

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL



**Outdoor
Recreation**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

MEETING PACKET

Uintah County Building

UTAH DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

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HOST:

Uintah County Building

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ATTENDEES:

Division of Outdoor Recreation (DOR) Employees:

Evan Beitsch, Maureen Casper, Jason Curry, Tara McKee, Deirdre Miller, Patrick Morrison, Mike Thomas, Rachel Toker, Jorge Vazquez, Caroline Weiler

Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) Employees:

Jacob Hinton

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Nicole Hanna

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council Members:

Jason Blankenagel (Chair), Brody Johnson (Vice-Chair), Cheryl Butler, Russ Cazier, Mike Cook, Sheriff Nathan Curtis, Brett Davis, Dean Harris, Dave Jacobson, Nicole Nielson, Laci Werner, Scott Wheeler

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

INFORMATION

1. WELCOME

Uintah County Building

1.1. Call to Order

Jason Blankenagel, Chair

1.2. Attendance and Introductions

Chair

INFORMATION

2. APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

Chair & Rachel Toker, OHV Recreation Grant Administrator

10:10 a.m.

2.1. Foundation for America's Public Lands, APP-006218 (#3)

David Zhang

10:25 a.m.

2.2. Glenwood MX, APP-006380 (#6)

Rodrick Gerhardy

10:35 a.m.	2.3. Utah Public Lands Alliance, APP-006124 (#14)	Loren Campbell & Clif Koontz
10:45 a.m.	2.4. Soren Marketing, APP-006103 & APP-006120 (#26 & #27)	Cody Draper
10:55 a.m.	2.5. Utah Off Roaders Alliance, APP-006108 (#28)	Kristina Schmid
11:05 a.m.	2.6. Tread Lightly, APP-006437 (#16)	James Boyd
11:15 a.m.	2.7. Grand County Active Transportation & Trails Dept., APP-006055 (#2)	Madeline Logowitz & Joe Nielson
11:25 a.m. INFORMATION	3. OHV RECREATION (OHVR) GRANT REVIEW FOR FY27 Q1	Chair & OHVR Grant Administrator
12:00 p.m.	4. LUNCH	Cafe Rio
12:30 p.m. INFORMATION	5. CONT. OHVR GRANT REVIEW FOR FY27 Q1	Chair & OHVR Grant Administrator
3:00 p.m. ACTION	6. MOTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED OHVR GRANTS FOR SUMMER FY27 Q1	Chair
3:15 p.m.	7. BREAK	
3:30 p.m. INFORMATION	8. TRAIL CREW UPDATE	Mike Thomas, Trail Crew Program Superintendent
3:45 p.m. INFORMATION	9. OTHER ITEMS	Jason Curry, DOR Director
	9.1. Feedback on Potential Legislation: <u>Safety and Cleanups</u>	India Nielsen, DOR Deputy Director, and Deirdre Miller, Education Program Manager
	9.2. Interim Transportation Committee <u>Off-highway Vehicle Modifications</u>	DOR Director
	9.3. <u>Rule Change: Street-Legal Non-Resident Permit</u>	
	9.4. Deputy Director of Motorized Operations	

	9.5. OHV License Plate Re-design	
	9.6. Youth Education for Organized Rides	
	9.7. Statewide Youth Helmet Program	
	9.8. Sand Hollow Land Purchase	
	9.9. <u>Nuclear Project in Emery County</u>	
	9.10. Future Meeting Dates & Site Visit	OHVR Grant Administrator
4:45 p.m. INFORMATION	10. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes each)	Chair
5:00 p.m.	11. ADJOURNMENT	Chair

