked the council for letting him present on his project. Mr. Rhodes explained the details of his project which included clearing downed trees and maintaining trails on the Arapeen Trail System.

Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to the council members who reviewed said application. Vice Chair, Eric Nelson spoke on the merits of the project. Council Member, Scott Wheeler had concerns related to purchasing bikes for the project but relayed that he spoke with the land managers and feels comfortable with the request. Council Member, Brody Johnson stated he would like to see the project once it was done. Council Member, Cheryl Butler was grateful for the community involvement and collaboration.

51:50 At this time, Chair Blankenagel began the Motorized RTP reviews. The council discussed and scored each application.

2024 Recreational Trails Program - Motorized Overview

#	FY24	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested RTP Funding	Type of Work
1	<p>Enhancing the Motorized Trail Experience in Moab: While 3,683 miles of the route are designated for motorized use in the Moab Field Office, there is a need to connect designated routes into networks for people to enjoy. While this has often been done for the well-known Jeep Safari routes (such as Hells Revenge, Moab Rim, or Poison Spider), there are many other route networks providing connectivity that could be marked and mapped for public enjoyment.</p>	Bureau of Land Management - Moab Field Office	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	Trail Work
2	<p>Arapeen OHV Trail Maintenance and Preservation: Currently the Manti-La Sal National Forest only has two staff members that perform trail maintenance on this system. With over 650 miles of open routes, these staff members are not able to provide all of the necessary maintenance needs to preserve the trails and protect the resource. Maintenance needs on the OHV trails include yearly timber removal, brush removal, signage replacement, and user-created trail mitigation.</p>	Roam West Trails	\$60,000.00	\$48,000.00	Trail Work
3	<p>Motorized Trail Monitoring Equipment: The Manti-La Sal National Forest stewards hundreds of miles of motorized trails, including the majority of the Arapeen Trail System. The Arapeen is a 350-mile network of OHV trails that spans across the Wasatch Plateau and connects many of the canyons and towns of central Utah. As of right now, we have limited</p>	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$12,400.00	\$9,900.00	Equipment

	<p>statistics on how these motorized trails get used. This lack of knowledge results in problems in prioritizing maintenance and infrastructure needs for the most sustainable trails and best quality experiences. For these reasons, the Forest would like to purchase multiple traffic counters to help track recreational trends and patterns. This monitoring equipment will show where priority recreation corridors are, where infrastructure is needed, and where to focus patrols for safety.</p>				
4	<p>Fishlake Motorized Trail Maintenance 2025: The Paiute and associated trails are some of the best Off-highway vehicle trails in the Country. This grant will provide the necessary funds for the maintenance of this renowned trail system. Visitors come from all over the world just to ride these trails. It provides a big economic impact on local communities. It is essential that we continue to provide a high-quality experience for visitors by keeping the trails well-maintained.</p>	Fishlake National Forest	\$257,328.00	\$152,150.00	Trail Work
5	<p>FY25 Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Trails Equipment: This grant has two main components, the purchase of a mini-excavator, attachments, and trailer, and to re-engine one of the forests SWECO 480 Trail Dozers. This funding is being split between Motorized RTP and Non-motorized RTP applications so that the equipment can be used on both trail types. The total cost for both motorized and non-motorized is an ask of \$120,000 from RTP, a total of \$31,000 FS Cash Match, and \$6,000 for volunteer contributions.</p>	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	\$78,500.00	\$60,000.00	Equipment
6	<p>Trail Conditions Reporting Project: The Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) requests grant funding to support our Trail Conditions Reporting Project for motorized regions around Utah. This project saves lives by rebuilding the website and mobile app to publish daily avalanche forecasts for eight regions across Utah. These forecasts are a public safety resource that helps prevent</p>	Utah Avalanche Center	\$96,636.76	\$77,278.50	User Safety

