



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

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Minutes Of The Meeting Held on March 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual

HOST: ***Utah Department of Natural Resources***
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
(Virtual meeting)

AGENDA

HOST: ***Division of Outdoor Recreation***
Sevier County Administration Building
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Richfield, Utah 84701
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ATTENDEES: ***Division of Outdoor Recreation Employees:***
Evan Beitsch, India Nielsen Barfuss, Jason Curry, Jorge Vazquez, Rachel Toker,
Wade Allinson, Redge Johnson
Division of Law Enforcement Employees:
Jacob Hinton
Attorney General's Office Representative:
Nicole Hanna
OHV Advisory Council Members:
Jason Blankenagel (Chair), Eric Nelson (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Butler, Russ Cazier,
Kirk Chester, Mike Cook, Sheriff Curtis, Brett Davis, Dave Jacobson, Brody
Johnson, Nicole Nielson, Scott Wheeler
Public:
Kelly Chappell, Sam Steve, Jordan Brown, Clif Koontz, Kathy Maxwell, Kevin
Mickelsen, Brent Beach, Landon Mickelson, Brock Jackson, Amy Myers, Cody
Draper, Randy Rhodes, Chad Taylor, Anna Sprout, Jenny Bird, Jana Fulks,
Kaydn Ence, Paul Hill, Steven Hawkins, Brett Stewart

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.	1. WELCOME	Sevier County Administration Building
INFORMATION		
	1.1. Call to Order	Jason Blankenagel, Chair
	1.2. Attendance and Introductions	Chair
10:10 a.m.	2. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes each)	Chair
INFORMATION		
	3. APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS	Chair & Rachel Toker, OHVR Grant Administrator
10:40 a.m.	3.1. APP-005282, Public Lands Access Protection (#21)	Public Land Policy Coordination Office
10:50 a.m.	3.2. APP-005229, Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course (#9)	Uintah County
11:05 a.m.	3.3. APP-005266, Salina Motocross/Mountain Bike Park - Phase 1 (#18)	Salina City
11:20 a.m.	3.4. APP-005204, OHV Trail Ambassador Revitalization & Long-Term Sustainability (#24)	Steward Moab
11:30 a.m.	3.5. APP-005335, Washington County 4-H ATV Club (#25)	Utah State University Extension
11:40 a.m.	3.6. APP-005369 (#35), APP-005482 (#37), APP-005373 (#38), APP-005365 (#39), APP-005460 (#40)	Soren
11:50 a.m.	3.7. APP-005413 (#14), APP-005477 (#17) - Foundation for America's Public Lands	Dave Jacobson, BLM Representative
12:00 p.m.	4. LUNCH	TBD

12:30 p.m.	5. OHV RECREATION (OHVR) GRANT REVIEW FOR SPRING FY26 Q2	Chair & OHV Recreation Grant Administrator
3:30 p.m.	6. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED OHVR GRANTS FOR SPRING FY26 Q2	Chair
3:45 p.m.	7. BREAK	
4:00 p.m.	8. OTHER ITEMS	Wade Allinson, OHV Program Manager
	8.1. OHV Survey	India Nielsen, Deputy Director
ACTION	8.2. Future Meeting Dates & Potential Site Visit	OHV Program Manager
4:30 p.m.	9. ADJOURNMENT	Chair

▶ OHV Recreation Grant Review 3/26/2026

MEETING MINUTES:

(0:00) Call to Order & Introductions: Chairman Jason Blankle called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken for both in-person and online participants.

(4:19) Public Comment Period

Piute County Commissioner: Discussed a grant for a NEPA study and easements to connect the Fremont/Cassidy Boyhood Home. Plans include a 5-mile trail and an 80-foot railroad car bridge donated by Garfield County.

Clif Koontz (Ride with Respect): Spoke in support of the PLPCO Access Protection grant, emphasizing the legal necessity of keeping trails open.

Amy Myers (Sevier County Tourism): Presented two applications: one for marketing trail systems and another for expanding facilities at the "Sand Ledges" trailhead, including restrooms.

Brett Stewart (Utah OHV Advocates): Thanked the committee and inquired about the advisory-only (non-voting) status of BLM and Forest Service reps, which was clarified as a legal/policy-based stance.

(17:33) Applicant Presentations- Applicants will have five minutes to present and five minutes for questions. Mike Cook's applicants will have 15 minutes.

A. (18:16) Public Lands Access Protection (PLPCO)

Presenter: Redge Johnson

- **Request:** \$350,000
- **Summary:** Funding to represent state interests in federal land management. Focuses on RS2477 rights-of-way and fighting road closures in Travel Management Plans (TMPs).
- **Discussion:** Highlighted the "Access Map 360" and the online comment generator for TMPs.

B. (30:50) Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course

Presenter: Mike Cook (Uintah County)

- **Request:** Funding for a three-tier (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced) enduro practice facility.
- **Summary:** Addresses the lack of single-track infrastructure in Uintah County. The course would be ~0.5 miles on 2 acres of county land.
- **Discussion:** Questions regarding NEPA requirements for toilets/awnings on county vs. federal land.

C. (49:03) Salina Motocross Track

Presenter: Salina City Representatives

- **Request:** \$350,000 (plus \$200,000 RTP)
- **Summary:** Development of a motocross track adjacent to the Blackhawk Arena. Includes future plans for NICA mountain bike trails and drag strips.
- **Discussion:** A neighboring landowner raised concerns about noise, dust, and privacy. The city agreed to formalize a legal agreement regarding fencing, watering for dust control, and operating hours.

