



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

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*Minutes Of The Meeting Held on August 23, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.
Hybrid*

HOST: **Carbon County Event Center**
450 South Fairground Way
Price, Utah 84501
(Virtual and in-person meeting)

ATTENDEES

OHV Council Members

Present:

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

Absent:

Dave Jacobson

Non-Motorized RTP Council

Members Present:

Brandon Stocksdale
Brock Jackson
Chris Wood
Ian Wright
Alex Davenport
Mathew Podolinsky
Brett Mciff

Absent:

Jason Curry
Larry Velarde
LeeAnn Powell
Brian Tonetti
Alysia Ducuara

Division of Outdoor

Recreation:

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

Visitors:

Brett Stewart

Audio/video recording of this meeting is located at: <https://www.youtube.com/live/uu-x-3YH6Xo>

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. Approval of April 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chair Blankenagel outlined the meeting's purpose, focusing on an OHV Grant applicant seeking additional funding post-support from the Outdoor Adventure Commission (OAC). He then yielded the floor to Tammy Pearson, a Beaver County commissioner, who presented the rationale for funding to the OHV council.

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 26th, 2024 MEETING MINUTES. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

1.4. Approval of May 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes - OHV Land Acquisition

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES 29th, 2024 OHV LAND ACQUISITION. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

1.5. Approval of June 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes - Combined Recreational Trails Program

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMBINED RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM JUNE 26th MEETING MINUTES. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

1.6. Approval of 2024 Projects - Combined Recreational Trails Program

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE COMBINED RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM 2024 PROJECTS. BRODY JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, SCOTT WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

25:15

2. REVIEW AND MOTION TO APPROVE OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Mr. Phili presented the proposed changes to the OHV Advisory Council By-Laws. Mr. Wheeler commented on needing to be made aware of the changes and Mr. Phili explained how those changes were proposed from the last meeting. Mr. Johnson proposed making additional changes to the By-Laws in certain areas of the actual appointment of the council members.

Mr. Phili advised that the council will approve these changes today to allow Mr. Christensen to vote at this meeting. Other changes will be made at a later time. Mr.

Wheeler asked a clarifying question on the by-laws regarding Mr. Christensen's tenure and how the by-laws would affect that.

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BY-LAWS AND THAT OTHER CHANGES TO BY-LAWS ARE TO BE MADE AND REVIEWED BY MR. STROUD. MR. JOHNSON MADE THE MOTION, MR. WHEELER SECONDED THE MOTION.

43:45 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INPUT

Chair Blankenagel opened the floor for public comments. Brett Stewart noted that the program originally had a four-person meeting to ensure transparency with the advisory council. He expressed concern over the focus on non-motorized trails by trail crews, suggesting they should prioritize motorized use. Mr. Phili explained that funding sources dictate the mix of non-motorized and motorized maintenance. Mr. Johnson emphasized wanting a more balanced approach, with motorized use being better represented.

1:43:00 4. CODE OF CONDUCT IN MEETINGS

Mr. Phili emphasized the importance of professionalism during meetings and encouraged council members to remain mindful of their language and behavior. He acknowledged their commitment to these standards but reminded them that all statements could be shared publicly, including on social media or in the news.

Recognizing that discussions about grant applications can sometimes stir strong emotions due to the high stakes, he suggested members pause to collect their thoughts if needed to maintain a constructive atmosphere. His goal was to set a respectful tone and ensure interactions aligned with the council's values. He concluded by reiterating that all remarks are part of the public record.

1:45:00 5. LUNCH

At this time the OHV Advisory Council turned off the recording and took a 30-minute lunch break.

2:15:00 6. OHVR GRANT REVIEW FOR SUMMER FY25

Ms. Toker provided an overview of the grant applications and their structure for the council. Chair Blankenagel opened the discussion on the first project, "Trail Signs," inviting Mr. Davis to speak. Mr. Davis expressed support, noting strong community backing. Chair Blankenagel agreed, calling it a great project. Michelle Baragona suggested the funding request was too low and should be reconsidered.