	<p>avalanche accidents. These online forecasts are analogous to posting a conditions update at every trailhead every winter day. Because this would be impossible, we post them to “virtual trailhead kiosks” via the internet and mobile-friendly app. Our current website and app must be rebuilt because the software platform is at the end of its life, and if we don't rebuild it, the website will not be able to function as a virtual trailhead kiosk. We request grant funding to rebuild the website and mobile app and ensure continued access to lifesaving avalanche safety information for motorized users.</p>				
7	<p>OHV Trail Safety Infrastructure and Maintenance Equipment: Increasing levels of visitor use on OHV routes within the Kanab Field Office have resulted in the need for an increased level of OHV trail and trail infrastructure maintenance. To provide for public safety and visitor enjoyment, wayfinding and public safety signs, trail surfaces, kiosks, and infrastructure must be maintained on a recurring basis. Several recent accidents within the Hog Canyon OHV trail network have caused the managing agency to re-evaluate trail conditions, visitor information, and safety messaging infrastructure.</p>	<p>Bureau of Land Management - Kanab Field Office</p>	<p>\$126,308.00</p>	<p>\$95,000.00</p>	<p>Equipment/ User Safety</p>
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	
Total of the 7 grants requesting funding:			\$ 781,172.76	\$ 542,328.50	

- 1:32:30 **4. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED MOTORIZED RTP GRANTS FOR FY24**
 Upon review of the seven Motorized RTP applications, Chair Blankenagel asked for a motion to approve the recommendations as presented.

ERIC NELSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MOTORIZED RTP GRANTS AS PRESENTED. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

- 1:33:00 **5. OHVR GRANT REVIEW FOR SPRING FY24**
 Chair Blankenagel explained that two applicants were required to make presentations on their applications because their request was over \$350,000. At this time, Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to the two applicants.

5.1. Applicant Presentation (APP-003260 - Hurricane City)

Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to Nanette Billings. Ms. Billings presented the need for a new project in Hurricane City. Mr. Billings explained that currently, there is only one tunnel from SR7, which only allows one-way travel. During large events, this creates significant traffic problems for those accessing Sand Mountain and Sand Hollow State Park.

The proposal requested the construction of a second tunnel to create two access points onto Sand Mountain. This addition would facilitate easier access for search and rescue operations, OHV recreationalists, and help manage traffic during large events.

However, it was noted that the project involved building a tunnel on UDOT property and on a highway. This funding does not authorize projects on a Class A State Highway. Therefore, the project was not eligible for funding.

The council stated that once the tunnel is built, they could assist with building a staging area or assist with other needs that take place on trails or on Class D roads.

1:55:00 5.2. Applicant Presentation (APP-003394 - Desert Thunder Foundation)

Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to Shane Weybright. Mr. Weybright presented their project which entailed building a second racetrack with camping amenities.

Council Member, Laura Ault asked about the eligibility of a nonprofit organization as an organized user group. Mr. Stroud defined and referenced the code, 41-22-2(17) "Organized user group" means an off-highway vehicle organization incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the state under Title 16, Chapter 6a, Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, for the purpose of promoting the interests of off-highway vehicle recreation. Mr. Stroud stated that the Desert Thunder Foundation does not meet this definition.

Chair Blankenagel felt that the application was not clear on where the requested items would go and where the track would be located. Mr. Johnson suggested the council see the location before they decide whether or not to award the project.

2:17:20 6. LUNCH

At this time, the council muted the recording and had lunch.

2:38:15 7. CONTINUE OHVR GRANT REVIEW

Chair Blankenagel began the OHV Recreation Grant FY24 Quarter 2 reviews. The council discussed and scored each application. The recommendations are as follows.

Spring FY24 - Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant Recommendations

#	FY24 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
1	Single Track Trail Enhancement (Originally requested \$24,744.47): The Manti-La Sal National Forest, Ferron Ranger District has the following single-track motorized trails: Dry Wash,	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$40,944.47	\$34,744.47	Trail Work