D. (1:09:46) OHV Trail Ambassador Program

Presenter: Anna Sprout (Steward Moab)

- **Request:** \$324,000
- **Summary:** Transitioning the award-winning program from a county-run entity to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Focuses on education, "Learn to Earn" stickers, and spill/waste kits.
- **Discussion:** Committee members expressed concern over the high dollar amount and encouraged seeking more diverse funding sources (e.g., City of Moab).

(1:27:41) Brief pause in presentations due to technical difficulties. Topic Switch: Regional OHV Marketing Results (Uintah, Sevier, and Wayne Counties)

The presenter updated the board on the economic impact of previous OHV marketing. Addressing prior concerns about tangible results, they shared data collected via "geofencing" and tracking software. This technology pings mobile devices at trailheads, classifying users living outside a 50–100-mile radius as traveling visitors.

(1:29:32) Campaigns generated 2.2 million video views, driving significant increases in digital and physical traffic:

- **Uintah County:** 20% increase in Butch Cassidy trailhead use; 7% rise in Transient Room Tax (TRT).
- **Sevier County:** 433% jump in daily web traffic; 23% increase in TRT and \$3M in new visitor spending.
- **Wayne County:** 35% increase in Swing Arm City visitation; trail page views rose from 2k to 40k.

(1:35:16) The committee requested more consistent data sharing. Presenters committed to providing monthly or quarterly reports moving forward.

(1:36:20) Amy Meyers (Sevier Tourism) noted that as infrastructure grows and traditional grants cap out, OHV-specific marketing is essential to convert trail investments into local economic development.

E. (1:38:45) Washington County 4-H OHV Club

Presenter: Paul Hill & Kaydn Ence

- **Summary:** A youth development program teaching safety, maintenance, and ethics with a focus on farm/ranch ATV use.
- **Discussion:** Clarified that the program builds upon existing state safety courses and uses side-by-sides (UTVs) to teach youth (ages 13–18) safe operation habits.

F. (1:55:30) Foundation for America's Public Lands

Presenter: Dave Jacobson

- **Summary:** A Congressionally chartered nonprofit that assists the BLM by bypassing federal procurement hurdles (Moab & Fillmore). Polaris has provided \$800,000 in matching funds for their projects.
- **Discussion:** Questions arose regarding the Foundation's overhead, legal eligibility in Utah, and how to track funds routed through a DC-based entity. Support for non-profits brings a lot to the federal government.

(2:12:09) Adjournment for Lunch- The committee adjourned for lunch, with plans to reconvene for further deliberation on the presented grants.

(2:42:24) Return from Lunch- OHV Recreation Grant Review Chairman Blankle opened the review session, noting that grant requests exceed available funding. He emphasized that lower rankings do not necessarily imply a "bad" grant but reflect the necessity of difficult decisions.

(2:44:58) Budget Overview - Rachel Toker reported approximately \$2,450,000 is available for this cycle. She announced a significant funding increase effective July 1st, with the annual budget rising to \$6,000,000 (\$3,000,000 per cycle).

(2:44:10) Steward Moab: OHV Trail Ambassadors Initial Discussion- The committee expressed concern over the \$324,000 request for a two-year cycle, citing high administrative and Engagement Coordinator costs.

(2:47:47) Motion to reduce funding to one year, encourage them to push forward with other funding sources (Brody Johnson). Substitute motion from Scott Wheeler, cut to 1/3 of the total request (\$107,988.44).

Discussion shifted to set this aside until the final budget was calculated.

(3:05:51) Buckskin Hills Enduro Course: The committee discussed the high cost of supporting infrastructure relative to the trail itself.

Scott Wheeler moved to remove the vault toilet and awning from the initial award, funding the core trail construction at \$307,564. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Motion passed.

This was intended to preserve funds for other projects while allowing the primary course to proceed.

(3:12:48) Block Approval- High-Scoring Trail Work (motion): To expedite the meeting, the committee looked at projects with broad consensus.

Nicole Nielson moved to block-approve all trail work applications scoring 90% and above (excluding Uintah County). Seconded by Sheriff Curtis. Motion passed.

This covered applications 1 through 8 on the prioritized list.

(3:18:55) Piute Trail Data Collection: Cheryl Butler raised concerns regarding the use of trail cameras. Scott Walker clarified that these cameras are essential for distinguishing between 50-inch ATVs and wider UTVs to justify trail designations.

Eric Nelson moved to approve the grant with a strict contract provision that cameras are used for data collection only and never for law enforcement. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Motion passed.

(3:20:48) Fish Lake Trail Maintenance: The committee noted a \$5,000 request for mapping and GIS work. Cheryl Butler pointed out that federal agencies already provide these layers for free.

Brody Johnson moved to reduce the grant by \$5,000, removing the mapping line item. Seconded by Eric Nelson. Motion passed.

(3:23:44) Fremont and Piute Trail Connector: The committee discussed the low financial match from the applicant. However, after hearing that Piute County is a high-poverty area and that the "Morgan boys" had finally granted the necessary private land easements, the committee felt the project was too critical to delay.

Approved at full funding via roll call.

(3:25:31) Sand Ledges Trailhead Restroom & Parking Lot Expansion: Focused on the \$50,000 price tag for a restroom. Amy Meyers explained that the Forest Service suggested the specific vault toilet and that the price included the high costs of delivery and installation in a remote area.

Approved via roll call.

(3:28:55) San Juan County- White Canyon Trail System: Cheryl Butler noted that the application lacked formal letters of support. Dave Jacobson clarified that while formal letters weren't attached, the local BLM office provided email documentation of support, and that the lack of a formal letter was a clerical misunderstanding by the agency.