The second project, "Carbon County MotoX Continued Improvements," was then discussed. Mr. Wheeler supported the project, highlighting its public accessibility, and Chair Blankenagel echoed his approval.

Next, the "Tails Equipment Side by Side" project was addressed. Mr. Wheeler expressed concern that the equipment should be used more frequently than once a month.

For the “Cold War Education at Temple Mountain” project, Mr. Wheeler noted local frustrations with BLM funding due to travel management plans closing trails but emphasized the project’s importance for preserving Temple Mountain's history and future trail access. Bonnie McCallister raised concerns that the travel management plan could still close the road. Ms. Baragona added that even under the worst alternative, the road should remain open. Ms. Toker explained that funding BLM projects increases the chances of keeping these trails accessible.

The final project, “Color County OHV Trail Maintenance Summer 2024,” was discussed, with Mr. Johnson suggesting an increase in funding to \$2,700.

BRODY JOHNSON MOVED FOR A MOTION TO ADD TO APPROVE \$2,700 FOR THE COLOR COUNTRY OHV TRAIL MAINTENANCE SUMMER 2024. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the “OHV Trail Maintenance & Repair” project, noting that all reviewers supported funding. He opened the floor for discussion, and Eric raised the question of whether the project should lease or purchase the necessary equipment.

Next, Chair Blankenagel introduced the “Logan Canyon Grooming Program” for discussion. Ms. Butler expressed concern about the lack of letters of support from the Forest Service district, which she felt reflected poor communication.

For the “Docs Beach Sign Revitalization” project, Chair Blankenagel suggested the funding seemed too low for the kiosks and recommended adding a 10% contingency. Mr. Davis agreed, stating that additional funding would be beneficial.

BRETT DAVIS MOVED FOR A MOTION THAT THERE IS AN INCREASE OF 10% CONTINGENCY TO THE PROJECT. FRED CHRISTENSEN SECOND IT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the “Fishlake OHV Safety” project and opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Butler expressed support for the project but wanted more details on the specific items being purchased, such as safety equipment. Mr. Johnson agreed with Ms. Butler and raised a question regarding the Forest Service’s overall policy.

Chair Blankenagel asked if there were any concerns beyond helmets. Ms. Butler mentioned other items but did not specify them.

Mr. Davis said he had no major concerns but inquired about who would be conducting the CPR training.

SHERIFF CURTIS MOVED FOR A MOTION THAT THEY ONLY FUND THE HELMETS. KIRK CHESTER SECOND IT.

**MICHELLE NAY
BONNIE NAY**

CHERYL NAY
CURTIS YES
DAVIS NAY
BRODY NAY
JASON NAY
SCOTT YES
FRED YES
KIRK YES
ERIC NAY

MOTION FAILED.

BRODY JOHNSON THEN MOVED TO FUND ONLY LINE ITEMS 1-5.

MICHELLE YES
BONNIE YES
CHERYL YES
CURTIS YES
DAVIS NAY
BRODY YES
JASON YES
SCOTT YES
FRED YES
KIRK YES
ERIC YES

MOTION PASSED.

CHAIR BLANKENAGLE MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING LINE ITEMS 1-5 FOR THE FISHLAKE OHV SAFETY PROJECT. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the "Jordan River OHV Track Prep" project and opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wheeler asked about employee benefits. Ms. Toker clarified that while the division funds wages, it does not cover employee benefits.

Next, Chair Blankenagel moved to the "Rector OHV Trails Interpretive Signs" project. Ms. Toker provided a brief overview. Chair Blankenagel praised the project, noting the area's significance and positive intentions, and suggested increasing the overall project funding.

ERIC NELSON MOVED FOR A MOTION TO ADD A CONTEGNACY FOR 20% AND SECONDED BY BRETT DAVIS. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the "Kane County OHV Park Feasibility" project. Ms. Toker provided an overview of the feasibility study, noting that additional maps would have given a clearer picture of the project. Sheriff Curtis expressed concern about the project's anticipated growth.

Next, Chair Blankenagel introduced the “GCSAR OHV Purchase and Winter Equipment Purchase” project, with Ms. Toker explaining the details of the proposal. The council also discussed amending the budget to align with the county's OHV Search and Rescue (SAR) numbers to better reflect their needs.