	<p>Blue Trail, Middle Trail, Lower Rim Trail, Dairy Trail, Pole Canyon Trail, Gentry Trail, Gas Tank Hill Trail, and Jacks Hole Trail. These trails require yearly maintenance for sustainability and resource protection.</p> <p>The OHV Advisory Council opted to increase this project's funding request by \$10,000 due to the small request size vs. the project's scope of work.</p>				
2	<p>Rock Canyon OHV Destination Interpretive Kiosk: The Arapeen Trail System consists of over 600 miles of ATV/OHV routes. The Rock Canyon Trail is part of the Arapeen Trail System. This trail has a historical value. This trail has documented use since the 1830s. The Sage Riders Motorcycle Club would like to construct two historical kiosks on this trail to enhance the user experience.</p>	Sage Riders Motorcycle Club	\$2,846.00	\$2,389.00	Trail Work
3	<p>Sevier County SAR Multi-County Project: Funding has been obtained by Sevier County to update our snowmobile and OHV/ATV fleet for search and rescue. Part of the funding includes a side-by-side and two snowmobiles for Piute County. We are seeking funding to maximize the funding we have been able to secure to further update our fleet and add a more capable drone to our search and rescue operations.</p>	Sevier County Sheriff's	\$296,961.8	\$113,444.8	Search and Rescue
4	<p>Motorized Avalanche Safety and Forecasting Infrastructure: The Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) requests grant funding to support the Motorized Avalanche Safety and Forecasting Infrastructure Project. This project - providing avalanche safety forecasts to motorized users - has three critical components. First, creating an avalanche forecast requires improving and maintaining weather stations in Logan, the Moab-area mountains, Skyline, and the Uintas to ensure accurate data collection. Second, forecasters must be provided with snowmobile equipment and PPE to</p>	Utah Avalanche Center	\$215,585.98	\$140,246.57	Snowmobile

	<p>complete the fieldwork for avalanche forecast creation. This allows them to safely access the necessary terrain via motorized trails. Finally, this project supports the labor required to create each daily forecast. Annually, we issue >1,200 avalanche forecasts, each requiring 10+ hours of forecaster labor. This comprehensive approach to creating daily avalanche forecasts prioritizes the safety and accessibility of Utah's motorized recreation community.</p>				
5	<p>Uintah County Trails Coordinator: Uintah County has created a new position for a full-time Trails Coordinator who will focus on growing and improving the trail network in Uintah County. This individual will perform seasonal trail maintenance, inventory trails, assist with trail-related grants, supervise the seasonal trail crew, and assist in promoting ongoing trail projects and events.</p>	<p>Uintah County</p>	<p>\$59,834.36</p>	<p>\$25,000.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>
6	<p>Duchesne County Argyle Canyon OHV Trail Improvements: The Duchesne County Argyle Canyon OHV Trail Improvements project proposes a 24" tall pipe fence running 2,000± feet on either side of a 16-foot OHV right of way across private property in Argyle Canyon, Duchesne County, Utah. This project would be constructed as the final part of the 91-mile Badlands OHV Loop Trail system. The project would protect private property from OHV user impacts, delineate the trail for OHV users, allow wildlife (such as sage grouse) to cross the right of way unencumbered, and be constructed for harsh winter weather and high-elevation snow loads. The project is proposed to be cash-matched by Duchesne County.</p>	<p>Duchesne County</p>	<p>\$60,000.00</p>	<p>\$45,000.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>
7	<p>Fishlake National Forest Motorized Trail Maintenance Equipment: The Fishlake National Forest has nearly 700 miles of motorized trail providing opportunities for visitors to experience some of the best trail riding in the</p>	<p>Fishlake National Forest</p>	<p>\$180,000.00</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>

	<p>country. Providing this opportunity requires an extensive amount of annual maintenance. The equipment we are currently using is getting worn out and insufficient to complete the necessary maintenance. We need a new trail dozer and mini excavator.</p>				
8	<p>Color Country OHV Trail Maintenance 2024: The project is to continue maintenance of OHV trails in the Color Country System. Work includes preparing the HDT trailhead at 3 Peaks Recreation Area, repairing OHV trails in the Old West trail segment post-flooding, and maintaining trails as needed.</p>	Iron County	\$136,585.00	\$103,050.00	Trail Work
9	<p>Harmston Canyon OHV Connector Trail Construction (Originally requested \$53,250.00): This project proposes to construct a new portion of the trail that connects with the existing trail to create a loop along Elkhorn Loop Road to prevent unauthorized recreation on Tribal Lands. This trail will serve both OHV users and as an important trail for cattle to gain access to pastureland. This will require a one-mile fence at the top of the ridge. A video of that route accompanies this submission. The trail will be 60 inches in width to accommodate most OHV riders. The distance is 1.5 miles, and it is called the Harmston connector. A mini excavator and a trail crew will implement the project.</p> <p>The OHV Advisory Council recommended a \$20,000 increase to the funding request specifically allocated for fencing materials, acknowledging the disproportionately low allocation for this component.</p>	Ashley National Forest	\$86,750.00	\$73,250.00	Trail Work
10	<p>Fencing for Motocross Tracks and Park Entrance: The dilapidated fence bordering the park's entrance road has collapsed and subsequently been dismantled. Urgent action is needed to restore security measures. With the absence of a barrier, unrestricted</p>	Jordan River OHV Park	\$359,496.00	\$350,000.00	Trail Work