Approved via roll call.

(3:33:06) Warner and Long Valley OHV Trail Cleanup Project: The committee questioned a \$9,900 request for a trailer. The applicant (a volunteer club) clarified that the trailer is not for hauling trash—which dumpsters handle—but for storing and transporting the club's tools and gear for ongoing volunteer events.

Approved via roll call.

(3:37:17) Improving Safety & Wayfinding Signage at Cricket Mountains OHV Trail System: A debate occurred regarding whether the grant was funding county "B Roads," which are generally ineligible. Nicole Hannah (Attorney General's Office) clarified that the grant is strictly for wayfinding and safety signage, not road maintenance, making it an eligible expense.

Approved via roll call.

(3:43:13) Jordan River OHV State Park Lighting: Members expressed frustration that this project returned for more funding due to state engineering oversights.

Scott Walker moved to fund the necessary electrical/lighting engineering, but removed a line item for a motorcycle and riding gear. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Motion passed.

(4:04:07) Fillmore Forest Repair & Enhancement 2: A significant conflict of interest was identified: the nonprofit applicant planned to hire the president's private company to do the work. The committee also found the \$85,000 request for only 25 miles of work to be vague.

The motion to fund failed unanimously.

The applicant was encouraged to get competitive bids and reapply.

(4:10:20) Moab OHV Destinations- Tusher Tunnel, Uranium Arch, Bartlett Alcove: The committee reviewed the project's \$5,000 admin fee and its focus on protecting rock art from graffiti. It was noted that while some "hiking" is involved, it is the only way for motorized users to reach the destination from the parking area.

Approved via roll call.

(4:20:28) Salina Motocross/Mountain Bike Park: Extensive discussion regarding a neighboring homeowner's concerns about noise and dust. Despite the city's verbal assurances, the committee felt a formal, legally binding agreement was missing.

The request was denied. The committee invited them to reapply in July once a legal easement and maintenance plan are signed.

(4:32:31) Kane County Trail Maintenance Project: The committee debated whether a John Deere tractor was a proper tool for OHV trails or if it was actually intended for fairground maintenance. Despite some "No" votes from Jason Blankle and Eric Nelson, the consensus was that it had been proven effective on sandy trail sections.

Approved via roll call.

(4:37:22) Garfield County Road Grader: The committee felt that a full-sized road grader was inappropriate for maintaining "two-track" OHV roads and would destroy the primitive riding experience that users enjoy.

The request was denied unanimously.

(4:40:41) Public Lands Access Protection (PLPCO): This \$350,000 grant supports the state's legal fight against federal road closures. Cliff Cows spoke in favor, noting that PLPCO provides high-value legal work for the state. Jason Blankle declared a conflict and did not vote.

Approved via roll call.

(4:43:32) Utah Mini Moto League: Scott Walker praised this program for providing mentorship to youth who may struggle in traditional school environments but find focus through riding and maintenance.

Approved via roll call.

(4:56:52) The Big Ride / Utah ATV Association: The committee discussed the ethics of funding an event they attend.

Action Item: Director Jason Curry decided the Division will fund council members' attendance separately from the grant to ensure no conflict of interest for the voting body.

The grant was then approved for other stakeholders.

(5:16:26) Washington County 4-H OHV Club: The committee liked the 4-H model but balked at the \$38,000 request for a high-end "Defender" UTV.

Sheriff Curtis moved to fund the pilot program but capped the equipment budget at \$20,000 for a simpler machine and trailer. Seconded by Eric Nelson. Motion passed.

(5:19:18) Utah 4-H "Beyond the Trail" ATV Safety and Stewardship Program: The committee rejected a \$50,000 request for an OHV video game. The consensus was that funds should be spent on "real" hands-on training rather than virtual simulations.

Denied unanimously.

(5:21:07) Garfield County SAR ATV/UTV Trailers & 1 Medbed: Discussion centered on the extreme volume of snowmobile rescues in Cache and Logan. Members noted that many SAR volunteers use their own equipment at a loss.

Applications 27, 28, and 30 were approved via roll call.

(5:27:20) SAR Medical Transport UTVs: The applicant requested two medical UTVs. Given the funding shortfall, the committee asked if they could manage with one.

Brody Johnson moved to fund one machine (\$25,000). Seconded by Sheriff Curtis. Motion passed.

(5:33:17) Iron County Search and Rescue: The committee reviewed the call logs and determined many "rescues" were for street vehicles stuck in snow rather than OHV users. They decided the current 2021 machine was still sufficient.

Denied via roll call.

(5:35:44) Utah County Search and Rescue: A request for a high-capability Ranger 1500 was discussed. The committee felt the county's high "skin in the game" (matching funds) justified the award for a more powerful rescue unit.

Approved via roll call.

(5:41:25) Utah Avalanche Center: The center requested funds for weather stations in the Uintas and Logan. Cheryl Butler clarified that these stations specifically serve snowmobile-heavy areas, not just skiers.

Approved via roll call (Kirk Chester abstained).

(5:45:11) Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation: Cheryl Butler noted the group lacked formal operating agreements with the Forest Service for several items.

Action Item: Funding is approved contingent upon providing a signed agreement.

Rachel Toker will withhold the contract until verified.

(5:48:33) OHV Tourism Block Approval: Reviewing the hard data provided by the presenters (2.2M video views), the committee felt these marketing grants provided a high return on investment.

Nicole Nilson moved to approve all tourism grants for Uintah, Sevier, and Wayne. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Approved.