KIRK CHESTER MOVED FOR A MOTION TO CHANGE TO FUNDING AND REDUCE IT. SECONDED BY ERIC NELSON. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

**MICHELLE YES
BONNIE YES
CHERYL YES
CURTIS YES
DAVIS NAY
BRODY YES
JASON YES
SCOTT YES
FRED YES
KIRK YES
ERIC YES**

MOTION PASSED.

CHAIR BLANKENAGLE MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE GCSAR OHV PURCHASE AND WINTER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the next project, “Ride Right: Enjoy Enterprise Reservoir Safety and Responsibility.” Ms. Toker gave a brief overview, explaining that the original applicant had to be replaced due to ineligibility. Mr. Johnson expressed uncertainty about the "patrol" aspect of the project. Mr. Phili clarified that "patrol" was a poor choice of words, as the group is not a law enforcement agency.

Mr. Wheeler asked about the source of the support letters and how the project would function. Ms. Toker mentioned that she wished the applicant had collaborated with Grand County. Chair Blankenagel noted that the project seemed more like a trail ambassador program. Mr. Wheeler emphasized the importance of support letters from OHV users, stating that they can significantly impact project approval. Ms. Toker added that such requirements could be included in the program guides she plans to update soon.

Mr. Johnson suggested the applicant reapply next year, as he felt the project needed stronger alignment with motorized users. Ms. Baragona inquired about the specific concerns. Mr. Johnson explained that the letter of support came from a non-motorized group, to which Ms. Baragona pointed out that this could be an opportunity to build relationships. Mr. Wheeler responded that the challenge lies in non-motorized groups not fully understanding motorized users.

Mr. Davis asked how many projects the applicant had received in the past. Mr. Morrison explained that Zion Forever, the group providing the support letter, has been an excellent partner and contributed significantly to previous projects.

KIRK CHESTER MOVED FOR A MOTION TO CHANGE TO FUNDING AND REDUCE IT. SECONDED BY ERIC NELSON. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

**MICHELLE YES
CHERYL YES
CURTIS YES
DAVIS YES
BRODY NAY
JASON NAY
SCOTT NAY
FRED NAY
KIRK YES
ERIC YES**

MOTION PASSED.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the "San Juan County SXS Rescue" project, and Ms. Toker provided a brief overview of the grant proposal. Chair Blankenagel read a comment from Sheriff Curtis's review, noting that the county has faced funding challenges in the past. Mr. Nelson suggested that they consider seeking a different machine, as the one currently proposed is fairly expensive.

BONNIE MCCALLISTER MADE A MOTION TO REDUCE THE FUNDING. SECONDED BY KIRK CHESTER. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

project over the years and highlighted concerns with existing lighting. He explained that the project aims to enhance flexibility and extend operating hours, allowing for evening riding. He inquired whether state parks would be able to fund and maintain the project long-term. Mr. Wheeler raised concerns about potential noise or light ordinance issues and whether they could pose problems for the surrounding area.

Next, Chair Blankenagel moved to the "Unstoppable on Wheels: Saving Lives, One Ride at a Time" project. Ms. Toker provided an overview of the grant proposal and evaluator comments. Mr. Nelson acknowledged the need for the top-of-the-line machine being requested but suggested reducing the funding to purchase a more cost-effective option that would still meet their operational needs, arguing that the proposed machine would be overkill.

ERIC NELSON MOVED FOR A MOTION TO REDUCE THE PERCENTAGE AND PURCHASE A CHEAPER MACHINE. SECOND BY BRODY JOHNSON. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL WERE FAVOR.

CHAIR BLANKENAGLE MOVED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE UNSTOPPABLE ON WHEELS: SAVING LIVES, ONE RIDE AT A TIME. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL WERE FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel introduced the “Utah Division of Wildlife Law Enforcement Northern Region” project. Ms. Rachel provided a brief overview of the project and the evaluator's comments. Ms. Baragona expressed concern about the feasibility of using a single side-by-side to respond to 25% of the state. Ms. Butler echoed this concern, stating it could create challenges.