	access to the park poses a significant concern. Our proposed solution entails the construction of a robust fence encompassing two distinct areas: the surrounding perimeter and the entrance road. By implementing this plan, we aim to enhance safety protocols, confining park access to a designated entrance and exit point, thus facilitating better management of visitors, particularly riders.				
11	Garfield SAR Drone: We are requesting funding assistance to purchase a drone with thermal capability for Search and Rescue purposes. This tool will be invaluable in assisting with locating lost and or missing individuals in our County. It will allow us to cover large areas of land and search for heat signatures from missing individuals.	Garfield County Sheriff's Department	\$15,169.50	\$10,169.50	Search and Rescue
12	2025 UWC Dispersed Recreation: This project aims to improve the management of motorized recreation and travel management on roads and routes within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, with a focus on five key elements. These elements include heavy maintenance, general maintenance, visitor education, installation of route markers and travel management signs, and having the right equipment to do the work.	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	\$451,750.00	\$342,500.00	Trail Work
13	Fairview-Millers Flat Complex Snowmobile Recreational Support: Funding will assist in providing safety, route markings, hazard identification, and avalanche beacon course monitoring. Funding will also assist in gathering on-the-ground user data.	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$56,280.26	\$51,280.26	Snowmobile
14	Seasonal Employee for Trail Work: Garfield County will continue to hire a part-time employee to coordinate with federal agencies, and local OHV groups to perform trail maintenance within Garfield and Piute County with equipment and vehicles provided by Garfield County.	Garfield County	\$60,816.00	\$16,200.00	Trail Work
15	Yellowstone OHV Trail - Yellow	Ashley National	\$143,300.00	\$114,700.00	Trail Work

<p>Ledges OHV Trail Improvement Project: The Yellowstone OHV Trail, aka Yellow Ledges, is currently 50 inches wide and badly eroded. The purpose of this project is to widen the trail to 60 inches, install one cattle guard, provide 2-3 turn abounds so that OHVs can safely pass each other, and provide signage at the entrance near the parking lot. While the trail is only a mile and one-half wide it is well-known and very popular with the local community. To address erosion this will require the restoration of slopes that follow the fall line and are unmanageable to be replaced with contour line routing to shed water naturally and reduce annual maintenance while providing for visitor safety. This will require the use of a Mini excavator by an expert operator in addition to hand crews to complete the task.</p>	<p>Forest</p>			
<p>16</p> <p>UPLA Public Policy Consultant Position: UPLA is hiring an experienced professional consultant to lead our efforts in shaping and influencing decisions related to the use of Utah's public lands by Off-Highway Vehicles. The consultant will be at the forefront of developing and implementing public policy initiatives that align with our organization's commitment to the responsible and sustainable use of public lands. The consultant will have a deep understanding of public lands issues, strong advocacy skills, and the ability to research, educate, and comment on land actions that impair OHV use by responsible users.</p> <p>The OHV Advisory Council's recommendation for this project is pending the legal findings of the Division's Attorney General regarding the definition of eligible Access Protection projects.</p> <p>As of 05/08/2024, the Division's Attorney General deemed this project as eligible as defined in 41-22-19 so long as the applicant could meet the metrics put in place</p>	<p>Utah Public Lands Alliance</p>	<p>\$45,387.60</p>	<p>\$30,450.00</p>	<p>Access Protection</p>