(5:52:06) Steward Moab (Final Motion): Returning to the tabled item, the committee acknowledged the program's value in the Moab area but remained firm on reducing costs.

Eric Nelson moved to fund the program at 50% (\$161,992) for one year, specifically for education and ambassadors, excluding the engagement position. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Motion passed.

(5:54:30) Buckskin Hills Enduro Restroom/Awning (Final Motion): With leftover funds identified at the end of the meeting, the committee revisited Uintah County's earlier reduction.

Eric Nelson moved to restore the \$74,500 for the bathroom and awning. Seconded by Brody Johnson. Motion passed.

(5:55:47) FY2026 Grant Cycle Final Approval (Motion): Scott Walker moved to finalize all grant recommendations as modified. Seconded by Brett Davis. Motion passed via roll call.

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SPRING FY26 - OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Out of the **45** Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) grant applications received, the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council has recommended **35** for funding in the FY26 Q2 - Spring period.
 - **Five** applications were not recommended for funding.
 - **Two** applications were withdrawn by the organization before the grant review.
 - **Three** applications were disqualified by program staff before the grant review.

Color Key	
Recommended for Funding	Not Recommended for Funding
Withdrawn	Disqualified

#	FY26 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested	Recommended	Category
1	Markagunt OHV Trail System Trail Reconstruction: The Duck Creek Trail System has not undergone any maintenance programs in the past 20 years. The DCVLP group is initiating a trail rebuilding program, and an annual maintenance schedule started in 2025. The trail project will continue in 2026 and move forward until it is complete. Grant funding will provide for the tools necessary to continue working on the trails for future projects.	Duck Creek Village Legacy Project	\$72,056.50	\$48,757.50	\$48,757.50	Trail Work
2	Single Track Trails Grit and Tools: Grant will provide funding to purchase essential tools to maintain single-track trails on the Manti National Forest and San Rafael Swell. The single-track trails on the San Rafael Swell and Manti National Forest require substantial yearly maintenance.	Sage Riders Motorcycle Club	\$10,119.00	\$6,674.00	\$6,674.00	Trail Work
3	SE UT Singletrack Maintenance:	Ride with	\$51,356.40	\$35,832.40	\$35,832.40	Trail Work

	<p>This project will do major maintenance of motorized singletrack at Sovereign Trail, Dubinky, Temple Mountain, Chimney Rock, and the Ferron Ranger District. Ride with Respect will coordinate with other local motorcycle groups and land managers to complement their own work on these trails. An experienced crew on motorcycles will ensure that the work is efficient and effective to improve the longevity of trails and the enjoyment of singletrack riders.</p>	Respect				
4	<p>Goblin Valley Behind the Butte OHV Practice Riding Area: We are formalizing an old informal OHV/ATV/dirt bike play area located in the recently improved West Behind the Butte camping area. The area will be fenced and signed as an official OHV practice riding area, allowing for riding near campsites and skill development for young riders. The project connects directly with a UORG RRI grant we received in 2025 that improved nearby campsites and funded the signage and initial fencing for the OHV area entrances.</p>	Goblin Valley State Park	\$6,786.80	\$3,748.00	\$3,748.00	Trail Work
5	<p>Parker Mountain Trail Use Data Collection: Funds will be used to purchase TRAFx trail counters and trail cameras, then deployed in partnership with the Fishlake National Forest Data Collection Program for the Parker Mountain Trail System. This is a new OHV trail system, and no utilization data has ever been collected.</p>	Paiute Trail Committee	\$12,800.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	Trail Work
6	<p>Robbers Roost and Fishlake Trail Maintenance (Originally requested \$37,838.90): The Robbers Roost Trail Committee</p>	Robbers Roost Trail Committee	\$46,618.90	\$37,838.90	\$32,838.90	Trail Work

	<p>desires a grant to provide trail maintenance and signage for roads and trails on the BLM Forest Service lands in Emery, Sevier, Wayne, and Garfield Counties.</p> <p>This application was reduced by \$5,000 for trail mapping, as local land management agencies have already completed mapping for these areas. The council's Forest Service representative advised the applicant to contact local federal agencies to obtain access to these maps.</p>		(Originally \$51,618.90)			
7	<p>Maintenance and Equipment Trailer: We plan to buy an enclosed snowmobile trailer to haul equipment and supplies to project sites. Also fund the fuel and maintenance of equipment used to maintain the Arapeen Trail System.</p>	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$59,065.98	\$44,255.98	\$44,255.98	Trail Work
8	<p>Emery County Signing Crew: Emery County will partner with the Manti-La Sal National Forest to hire two seasonal employees dedicated to improving the popular Arapeen Trail System. The project will include replacing and upgrading trail markers, updating decals, and re-signing the entire system to enhance safety, navigation, and visitor experience. This collaborative effort represents a significant investment in long-term trail stewardship.</p>	Emery County	\$198,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	Trail Work
9	<p>Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course: The Buckskin Hills Enduro Training Course will be constructed at the Buckskin Hills Recreation Complex in Uintah County, targeting off-road dirt bike riders with challenging, technical obstacles to enhance their skills.</p>	Uintah County	\$404,718.70	\$382,064.00	\$382,064.00	Trail Work