Mr. Phili clarified that they plan to use some Wildlife funds to purchase the machine, which would allow for patrolling; spending 50% of the funds grants them this right.

Mr. Davis noted that Sheriff Curtis had suggested in his evaluator comments that they should decrease funding so their match increases to 75%.

Mr. Phili explained how the OHV would fit into the fleet and its intended use within the division. Ms. Baragona raised concerns about the machine needing to cover unrealistic distances to respond to calls.

BRETT DAVIS MOVED FOR A MOTION TO FUND 25% OF THE MACHINE. FRED CHRISTENSEN SECOND BY BRODY JOHNSON. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL WERE FAVOR. ROLL CALL VOTE. ALL WERE FAVOR.

Chair Blankenagel asked if the council needed to revisit the “Mineral Basin Recreation Road Improvements” project. Mr. Phili expressed a desire to understand the main concerns so he could address them with the OAC and make necessary adjustments for the project to be work-ready. Ms. Toker noted that the project had been scored and reviewed highly. Mr. Nelson added that he had confirmed it is classified as a Class D road.

Mr. Wheeler inquired about who would use the road. Mr. Davis explained that about 95% of OHV users would utilize it. Mr. Phili clarified that the project had not been withdrawn; rather, further planning and exploration of other funding sources were needed.

Mr. Davis highlighted that there would be a limited window for work in the area. Mr. Phili assured the council that the project had been well-communicated and would be beneficial.

Ms. Toker mentioned the difficulty in determining the current account balance. Ms. Butler emphasized the project's importance and its status as a top priority for the area. No action was taken to approve the project, as it was withdrawn from the application process to explore other funding opportunities.

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SUMMER FY25 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Out of the **21** Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) grant applications received, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council has recommended **18** for funding in the FY25 Q1 - Summer period.
 - **Two** applications were received but deemed ineligible.
 - **One** application was withdrawn and will be submitted to the Outdoor Adventure Commission for consideration under the Outdoor Recreation Initiative.

Color Key	
Recommended for Funding	Not Recommended for Funding
Ineligible	Withdrawn

#	FY25 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
1	<p>Trail Signs (Originally requested \$9,000): The Uintah County Trails Crew will install new signposts on unmarked OHV trails and replace existing damaged signs within the county's trail system.</p> <p>The Council recommended increasing this request by \$900 to account for potential cost increases, opting to add a 10% contingency to the project proposal.</p>	Uintah County	\$10,900.00	\$9,900.00	Trail Work
2	<p>Carbon County MotoX Continued Improvements: In the second round of the Carbon County Motocross track improvements, a sound system will be installed, a picnic area will be constructed, the parking lot will be graveled, and a drainage ditch will be installed for the parking lot. This will</p>	Carbon County	\$152,561.10	\$114,918.70	Trail Work

	greatly improve the user experience at the facility.				
3	<p>Trails Equipment, Side by Side: The county is working with Jones & Demille for Trail Coordination to inventory the maintenance needs of our current OHV trail system and formalize a trail crew of volunteers to assist in the project. We will be doing maintenance and sign replacements as needed. In the County's efforts to keep a steady pace forward in preserving our OHV trails, we are looking to buy a side-by-side to carry equipment and volunteers to harder-to-reach areas as well as a trailer to haul the side-by-side, and tools.</p>	Carbon County Office of Tourism	\$59,267.00	\$39,000.00	Trail Work
4	<p>Cold War Education at Temple Mountain in the San Rafael Swell: The BLM is excited to embark on the first stage of a multi-stage project to provide education in the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area about the area's rich Cold War history. In this phase, our recreation and cultural programs, with support from the Emery County Historical Society, have teamed up to create signs that will turn the six-mile OHV loop ride around Temple Mountain into an immersive experience where riders can see historic mines, cabins, and uranium drilling cores. This project marks our first major, coordinated endeavor to enhance public education in the San Rafael Swell Recreation Area since it was designated in 2019.</p>	Bureau of Land Management - Price Field Office	\$31,921.60	\$16,100.00	Education
5	<p>Color Country OHV Trail Maintenance Summer 2024 (Originally requested \$29,012): The project is to help maintain the Color Country OHV Trail throughout Iron County. Funds will be used to procure a trailer recently</p>	Iron County	\$43,008.00	\$31,712.00	Trail Work