	by the Division to measure success.				
17	<p>Brian Head Town/Iron County Winter Search and Rescue Operations: Brian Head Town is located in the heart of some of the best winter recreational opportunities. These opportunities include snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Brian Head wants to remain a multi-recreation community and not only provide downhill skiing to our guests but also other outdoor recreational opportunities. We desire to acquire a snowcat with grooming capabilities and two rescue snowmobiles. This allows the Town to not only keep a designated trail open and accessible to other trails. But to also provide emergency services to OHV and backcountry users as they come in and out of our community. We will not only be providing well-groomed access but search and rescue services as well. With this equipment, we would also be able to provide a safe means of law enforcement patrols along the groomed OHV trails.</p>	Brian Head Public Safety	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00	Search and Rescue
18	<p>Water Truck: This project involves purchasing a new water truck to assist with dust control. This new water truck will replace our current one that requires constant repairs and leaks.</p>	Jordan River OHV Park	\$229,400.00	\$200,000.00	Trail Work
19	<p>Participating in Utah Forest-Plan Revisions: To protect OHV access of all kinds, Ride with Respect would continue participating in the USFS's development of Land Management Plans across the southeast half of Utah, which covers several thousand miles of motorized routes. Conducting research and consulting local access advocates would help to produce input that complements state interests and assists in effectively managing OHV recreation.</p>	Ride with Respect	\$60,595.00	\$48,500.00	Access Protection
20	<p>Grand County Sheriff's Can-Am and Accessories: Purchase a Can-Am and drone to assist with backcountry patrols in Grand County.</p>	Grand County Search and Rescue	\$66,100.00	\$49,575.00	Search and Rescue
21	<p>Camp Floyd State Park OHV Parking</p>	Camp Floyd State	\$216,543.00	\$113,685.00	Trail Work

	<p>Lot: Camp Floyd State Park is located 4 miles east of Five Mile Pass Recreation Area and is presenting a plan to install a 4.5-acre OHV Parking Lot on State land located on South Allen's Road, east of the Camp Floyd Military Cemetery. If approved, this project will serve the greater OHV community by relieving pressure in the Five Mile Pass parking area and providing additional access to the east side of the Five Mile Pass Recreation Area. The project will also increase public exposure and services for Camp Floyd State Park bringing more people to their facilities furthering the Utah State Parks Division goals.</p>	Park			
22	<p>Powell Ranger District Snowmobiles: The Powell Ranger District proposes to utilize the Utah Outdoor Recreational grant to purchase four new snowmobiles to improve the capabilities of search & rescue in the Dixie National Forest and Garfield County. Along with expanding the mission of recreational snowmobiling in the Dixie National Forest.</p>	Dixie National Forest Powell Ranger District	\$72,500.00	\$54,375.00	Snowmobile
23	<p>Paiute-Great Western-Gooseberry-Parker Mountain Map Book: Updating and printing of the "Paiute-Great Western-Gooseberry-Parker Mountain Map Book" An all-inclusive map book that provides OHV riders a book of detailed maps to assist in planning and navigating over 4,000 miles of OHV routes in all or part of 6 south central Utah counties. This one-stop compilation of maps covers motorized routes on public lands administered by the Forest Service, BLM, State Trust Lands, and County roads. The grant will help fund the printing of 4,000 high-quality map books which will be made available to motorized recreationists. Maps displayed in the book are fully coordinated with on-the-ground signing.</p>	Paiute Trail Committee	\$34,000.00	\$22,440.00	Education
24	<p>Fillmore Forest Trail Repair and Enhancement Project: Help forest managers re-construct forest trails near</p>	Sand Rock Ridge Riders ATV Club	\$99,700.00	\$85,200.00	Trail Work