	The project will include three skill levels, a fence enclosing the course, a shade structure, and a 2-vault bathroom.					
10	<p>Fremont and Paiute Trail Systems Connector Trail: The Fremont and Paiute trail systems are significant off-highway vehicle recreation corridors in the western United States, attracting visitors from across the country and serving as an economic driver for rural Utah communities. The planned connection at the Butch Cassidy trailhead improves continuity, safety, and accessibility by creating a centralized access point designed to accommodate a broad spectrum of users, including UTV riders, adaptive recreation participants, and families.</p>	Piute County	\$91,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	Trail Work
11	<p>Sand Ledges Trailhead Restroom & Parking Lot Expansion: This project will add a new restroom facility and gravel parking lot to an existing trailhead at the Sand Ledges Block. These improvements are critical, as additional parking areas and essential amenities will greatly contribute to maintaining a clean and spacious staging area at this well-known location on the Paiute ATV Trail System.</p>	Sevier County Economic Development	\$149,125.00	\$111,375.00	\$111,375.00	Trail Work
12	<p>White Canyon Trail System: In December 2025, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Monticello Field Office partnered with SPEAR to enhance trails in the White Canyon area of San Juan County. This project will update trail signage and maps while constructing kiosks to ensure clear navigation for users. Collaboration with all stakeholders is crucial for the success of this initiative, which</p>	San Juan Public Entry and Access Rights (SPEAR)	\$84,301.87	\$62,092.02	\$62,092.02	Trail Work

	aims to enhance off-road use while preserving the integrity of the unique natural beauty and rugged terrain of the region.					
13	Warner and Long Valley OHV Trail Cleanup Project: Removal of trash and debris from Warner Valley OHV area and Long Valley OHV staging areas. This project will occur over four separate days from Spring 2026 through the Fall of 2027. No dumping and no littering signs will be placed along the West and East entrances to Warner Valley and Long Valley at the beginning of this project.	Project Enduro for Vets	\$21,344.65	\$14,510.90	\$14,510.90	Trail Work
14	Improving Safety & Wayfinding Signage at Cricket Mountains OHV Trail System: The Cricket Mountains OHV Trail System in Millard County, Utah, offers about 129 miles of marked trails for all skill levels, featuring varied terrain from valleys to mountains, with access points and parking off Highway 257. To improve the user experience on the OHV Trail System, the BLM will update all signage, including directional signs on Hwy 257, trail maps at the trailheads, and signs guiding riders on the trail. Doing so will enhance safe recreation access for riders.	Foundation for America's Public Lands	\$70,407.00	\$52,641.00	\$52,641.00	Trail Work
15	Additional Funding for OHV Lighting Project (Originally requested \$191,062.06): Additional costs needed for the lighting grant AP-004453. Purchase a dirt bike and safety gear for the park for testing out the tracks/obstacles. The dirt bike and associated gear were removed from the budget. The Council recommended the applicant	Jordan River OHV State Park	\$187,829.00 (Originally \$203,062.06)	\$191,062.06	\$175,829.00	Trail Work

	reapply at a later date for funding for this equipment.					
17	<p>Moab OHV Destinations – Tusher Tunnel, Uranium Arch, Bartlett Alcove: This project will provide key updates to three popular OHV destinations in Moab, Utah: the Tusher Tunnel, Uranium Arch, and Bartlett Alcove. The Foundation for America’s Public Lands and the Bureau of Land Management are working together, along with key partners, to install and refresh existing signage, restore a trailhead, refresh a trail, and install fencing on these popular public lands, which see over 50,000 visitors annually.</p>	Foundation for America’s Public Lands	\$59,866.00	\$42,866.00	\$42,866.00	Trail Work
19	<p>Kane County Trail Maintenance Project: Kane County is seeking to purchase trail maintenance equipment to maintain crucial, high-use trail connector routes.</p>	Kane County	\$146,110.82	\$99,029.44	\$99,029.44	Trail Work
21	<p>Public Lands Access Protection: PLPCO will actively engage in coordination, policies, planning, and litigation to ensure the State of Utah preserves its access to public lands. This access will provide opportunities for Utahns to recreate across the State’s magnificent landscape. While preserving access to recreation, PLPCO will also preserve access to areas that are vital to Utah’s economy. These areas will help build a future for every Utahn through multiple-use, sustained yield, and exemplary stewardship.</p>	Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office	\$706,004.50	\$350,000.00	\$350,000.00	Access Protection
22	<p>Utah Mini-Moto League: The Mini-Moto League (also known as Edge Mini-MX League) is a premier youth-focused mini-motocross rider education, racing, and training program that has operated for the last 14 years. It</p>	Beyond Pro Sports & Events	\$151,982.00	\$54,400.00	\$54,400.00	Education

	<p>supports young riders ages 3 to 18 (typically starting from age 4, with classes for gas-powered & electric race bikes, including Stacyc style). Our program will seek support to pay for the park rental fees and rental fees for lighting, timing & scoring software, and other services, from the Grants and sponsors.</p>					
23	<p>Big Ride: The Big Ride brings OHV representatives from across the state together, along with land managers, state representatives, and elected officials. This is a collaborative effort to educate and share information about OHV Recreation. This funding will help offset attendees' hotel costs so the Big Ride can get more attendance from OHV clubs across Utah.</p>	Utah ATV Association	\$129,001.00	\$78,100.00	\$78,100.00	Education
24	<p>Steward Moab OHV Trail Ambassador Revitalization & Long Term Sustainability (Originally requested \$323,965.33): Since 2023, the OHV Trail Ambassador program has provided educational resources and promoted safe and responsible recreation to over 10,000 motorized trail users in the Moab Area. In 2026, the program transitioned to a new non-profit, Steward Moab, while maintaining key leadership. This application seeks funding for 2027-2028 to sustain essential education programming, expand OHV volunteer opportunities, increase event engagement, and cultivate a donor base to ensure long-term sustainability.</p> <p>Funding was reduced by half to support one year of project implementation. The Engagement Coordinator</p>	Steward Moab	\$211,861.92 (Originally \$423,723.85)	\$323,965.33	\$161,982.67	Education