	<p>purchased mini excavator and trail dozer, and a shed/shop for the state trail crew to store and maintain equipment, supplies, and materials at the Parowan Fairgrounds. The grant also requests funds to maintain equipment.</p> <p>A council member contacted the applicant and discovered that they did not own a post-hole pounder. In light of this, the council recommended increasing the project's funding by \$2,700 to cover the cost of acquiring one.</p>				
6	<p>OHV Trail Maintenance & Repair: Increasing levels of visitor use on OHV routes within around Kanab located in Kane County have resulted in the need for an increased level of OHV trail and trail infrastructure maintenance. The UT/AZ ATV Club intends to support both the BLM and Kane County in this endeavor. Though not inclusive, the UT/AZ ATV club will focus primarily on performing maintenance and repair to numerous OHV trails, county access roads, and staging areas used for safe and enjoyable OHV use. Kanab Utah is a premier OHV tourism destination. It is the goal of the UT/AZ ATV club to monitor trails regularly to help ensure safe and responsible OHV usage. UT/AZ ATV club is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible OHV usage to reduce the risk of injury and conflict between humans and wildlife and preserve cultural geographical locations.</p>	UT/AZ ATV Club	\$17,835.84	\$9,163.28	Trail Work
7	<p>Logan Canyon Grooming Program: The foundation will supplement winter trail grooming for snowmobilers performed by Utah State Parks through the lease of a snowcat in the upper Logan Canyon area. Increased usage in the part of the canyon from Beaver</p>	Bear Lake Trails Foundation	\$54,806.74	\$41,290.05	Snowmobile

	<p>Creek trailhead and Swan Flats Trailhead being connected by the Amazon trail increases every year and is demanding more frequent grooming on the major traveled snow cat groomed snowmobile trails. The end goal is a more consistent, safe, enjoyable experience that will allow new and immediate riders to enjoy a groomed experience in the backcountry and allow for the more advanced riders to get to the backcountry riding in the surrounding areas of the Upper Logan Canyon Complex.</p>				
8	<p>Doc's Beach Sign Revitalization (Originally requested \$10,120): The Doc's Beach Area is a popular area outside Vernal, Utah for off-road motorized recreation. This project would be to install new kiosks at the trailhead, and new directional signs along the designated routes in the area. These new signs would be beneficial to many users of this area as they would help with the flow of traffic and prevent users from getting lost on the many trails in the system.</p> <p>The Council recommended increasing this request by \$1,012 to account for potential cost increases, opting to include a 10% contingency in the project proposal.</p>	<p>Bureau of Land Management - Vernal Field Office</p>	<p>\$17,389.00</p>	<p>\$11,132.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>
9	<p>Fishlake OHV Safety (Originally requested \$7,708): To provide safety gear and training to employees participating in OHV trail-related maintenance duties.</p> <p>The Council expressed concerns about funding three CPR mannequins, believing that the applicant should already have mannequins available for</p>	<p>Fishlake National Forest</p>	<p>\$7,158.00</p>	<p>\$5,158.00</p>	<p>Trail Work</p>

	CPR-certified employees. As a result, the project's total cost and funding request were reduced by \$5,550.				
10	Jordan River OHV Track Prep: The Jordan River OHV Center is facing the potential loss of a valuable full-time position. We are seeking funding to help retain this position and sustain the park's operations.	Jordan River OHV Park	\$84,000.00	\$60,000.00	Trail Work
11	Rector OHV Trail Interpretive Signs (Originally requested \$4,713): The Rector Interpretation project will provide interpretation signs at the increasingly popular stop along the Rector/Dragon OHV trail in Uintah County, Utah. These signs will provide better context for the OHV recreators and to better understand how to respect and protect their cultural resources and how to visit these areas with a better understanding of the history of the site and historic occupation of the area. These interpretive signs will also provide a space to encourage respectful and informed recreation throughout the area. The Council recommended increasing this request by \$942.60 to account for potential cost increases, opting to include a 20% contingency in the project proposal.	Bureau of Land Management - Vernal Field Office	\$8,175.20	\$5,655.60	Access Protection
12	Kane County OHV Park Feasibility Study: The Kane County Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park and Training Area project aims to create a world-class recreational facility catering to OHV enthusiasts, training, promotes responsible outdoor recreation, and contributes to the economic growth of Kane County, Utah. The proposed park will provide a designated space for OHV	Kane County	\$93,400.00	\$43,400.00	Trail Work