	Fillmore, Utah.				
25	Josie Morris Trailhead: Uintah County will obtain a third-party environmental assessment for the Josie Morris trailhead, a popular OHV trail located in Uintah County.	Uintah County	\$45,215.00	\$44,000.00	Trail Work
27	Kanab Creek OHV Bridge Replacement: The Kanab Creek OHV bridge provides primary access to the Hog Canyon trail system from the city of Kanab, Utah. The bridge also provides secondary access for pedestrian and equestrian use to BLM-administered lands and developed recreation opportunities (Greenhalgh hiking/equestrian trail). Through a lengthy investigative process spanning several years, the BLM Kanab Field Office became aware that the Hog Canyon OHV access bridge crossing Kanab Creek lacked engineering and design specifications necessary for use by motor vehicles. Further research indicated that it was not possible to achieve compliance with applicable standards through modification of the bridge structure and that the bridge would need to be replaced to implement standards providing for the safety of visitors.	Bureau of Land Management - Kanab Field Office	\$252,000.00	\$200,000.00	Trail Work
28	Storage Facility for Outdoor Recreation Equipment: The primary objective of this project is to construct a specialized facility that will provide a secure, weather-protected environment for the storage and maintenance of our outdoor recreational equipment that we procured through previous grants. This facility aims to reduce wear and tear, extend the equipment's lifespan, and improve overall operational efficiency. Additionally, a small office and bunk room will provide space for the State OHV trails crew or employees to stay, work, and store equipment while in the area.	Garfield County	\$257,875.00	\$207,000.00	Trail Work
29	2025 UWC Motorized Trails: This project goal is to improve the overall management of motorized trails on the	Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National	\$360,964.25	\$268,950.00	Trail Work

	<p>Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest by focusing on four key elements. These elements are heavy maintenance, general maintenance, visitor education/information, and obtaining appropriate equipment to complete project goals.</p>	Forest			
30	<p>2025 UWC Winter Motorized Program: The project involves using newly acquired equipment to provide a presence in the forest in areas where winter recreation activities occur. This presence will provide the public with safe and reliable information on the conditions they may encounter while recreating in the forest during the winter season. While in the field, Forest Service personnel may find themselves assisting the public with extricating their equipment as they are able otherwise will provide a means to contact other assistance as needed. Additionally, part of the project will provide groomed access to various areas of the forest. Another part of this project will support the training and education of new FS personnel to assist with monitoring the public's needs while in the forest during the winter time.</p>	<p>Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest</p>	\$189,482.00	\$126,250.00	Snowmobile
33	<p>Duchesne County SAR (Originally requested \$25,730.00): The Duchesne County Search and Rescue Off-Highway-Vehicle Program's primary goal is to help people in need. Many residents, visitors, and outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the beautiful and world-famous terrain of Duchesne County. There are many trails for hiking, recreational areas for camping, lakes for fishing, boating, skiing, etc. Accidents happen, people get lost, and people get hurt; Duchesne County Search and Rescue wants to be there fully equipped and ready to save lives and make a difference.</p> <p>The applicant's Search and Rescue statistics did not align with the requested funding, as only 25% of their SAR incidents were related to</p>	<p>Duchesne County Sheriff's Office</p>	\$51,460.00	\$12,865.00	Search and Rescue

<p>motorized users. Consequently, the Council allocated funding equivalent to 25% of the project total.</p>				
		<p>Total Project Cost</p>	<p>Recommended Funding</p>	
<p>Total of the 30 grants recommended for funding:</p>		<p>\$4,397,541.22</p>	<p>\$3,185,264.60</p>	

Spring FY24 - Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant - Not Recommended for Funding

#	FY24 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
26	<p>Utah Division of Wildlife Law Enforcement - Northern Region: The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Northern Region (NRO) is working to acquire a side-by-side for the northern portion of the state. The search and rescue (SAR) area consists of 7 counties, which provide support to local SAR teams. DWR is already providing support to these local SAR teams through call-outs and our daily patrol activities, but this side-by-side will allow us to provide a higher level of support to those calls and teams. County agencies included; Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Summit, Morgan, Weber, Davis, and other state and federal agencies; Parks and Rec, Outdoor Recreation, Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management will benefit from the accessibility of this SAR OHV. DWR may do this side-by-side to support SAR efforts outside of the immediate boundaries of the NRO and throughout the state as well. If this OHV is obtained, it will be accessible throughout the state for SAR efforts and not limited to utilization in NRO or solely by the Uinta crew.</p> <p>The OHV Advisory Council did not recommend funding for this proposal due to concerns regarding the allocation of the machine's usage between patrols and search and rescue operations. The Council recommended the applicant clarify the intended usage and encouraged them to reapply during the next funding cycle.</p>	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	\$48,594.00	\$24,297.00	Search and Rescue