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE RECREATION (OHVR) GRANT — FY27 Q1 - SUMMER - SEPTEMBER 2026										Project Abstract	EVALUATOR SCORES	Salesforce Score
Category	#	APP-00####	Project Name	Organization	County	Project Total	Requested	Match	%		Evaluators	
Trail Work	1	APP-006460	Proctor Canyon Post Fire Restoration	Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$398,182.06	\$151,182.06	\$247,000.00	62%	Proctor Canyon Post Fire Restoration: Garfield County will work with Dixie National Forest to repair and stabilize Proctor Canyon Road, a major motorized access route from the Hatch area into the Dixie National Forest that was heavily damaged by the France Canyon Fire and subsequent monsoonal flooding. Work will include culvert installation, riprap bank stabilization, gravel replacement, and temporary seasonal access management to improve safety and preserve long-term OHV access.	Brody Johnson Jason Blankenagel Cheryl Butler	98.3%
Trail Work	2	APP-006055	Moab-Area OHV Trail Coordination	Grand County Government	Grand, San Juan	\$239,988.00	\$137,488.00	\$102,500.00	43%	Moab-Area OHV Trail Coordination: Grand County seeks funding to retain an OHV Trail Coordinator position in 2027 and 2028. This position is essential for coordinating with local land managers and stakeholders and planning motorized trail projects that are implemented by the DOR State Trail Crew. This position builds on four years of motorized trail programming, and funding will allow Grand County to continue building local capacity for needed trail maintenance.	Cheryl Butler Dave Jacobson Brett Davis	95.0%
Trail Work	3	APP-006218	Facility, Experience, and Access Enhancements at the High Desert Trail	Foundation for America's Public Lands	Beaver, Box Elder, Iron, Juab, Millard, Tooele, Washington	\$381,915.72	\$266,327.72	\$115,588.00	30%	Facility, Experience, and Access Enhancements at the High Desert Trail: Utah's High Desert Trail is an ambitious motorized trail project designed to connect 7 counties along 810 miles. It represents the vision of local, state, and federal partners and an investment of more than \$1M. To safely open the trail and track its impact on Utahns, the Foundation for America's Public Lands and the BLM will: purchase and install durable wayfinding signage and kiosks to enhance motorized access, install traffic counters, and safely open the long-awaited trail.	Brody Johnson Laci Werner Jason Blankenagel	95.0%
Trail Work	4	APP-006343	Fishlake Motorized Trail Equipment Replacement	Fishlake National Forest	Beaver, Garfield, Millard, Piute, Sevier, Wayne	\$45,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$6,000.00	13%	Fishlake Motorized Trail Equipment Replacement: Replacement of two 50" side-by-sides for Paiute, Gooseberry & Great Western Trail maintenance.	Cheryl Butler Sheriff Curtis Nicole Nielson	91.7%
Trail Work	5	APP-006339	Carbon County Motocross Track Continued Improvements 3	Carbon County Recreation Department	Carbon	\$230,298.72	\$173,421.04	\$56,877.68	25%	Carbon County Motocross Track Continued Improvements 3: In the third round of Carbon County Motocross Track improvements, we will focus on improving the substrate of the track, as well as some improvements around the facility. Sand and topsoil will be added, surfactant will improve water retention and dust suppression, a tractor will be leased for grooming, and starting gates will be replaced.	Scott Wheeler Jason Blankenagel Nicole Nielson	90.0%
Trail Work	6	APP-006380	Glenwood Raceway Track Improvements	Glenwood MX	Sevier	\$170,760.89	\$112,507.33	\$58,253.56	34%	Glenwood Raceway Track Improvements: Glenwood raceway track maintenance project. Maintenance equipment leasing, track watering improvements, safety upgrades, and track repair.	Scott Wheeler Russ Cazier Mike Cook	86.7%
Trail Work	7	APP-006383	Indian Creek and Ferron Creek Bridge Replacement	Manti-La Sal National Forest Ferron Ranger District	Sanpete	\$91,824.40	\$68,233.00	\$23,591.40	26%	Indian Creek and Ferron Creek Bridge Replacement: The Ferron Creek Bridge is needing to be replaced it has a broken stringer and will not last much longer. The Indian Creek bridge is at the end of it's life span and is also needing to be replaced.	Cheryl Butler Scott Wheeler Dean Harris	86.7%