	riders to engage in safe and enjoyable off-road experiences while fostering environmental stewardship and community engagement.				
13	<p>GCSAR OHV Purchase and Winter Equipment Purchase (Originally requested \$75,150): GCSAR will continue our cadence of refreshing our OHV units at a pace of once a year. In addition, with the new snowmobiles purchased via a previous grant, there has been an upsurge in interest in winter rescue so we are seeking two additional snowmobiles to accommodate training.</p> <p>The Council adjusted the requested and matching funds to ensure that the grant would cover only 25% of the applicant’s request. This adjustment, made after reviewing the applicant’s past SAR numbers, was implemented to prevent the grant from funding any motorized items.</p>	Grand County Sheriff's Search and Rescue	\$100,200.00	\$25,050.00	Search and Rescue
14	<p>Ride Right: Enjoy Enterprise Reservoir Safely and Responsibly: Ride Right: Enjoy Enterprise Reservoir Safely and Responsibly project will enhance safe OHV riding experiences in the Pine Valley Ranger District, focusing on roads and trails near the proposed High Desert Trail in Enterprise, Utah. We aim to promote and educate visitors about safe and responsible riding practices by updating signs, maps, and online resources. We will utilize partnerships with Zion Forever and Tread Lightly to assist with sign development and online information. Forest Service employees, volunteers, and groups will patrol trails on ATVs, UTVs, and motorcycles, and engage with riders using our OHV education trailer.</p>	Dixie National Forest Pine Valley Ranger District	\$115,411.90	\$74,873.90	Education

	<p>Additionally, we will provide ATV Safety Institute (ATVSI) training for agency employees, partners, and the public. We will also recruit and train volunteers to create a dedicated OHV group to assist Forest Service employees in promoting and educating riders.</p>				
15	<p>San Juan County SXS Rescue (Originally requested \$24,496.50): San Juan County needs a Search and Rescue SXS. Currently, we have two 2006 Polaris RZR 900 two-seaters. These SXS are not set up to recover patients or even successfully transport responders to the areas needed.</p> <p>Based on the applicant's motorized SAR percentage, the Council recommended reducing the requested funding, ensuring the grant would cover only 18% of their request.</p>	San Juan County Sheriff's Office	\$35,496.50	\$6,389.37	Search and Rescue
16	<p>Jordan OHV Lighting Project: Due to growth in Utah, tracks and trails are being closed all around. Riders of all ages and skill levels are looking for places to ride that are close in proximity and also away from the high summer heat.</p> <p>This grant funding is contingent upon the applicant obtaining the necessary insurance and bond required to perform work on state park land.</p>	Utah Moto Co	\$348,262.16	\$290,000.00	Trail Work
17	<p>Unstoppable on Wheels: Saving Lives, One Ride at a Time (Originally requested \$43,522.14): Kane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue unit continues to find efficient ways to respond to distressed visitors and local citizens safely and swiftly while</p>	Kane County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$55,023.98	\$17,057.43	Search and Rescue