31	<p>Moab Fire, Rescue, and EMS Limited Access Vehicles: Moab Valley Fire Protection District (MVFPD), and Grand County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS) are continuing their efforts to provide a more timely and effective rescue in the off-road areas in Grand and northern San Juan Counties, with the purchase of 2 side by sides and trailers capable of transporting rescuers and equipment into needed areas and extricating patients out of terrain that is not easily accessible otherwise.</p> <p>This proposal was not recommended for funding as the local Sheriff's Office did not endorse funding the medical vehicle, advocating only for the extrication vehicle. In light of this uncertainty, the Council decided against recommending the project and suggested that the applicant reapply during the next funding cycle.</p>	Moab Fire Department	\$111,270.00	\$85,470.00	Search and Rescue
32	<p>Behind the Butte Campsite Trail and Staging Improvements: This project compliments a submitted Recreation Restoration Infrastructure (RRI) grant application that will improve recreational access, natural resource protection, and visitor experience at Goblin Valley State Park through improvements to the Behind the Buttes dispersed camping area. Specifically, the OHV funding will be used to match RRI funding to purchase a tractor that will be used to construct a trail staging area at the campground entrance and to improve access to a popular OHV route, Wildhorse Creek, that passes through the camping area, as well as ongoing maintenance of these areas.</p> <p>Due to the limited OHV miles within the State Park and uncertainty regarding the equipment's future utilization for activities benefiting the OHV community or a campground, the Council chose to not recommend this project. However, considering that the applicant has already received recommended funding through RRI, they would still be able to complete the project by opting to rent the equipment instead of purchasing it.</p>	Goblin Valley State Park	\$69,998.60	\$28,000.00	Trail Work

34	<p>Sand Hollow State Park Second Access: The project will provide a second access to Sand Hollow State Park. Work includes construction of the west-bound ramps of the 3200 West interchange on SR-7, together with an entrance station at that location to manage access in and out of the Park.</p> <p>The project was not recommended for funding because the Council is unable to allocate funds for projects located on highways. Despite recognizing the merit of the project, the Council extends an offer to aid in identifying and pursuing future funding opportunities that align with the eligibility criteria of this funding source.</p>	Hurricane City	\$7,000,611.24	\$1,000,000.00	Trail Work
35	<p>Summit County Search and Rescue Operations: The project will supplement the SAR response of Summit County personnel to the trail systems within Summit County that are not accessible by 4-wheel drive vehicles. The Project will dramatically reduce the response time to incidents that occur on OHV trails and roads. The purchase of a Honda Pioneer SxS will supplement the response of SAR personnel to life-saving situations and rescue operations.</p> <p>After deliberation, the Council decided not to recommend funding for this proposal because they were unable to access the Search and Rescue statistics provided by the applicant. They suggested that the applicant provide additional statistics and reapply during the next funding cycle.</p>	Summit County Sheriff's Office	\$37,946.00	\$23,878.00	Search and Rescue
36	<p>Sherp UTV for All Terrain Rescue: This project is to fund the purchase of a Search and Rescue UTV. This UTV is called a Sherp, the Sherp is an amphibious UTV that travels on the ground and through the water. The Sherp can travel to areas for rescue operations where standard rescue vehicles and other equipment cannot reach.</p> <p>The Council determined that this machine would primarily serve for water</p>	Utah County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$243,974.06	\$150,000.00	Search and Rescue