	<p>position was not funded, as the Council prioritized directing funds toward on-the-ground work rather than personnel focused on securing additional funding.</p>					
25	<p>Washington County 4-H ATV Club (Originally requested \$76,570.00): The Washington County 4-H ATV Club will deliver year-long, in-person OHV safety and skills training for 120 youth who ride ATVs for recreation and farming. All 4-H club members are required to complete Utah's OHV safety course, then meet monthly (Sept-May) using the 4-H ATV Safety curriculum, which includes hands-on inspections, riding-skill practice, preparedness, and responsible-riding stewardship, culminating in a skills evaluation, public speaking demonstration, and County Fair Exhibit.</p> <p>Funding was reduced to \$20,000 to support the purchase of a more appropriate UTV and trailer, rather than the originally proposed \$50,190 for a Can-Am Defender and enclosed trailer.</p>	Utah State University Extension	\$77,625.41	\$76,570.00	\$46,380.00	Education
27	<p>Garfield County SAR ATV/UTV Trailers and 1 Medbed: We would like to purchase 3 flatbed ATV/UTV trailers to haul our SAR side by sides and related SAR equipment on, and need to purchase 1 medbed to equip the side by side stationed in Escalante. We currently have side-by-sides stationed in Panguitch, Tropic, and Escalante, Utah, for which we need practical solutions/trailers for hauling to remote locations. We also need to purchase 1 more med bed for the side-by-side in</p>	Garfield County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue	\$19,603.56	\$14,879.81	\$14,879.81	Search and Rescue

	Escalante.					
28	<p>Wasatch SAR Medbed 2026 Accessories: This grant money will provide the accessories needed for the new medbed. The medbed needs lights and sirens for safety and to be able to use it in the back country in bad weather.</p>	Wasatch Search & Rescue	\$8,636.60	\$6,476.45	\$6,476.45	Search and Rescue
29	<p>SAR Medical Transport UTVs (Originally requested \$50,000.00): Applying for a grant to build two enclosed UTV's for medical transport out of inaccessible areas. The primary focus is on transport in an enclosed machine with climate control due to the extreme summer heat in the area. Also need a UTV with better suspension for a smoother ride for injured individuals who are sometimes transported up to ten miles in extreme conditions.</p> <p>Funding was reduced from two machines to one following discussion with the Council, during which the applicant indicated they would be comfortable proceeding with a single machine.</p>	Washington County Sheriffs Search and Rescue	\$52,809.38	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue
30	<p>Wasatch SAR UTV 2026: Backcountry Medbed. This is a modified Polaris Expedition that is purpose-built to be a backcountry ambulance. This is the only Side by Side that is capable of holding a full-grown human on a backboard and still being fully enclosed from the weather.</p>	Wasatch Search & Rescue	\$41,648.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue
32	<p>Utah County SAR Ranger 1500: The purpose of this project is to help purchase a new Pioneer Ranger 1500 to replace an old and outdated machine. The Ranger 1500 will provide increased power</p>	Utah County Sheriff Search and Rescue	\$51,926.67	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue

	and capability, allowing it to better handle track systems during the winter months. This upgrade will enable year-round service and improved access for visitors throughout Utah County.					
33	<p>Motorized Avalanche Forecasting - Weather Station Upgrades and New PPE: The UAC requests OHVR funding to support infrastructure and equipment upgrades for motorized avalanche forecasting. This project funds daily avalanche forecasts, critical PPE for forecasters conducting snowmobile-based fieldwork, and maintenance and upgrades for weather stations that provide essential data for the forecast team. These investments help the UAC forecast team provide daily avalanche forecasts accessed by motorized users across Utah.</p>	Utah Avalanche Center	\$219,547.54	\$136,731.54	\$136,731.54	Snowmobile
34	<p>Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation Trailer: The Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation is seeking funding to purchase an enclosed trailer to store and haul avalanche awareness and educational equipment to trail heads and field days with the Utah Avalanche Center and the public. This would include avalanche safety gear, avalanche education items, beacon checkpoints, and snowmobiles for field days. As well as function as another resource for the nonprofit's activities, such as fundraising, trail maintenance, warming hut setup, and maintenance.</p>	Friends of Central Utah Winter Recreation	\$14,610.25	\$13,035.25	\$13,035.25	Snowmobile
35	<p>Flirt with our Dirt- Garfield County Spring OHV Advertising: We will put together a marketing campaign to position our area as a top riding destination in the</p>	Garfield County Tourism	\$46,400.00	\$34,800.00	\$34,800.00	OHV Tourism

	western U.S. We want to showcase the diverse landscapes around Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Dixie National Forest to attract more visitors and encourage them to explore beyond just Bryce Canyon National Park. By using targeted marketing channels, we hope to bring in more overnight stays and support the local outdoor recreation economy.					
36	Green River Dirt Bike Rally: The Green River Dirt Bike Rally is intended to introduce riders to some fabulous trails in the Green River area while teaching how to experience public lands safely and responsibly. This is a dual effort to boost the local economy and teach visitors the importance of respecting public land use rules so that everyone interested can continue to use these lands in the future. This event helps to boost Dirt Bike Tourism in the area and encourages responsible riding.	City of Green River	\$17,744.40	\$4,249.40	\$4,249.40	OHV Tourism
37	Uintah County/Dinoland Trails Marketing: This campaign will run from May through September 2026, promoting the local Dinoland OHV trails and events like the Outlaw ATV Jamboree and Vernal Rock Rally. We'll send riders to dinolandtrails.com to watch trail videos and find helpful information. The goal is to bring in more visitors and improve safety awareness. The total budget is \$44,500, funded by a 75% state grant and a 25% local match by us, and it focuses on riders in Utah and other markets to help grow the local recreation economy.	Uintah County Travel & Tourism	\$44,500.00	\$33,375.00	\$33,375.00	OHV Tourism
38	Utah's Rec Center: Our main goal is to help more people see	Sevier County	\$48,250.00	\$36,187.50	\$36,187.50	OHV Tourism