	<p>recreating the wonders of Kane County. In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) visiting Kane County, especially due to the recent closure of roads in the Moab area. OHV rentals and guided OHV tours are increasing in our area. This influx of OHV enthusiasts has contributed to a higher number of emergency calls related to OHV accidents such as rollovers, motorist assists, and lost OHV operators. Responding to these calls has become more challenging for the search and rescue team due to the sheer volume of incidents and the need to navigate through the county's extensive trail systems and dunes. By implementing these types of equipment, we hope to continue to quickly respond to those related calls for help.</p> <p>The Council recommended that the applicant purchase a less expensive, yet still highly capable, machine instead of a top-of-the-line model, which reduced the project's total cost. Additionally, the Council advised amending the requested funding to align with the motorized SAR percentage, ultimately set at 31%.</p>				
18	<p>Utah Division of Wildlife Law Enforcement - Northern Region (Originally requested \$24,297): 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</p>	Utah Division of Wildlife LE - NRO	\$48,594.00	\$12,148.50	Search and Rescue

<p>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 the NRO's immediate boundaries and throughout the state. 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>This application was a repeat submission from the previous grant cycle. The Council was still unable to obtain an accurate number of SAR calls specific to the division on an annual basis. Instead, the application provided a combined total of SAR numbers from all seven counties and their respective agencies, rather than the applicant's data. Based on this, the Council decided to fund only 25% of the total project cost.</p>					
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	
Total of the 18 Grants Recommended for Funding:			\$1,283,411.02	\$812,948.83	

Ineligible

#	FY25 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
19	2025 Trail Maintenance Skyline, AF Canyon, Strawberry, Diamond Fork: The Utah & Wasatch County Singletrack	Western Singletrack Alliance	\$175,965.99	\$121,460.80	Trail Work

<p>Trail Maintenance Project aims to ensure the sustainability and accessibility of off-road motorcycle trails by organizing regular volunteer efforts to repair and maintain trails, preserving their natural beauty, and promoting safe riding experiences for enthusiasts.</p> <p>After a careful review of the grant requirements, this application was deemed ineligible because the applicant lacked approval from the USFS to conduct work on their land. The Division has requested that the applicant return and reapply in the next cycle, ensuring all requirements are met for a complete application. This application was not evaluated or scored by the OHV Advisory Council.</p>				
<p>20</p> <p>The Lost Trails Guidebook Series: This project aims to document and protect trails that are at risk of closure in the Henry Mountains, Ticaboo, Dolores Canyon, Bears Ears, and Grand Staircase areas in Southern Utah. Our staff and volunteers will ride, document, and publish information about these endangered trails in a guidebook series known as, "The Lost Trails Guidebook," to increase public awareness, maintain use, and provide evidence of use and recreation value. The guidebooks document a wide range of trails based on difficulty level, recreation value, and user group preference.</p> <p>This applicant is a nonprofit organization incorporated outside the state of Utah and is, therefore, ineligible for this funding. As a result, the application was deemed ineligible and was not evaluated or scored by the OHV Advisory Council.</p>	BlueRibbon Coalition	\$96,750.00	\$18,00.00	Access Protection
		Total Project	Requested	

	Cost	Funding	
Ineligible Funding Requests:	\$272,715.99	\$139,460.80	

Withdrawn

#	FY25 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
21	<p>Mineral Basin Recreation Road Improvements (Forest Service 085): Repair and reconstruct approximately 1/2 mile of washed-out section of the Mineral Basin access road 3.5 miles above Tibble Fork. This roadway is a vital OHV through-way that serves the entire population of the front range. American Fork Canyon serves many other recreational uses such as hunting, camping, mountain biking, and equestrian. Forest Road 085 is utilized by off-road vehicles, SxS, ATVs, etc. With this closure, OHV access is negatively affected. Fixing this stretch of road will open additional miles of OHV recreation area and trails that will allow riders to go from Tibble Fork trailhead into the American Fork Canyon backcountry without making a 50-mile detour which will spread out the public usage.</p> <p>This application was pulled from the evaluation process because the applicant intends to seek full project funding from the Outdoor Adventure Commission under the Outdoor Recreation Initiative. Although it was withdrawn, the application was evaluated and scored highly by the OHV Advisory Council.</p>	Utah County	\$628,346.00	\$350,000.00	Trail Work
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	
Withdrawn Funding Request:			\$628,346.00	\$350,000.00	

CHAIR BLANKENAGEL ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED RECREATION GRANTS FOR THE SUMMER FISCAL YEAR. BRETT DAVIS MADE THE MOTION. SECOND BY BRODY JOHNSON, ALL WERE FAVORED.