	<p>rescues in Utah Lake, where there are no motorized trails around the lake. Consequently, they concluded that the project did not align with the intended goal of benefiting motorized users, leading to the decision not to recommend funding for it.</p>				
37	<p>Desert Thunder Foundation Expansion: The Desert Thunder Expansion is a visionary project redefining Carbon County, a rural Utah recreational landscape. Developing and enhancing OHV trails will offer an inclusive experience, attracting enthusiasts and boosting tourism. Central amenities, including restrooms and showers, enhance user comfort for extended trail adventures. A dedicated racing arena brings the community together and creates a vibrant atmosphere, fostering local engagement and hosting thrilling events. Anticipating economic growth, the project aims to support local businesses and accommodations. Collaborative efforts with the community and environmental considerations underscore Desert Thunder's commitment to holistic development. This initiative is poised to transform our region into a dynamic OHV destination, blending adventure and community spirit.</p> <p>The proposal was not recommended for funding due to uncertainty regarding the specifics of the project. Despite a substantial funding request, the Council expressed a desire to conduct a site visit before making a decision. Upon closer examination, it was discovered that the applicant did not meet the eligibility criteria, as they were not classified as an organized user group for the specified uses outlined in Subsections (1)(b)(i) through (vii) in 41-22-19.</p>	Desert Thunder Foundation	\$1,124,880.00	\$885,450.00	Trail Work
			Total Project Cost	Not Recommended	
Total of the 7 grants not recommended for funding:			\$8,637,273.90	\$2,197,095.00	

5:56:30 **8. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED OHVR GRANTS FOR SPRING FY24**
 Chair Blankenagel entertained a motion to recommend 30 applications for the OHV Recreation Grant FY24 Quarter 2

KIRK CHESTER MADE THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE OHV RECREATION GRANT FY24 QUARTER 2 APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. BRODY JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

5:57:00 9. BREAK

At this time, the council was behind schedule and decided to forgo this break.

5:57:05 10. OUTDOOR RECREATION INITIATIVE (ORI) PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Patrick Morrison, an employee of the Division of Outdoor Recreation, presented a new funding opportunity within the Division called the Outdoor Recreation Initiative (ORI). This initiative is funded through the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account, which is supported by a 1% levy on existing sales tax and is distributed among various entities.

The ORI is seeking large-scale projects, with funding requests in the millions of dollars, specifically for projects that do not qualify for other funding opportunities within the Division. Mr. Morrison explained that there will be five councils representing different regions of the state, along with a sixth council representing the entire state. He encouraged council members to watch for opportunities to join these councils.

6:11:20 11. GRANT DISCUSSION & OTHER ITEMS

Chair Blankenagel turned the time over to Ms. Toker. Ms. Toker asked the council for feedback on what worked well this cycle and what did not, and requested suggestions for improving the process.

Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Toker to organize the evaluators' comments into an easy-to-understand format.

Council Member Dave Jacobson inquired about the council's plan if there was insufficient funding to award all of the projects. Ms. Toker explained that the council must adhere to the set category percentages and would either use the scoring rubric to prioritize or partially fund certain applications.

6:25:55 12. PROGRAM UPDATE

Chair Blankenagel invited Mr. Pili to update the council on the OHV program.

Mr. Pili discussed several legislative changes, starting with S.B. 179, which redefined snowmobiles. H.B. 85 amended the definition of electric bikes, specifying their use of pedals (cranks) and categorizing them as electric bikes. The definition of off-highway motorcycles was also updated in this legislative session to specify operation on off-road terrain with two wheels and a saddle. H.B. 184 allows individuals to display their registration digitally. H.B. 441 concerns the registration of novel vehicles, including snow dogs. H.B. 519, a cleanup bill, enables the Division to charge an electronic fee for non-resident OHV permits so that the Division does not incur that cost. Additionally, H.C.R. 8 allocated a one-time funding of \$840,000 from the OHV Account for the Butch Cassidy State Monument to develop trail infrastructure and other developments.

The OHV Program now has four Trail Crew Foremen throughout the state and is hiring seasonal trail crew members.

To date, the OHV Program has had over 260,000 adult course completions, with 22,000 occurring between January and April alone. The program is introducing a digitally

verifiable credential, allowing users to keep their completion certificates in their Apple or Google wallets.

The Division is working on revamping the youth online education program and has begun offering hands-on ATV training throughout the state.

The Division has also hired a new Trail Crew Foreman, a new member of the Education Team, a new Motorized Recreation Grant Analyst to assist with boating and OHV grants, and a GIS employee to assist with mapping needs.

6:36:50 13. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Blankenagel entertained a motion to adjourn.

ERIC NELSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. EVERYONE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

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