	Richfield and Sevier County as "Utah's TRAIL COUNTRY" and get them out riding on the Paiute and Gooseberry trail systems. We'll promote the newly printed trail map and the 2026 Rocky Mountain Jamboree to bring in more visitors, increase overnight stays, and help local businesses by extending the riding season.					
39	Kane County Tread Safely Campaign: Kane County wants to launch a Tread Safe campaign, a 6-month safety and education push from May 1 to October 31, 26. As more OHV riders visit our area in Southern Utah, this campaign focuses on teaching people how to ride responsibly and take care of the land here. It will promote "Stay on Trail" messaging and remind riders about the Utah OHV Education Course requirements, so everyone who comes to ride understands how to protect the area's amazing landscapes for future generations to enjoy	Kane County	\$42,000.00	\$31,500.00	\$31,500.00	OHV Tourism
40	OHV Digital Marketing Campaign: This project will be a marketing campaign running for 6 months from May to October 2026 to promote specific OHV trails and a new website that highlights those trails in detail. We will target OHV enthusiasts in Utah and nearby drive markets to increase OHV Travel to the Wayne County area.	Wayne County	\$37,750.00	\$30,200.00	\$30,200.00	OHV Tourism
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	
Total of the 30 Grants Recommended for Funding*:			\$3,593,907.85	\$2,636,317.48	\$2,398,911.76	

**These totals do not include grants that were not recommended for funding. For original request amounts and totals, please see page 10.*

Not Recommended for Funding

#	FY26 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
16	<p>Fillmore Forest Trail repair and enhancement 2: There are many roads and trails in the Fillmore Forest district. Due to a wildfire and high runoff a few years ago, there is still much need to repair existing routes. Our first grant money has been very beneficial, but it is nearly used up. Our Forest manager is very appreciative of what we have accomplished so far and has more routes in mind for us to help him get repaired.</p> <p>The Council did not recommend this project for funding due to concerns that the proposed cost for 25 miles of trail was high. Given that the contractor is also the club president, the Council requested more detailed information on the work to be performed, along with bids from outside contractors, to ensure costs are reasonable and comparable.</p>	Sand Rock Ridge Riders ATV Club	\$107,500.00	\$102,000.00	Trail Work
18	<p>Salina Motocross/Mountain Bike Park - Phase 1: The overall project consists of building the motocross track, which includes but is not limited to clearing the site, excavation, surfacing, grading, and material placement. Parking and earthwork for the track will also be done to help provide areas to park trailers and trucks to access the motocross track. This includes the dirt work, the grading, and all the other details for that area for the earthwork and parking elements. The engineering and design have been done, and the estimate for this project was prepared by a licensed engineering firm. This project is shovel-ready.</p> <p>The Council did not recommend this project for funding due to ongoing concerns from a neighboring property owner regarding noise and</p>	Salina City	\$550,000.00	\$350,000.00	Trail Work

	<p>potential impacts to property value. The Council indicated that a final, legally binding agreement between the applicant and the neighbor would be required before the project could be considered for future funding.</p>				
20	<p>OHV Trail Equipment: Garfield County requests funding to purchase a motor grader to maintain Class D roads that serve as primary OHV travel corridors. These roads are wider than standard two-track trails and receive heavy OHV use but no dedicated maintenance funding. The grader will improve safety, manage drainage, reduce washboarding, and protect surrounding resources while maintaining reliable public access to recreation areas.</p> <p>The Council did not recommend this project for funding, as Class D roads are generally unmanaged and valued for their primitive and adventurous character. The Council expressed concern that the use of a trail grader could alter these conditions and diminish the intended user experience.</p>	Garfield County	\$460,000.00	\$345,000.00	Trail Work
26	<p>Utah 4-H "Beyond the Trail" ATV Safety and Stewardship Program: Utah 4-H Beyond the Trail is a statewide youth development program that uses ATV safety education and outdoor recreation to build life skills, promote responsible recreation, and foster stewardship of Utah's natural resources. Through hands-on learning, certified instruction, and leadership opportunities, youth progress from discovering interests to applying skills that strengthen safety, confidence, and community contribution.</p> <p>The Council did not recommend this project for funding, as it was primarily for the purchase of virtual</p>	Utah State University Extension, Sanpete County	\$240,800.28	\$175,308.63	Education

	<p>reality goggles to teach machine operation. The Council did not see a strong correlation between virtual reality-based instruction versus the hands-on, on-the-ground, real-world training emphasized in the 4-H initiative.</p>				
31	<p>Iron County SAR CanAm ATV purchase 2026: The Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue is a fully volunteer group of dedicated individuals under the direction of the Iron County Sheriff's Office. We are committed to providing assistance in emergency situations, any time of year and in any weather condition, to the people of the County and communities across all of Iron County, Utah. This year, we are asking for help to acquire a new Side X Side ATV to replace an older machine in our current fleet.</p> <p>This project was not recommended for funding, as the Council did not identify an immediate need for new equipment. The applicant's current equipment, purchased in 2021, was determined to remain in usable condition and capable of supporting ongoing needs.</p>	Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue	\$37,951.00	\$25,000.00	Search and Rescue
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	
Total of the 5 Grants Not Recommended for Funding:			\$1,396,251.28	\$997,308.63	