05:55:30 8. BREAK

At this time, the council took a five-minute break.

05:59:34 9. GRANT DISCUSSION AND OTHER ITEMS

9.1. October Site Visit

Chair Blankenagel opened the discussion on grants and related items. Ms. Toker informed the council that the site visit had been rescheduled due to a conflict with Mr. Johnson's participation in the jamborees. She also mentioned that Brody was considering visiting Marysville to assess the fire damage there, emphasizing the importance of supporting the smaller community.

Mr. Johnson elaborated on the scheduling conflict with the original site visit planned for October 4th, which coincides with the closing day of the Beaver Jamboree, where he and Fred will be guiding. He suggested moving the site visit to either October 11 or 18. Additionally, he proposed touring Marysville to evaluate the damage from the Silver King fire.

After a thorough discussion, the council agreed that October 11 would be a suitable date for the rescheduled site visit.

BRODY JOHNSON MADE A MOTION MOVE THE SITE VISIT TO OCTOBER 11th. SECOND BY MICHELLE, ALL WERE FAVORED.

06:04:52 9.2. 2025 OHV Advisory Council Dates

Chair Blankenagel initiated a discussion on the OHV Advisory Council meeting dates. Ms. Toker explained the rationale for the funding structure for 2025, proposing to modify the grant cycle to every six months instead of back-to-back cycles. This change aims to address the observation that fewer applications are received during the current cycle. She sought input on separating the cycles into spring and fall months to enhance participation and improve application quality, explaining that this strategic adjustment is why there are currently fewer available grants.

Mr. Wheeler raised concerns about the close timing of the grant cycles. He suggested scheduling the first cycle early in the year, ideally in January, to ensure funding is available for spring projects that rely on early-season resources.

Ms. Butler pointed out the challenges posed by simultaneous grant application deadlines, which are currently set for March. She noted that managing multiple applications during this period can be overwhelming and suggested a November deadline might be more favorable. However, she acknowledged that organizations are

often focused on wrapping up summer programs and reporting during that time, which could lead to challenges in meeting application deadlines.

The council leaned toward April 25th for the next meeting date and ultimately decided on this option. Chair Blankenagel announced that the next OHV Review meeting would be held on April 25, 2025, with the location to be determined, and then entertained a motion to approve the date.

BRETT DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO HOLD THE NEXT OHV GRANT REVIEW ON APRIL 25, 2025. SECOND BY SCOTT WHEELER, ALL WERE FAVORED.

06:13:10 9.3. OHVR Vision Meeting

Chair Blankenagel transitioned to the next agenda item, the OHVR Vision Meeting. Ms. Toker elaborated on the meeting, highlighting ongoing discussions from earlier in the day. She stressed the importance of evaluating current practices to identify what is effective and what may need improvement. Ms. Toker noted that legislative matters might also be addressed if necessary.

To facilitate this process, she proposed a structured approach that would begin with a preliminary meeting involving staff before presenting findings to the council for final decisions.

06:14:15 10. PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Phili presented an overview of the trail crew's projects across all regions in Utah. He displayed a heat map illustrating the areas where the crews have been active, detailing the number of miles of trails worked on and the total projects completed.

He continued by discussing the number of course completions for education programs. Chair Blankenagel inquired about the number of citations issued this year. Mr. Phili explained that most citations have been directed toward repeat offenders. He also introduced a digital credential that individuals can carry on their phones for convenience.

Additionally, he announced the launch of a new youth course, which is longer than previous offerings, and credited Fred Christensen for his valuable contributions to this initiative. Mr. Phili also mentioned snow grooming efforts and other educational resources that could benefit side-by-side and off-road motorcycle users.

Mr. Wheeler raised a question about how the application process would be affected if he were to relocate to another state. Ms. Toker sought recommendations for improving the current grant cycle. Ms. Butler expressed her desire to be included in all Forest Service applications.

06:29:05 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

**BRETT DAVIS MADE THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED.**

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