Withdrawn by Applicant

#	FY26 Q1 - Summer	Sponsor	Total Project Cost	Requested OHVR Funding	Category
41	<p>Town of Dutch John Side-by-Side: The Town of Dutch John is applying for this grant in order to purchase a side-by-side that will be used for maintaining existing trails in and around the town and in other areas of Daggett County. This side-by-side will also be used for creating</p>	Town of Dutch John	\$35,922.04	\$32,329.04	Trail Work

	<p>new trails in cooperation with USFS and Daggett County that will enable OHV, mountain bikers, hikers, and various others access to added outdoor recreational experiences and allow for increased tourism and economic development in the area.</p> <p>From Applicant: After some great conversations and good advice, we think it would be best for us to wait and apply during a future cycle of this grant. Please let me know any actions that we need to take.</p>				
42	<p>DLE SERO Conservation Officers North Crew OHV: Utah DLE Conservation Officers (COs) are seeking an SxS for the SERO North Crew. DLE COs currently assist SAR by responding to SAR callouts from home or active patrols. The SxS will primarily benefit the SERO North Crew in Carbon and Emery counties, although it may be used with other SAR teams and DLE patrol efforts throughout the state. DLE COs have different funding sources for our budgets than other DLE divisions. DLE COs currently do not use any DLE Rec Ranger funds to purchase equipment. Outdoor recreational experiences allow for increased tourism and economic development in the area.</p> <p>The applicant withdrew their application, as they evaluate and pursue alternative funding sources within their agency.</p>	Utah Division of Law Enforcement	\$30,949.00	\$15,475.00	Search and Rescue
			Total Project Cost	Requested Funding	
Total Funding for the Two Grants Withdrawn:			\$68,871.04	\$47,804.04	

Disqualified by Program Staff

#	FY26 Q2 - Spring	Sponsor	Total Project	Requested	Category
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			Cost	OHVR Funding	
43	<p>Snowmobiling Infrastructure in Settlement Canyon: In the winter, Settlement Canyon Road is closed to commercial traffic but open to snowmobiles. To better support their use, a primary parking lot will be paved, mile markers will be added along key trails, and kiosks will be installed.</p> <p>The application was disqualified for not including a required letter of support from a local OHV group. After program staff followed up with the Utah Snowmobile Association, the organization stated it does not support the project and declined to provide a supporting letter, as they felt the project would primarily benefit non-motorized users and private landowners.</p>	Tooele County	\$166,375.00	\$96,625.00	Trail Work
44	<p>Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office: This project will allow the Monticello Field Office to purchase 1 OHV and 1 Bob Cat to maintain existing trails. It would also pay for youth corps hitches and signing materials for motorized trail maintenance.</p> <p>The application was disqualified due to missing required documentation, including a second required letter of support. Instead of the required letter, a note was uploaded requesting that staff contact an individual for information and support. The budget was also incomplete and not submitted using the required budget form. The Council's BLM representative intends to reach out to the applicant to help them strengthen their application for future funding cycles.</p>	Bureau of Land Management Monticello	\$230,175.00	\$192,462.00	Trail Work
45	<p>Back From Beyond Podcast, Building Season Two: Developed in partnership</p>	Steward Moab	\$70,000.00	\$35,000.00	OHV Tourism

<p>with Steward Moab, the Back From Beyond Podcast features real Grand County Search and Rescue stories. Featuring in-depth conversation with survivors and the team that brought them home in the Moab region's most remote and demanding terrain. Each episode showcases the full range of GCSAR's expertise, highlighting the commitment and dedication of one of the most active teams in the State of Utah. This request is for the underwriting of OHV-related episodes for Season 2.</p> <p>The application was disqualified due to the lack of a required letter from the local tourism director. The letter of support provided by the local sheriff's office did not meet the specified requirement for this category. Program staff recommended that the applicant reapply in the next funding cycle under the Education category.</p>				
		<p>Total Project Cost</p>	<p>Requested Funding</p>	
<p>Total of the 3 Grants Disqualified by Staff:</p>	<p>\$300,175.00</p>	<p>\$227,462.00</p>		

(6:09:56) Action Item: Club Support Letters Wade Allison addressed the issue of "blanket approvals" from clubs. He directed staff to update the club contact list and reminded the committee to call clubs directly to ensure they understand the project's totality before the next cycle.

(6:11:26) Informational: OHV Community Survey India Nielsen shared that 687 Utahns completed the OHV survey (a high 14% response rate). The data showed that 48% of users are satisfied with how registration fees are spent, while 41% are neutral.

(6:19:50) Informational: Compliance Auditing Jason Curry proposed hiring a dedicated compliance officer. This individual would conduct "IRS-style" audits on grant-funded equipment (dozers, UTVs) to ensure they haven't been sold, moved out of the county, or repurposed for non-OHV use.

(6:31:07) Action Item: Salesforce Portal Updates. The committee requested technical fixes for the Salesforce portal. Rachel Toker will update the app to allow budget viewing without downloading and add a "notes" section to track an applicant's history of completing past projects.

(6:35:18) Action Item: Future Application Questions. A mandatory disclosure for AI-assisted writing will be added. Additionally, applicants must now state if they are concurrently applying for RTP funds for the same project.

(6:43:42) Brody Johnson made the motion for adjournment. Mike Cook seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.