Trail Work	8	APP-006431	Tri-State OHV Trail Maintenance	Tri State ATV Club	Garfield, Iron, Kane, Washington	\$15,894.20	\$11,970.20	\$3,924.00	25%	Tri-State OHV Trail Maintenance: This project provides funding for an enclosed cargo trailer along with appropriate tools for trail maintenance and upkeep. Including projects for the enhancement, operation and maintenance of public owned OHV facilities, maintaining trails for UTV/OHV access, kiosk projects, cattle guards, gates, trail cleanup, and installing picnic tables on existing trails.	Dave Jacobson Brody Johnson Cheryl Butler	85.0%
Trail Work	9	APP-006448	Seasonal Employees for Trail Work	Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$109,180.00	\$40,000.00	\$69,180.00	63%	Seasonal Employees for Trail Work: Garfield County is requesting funding for two seasonal equipment operators to utilize existing equipment to perform maintenance and inspection of OHV routes throughout the county. This work will be coordinated with local OHV groups, the Forest Service, and Garfield County. Garfield County will supply vehicles, equipment, and fuel.	Brett Davis Cheryl Butler Brody Johnson	85.0%
Trail Work	10	APP-006068	Fillmore Forest Trail repair and enhancement 2	Sand Rock Ridge Riders	Millard	\$142,400.00	\$136,400.00	\$6,000.00	4%	Fillmore Forest Trail repair and enhancement 2: This OHVR grant application is a request for funding to help re-build the roads and trails in the Fish Lake Forest above the Fillmore area. Recently there has been another wildfire and heavy rain at times causing destruction. By spring it will certainly be worse. Our work will be done under the direction of our local forest district manager Doug Robison. He will assess the need and give us direction.	Brody Johnson Brett Davis Cheryl Butler	83.3%
Trail Work	11	APP-006443	OHV Trail Equipment	Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$460,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$345,000.00	75%	OHV Trail Equipment: Garfield County is seeking matching funds to complete the purchase of a motor grader for maintaining heavily used Class D roads that serve as primary OHV travel corridors. The project has already been awarded \$200,000 through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) toward a total project budget of \$460,000. The grader will improve safety, drainage, and trail conditions while protecting surrounding resources and maintaining reliable public access. Garfield County will still provide a 25% cash match	Brody Johnson Scott Wheeler Jason Blankenagel	81.7%
Trail Work	12	APP-006389	Olsen Reservoir BLM Trail Designation	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	Carbon, Emery	\$26,500.00	\$18,550.00	\$7,950.00	30%	Olsen Reservoir BLM Trail Designation: The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) would like to work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to designate some existing roads/trails on BLM lands north of Olsen Reservoir. The DWR is working on a project to improve Olsen Reservoir and would like to ensure and improve public access to the reservoir. Currently, these routes are not designated for use in the BLM Travel Management Plan.	Dave Jacobson Russ Cazier	77.5%
Trail Work	13	APP-006483	Little Egypt Restroom	Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$95,140.00	\$67,600.00	\$27,540.00	29%	Little Egypt Restroom: Garfield County will install a concrete vault toilet at the Little Egypt staging area, a popular access point for OHV recreation in the Poison Springs and Henry Mountains areas. The project will improve sanitation and visitor services at this heavily used staging location and will include two years of restroom cleaning and vault pumping.	Dave Jacobson Brody Johnson Russ Cazier	65.0%
Access Protection	14	APP-006124	UPLA Public Policy Consultant Position	Utah Public Lands Alliance	All	\$52,465.00	\$42,000.00	\$10,465.00	20%	UPLA Public Policy Consultant Position: UPLA will retain our public lands consultant to monitor and influence decisions affecting OHV access in Utah. The consultant will research, educate, advocate, and submit comments on land use plans to support responsible OHV recreation. Performance measures include submitting meaningful comments during public comment periods and providing substantive feedback on priority travel management, resource management, and other land use plans affecting OHV access, as well as conducting training.	Nicole Nielson Dean Harris Brett Davis	86.7%
Access Protection	15	APP-006053	Mary Cashen Canyon Fence Phase 2	Uintah County	Uintah	\$55,795.78	\$24,115.78	\$31,680.00	57%	Mary Cashen Canyon Fence Phase 2: The Mary Cashen Canyon Phase 2 Project will extend the existing fencing by approximately 1.5 miles, from the end of the Phase 1, 2024 project to the Searle Cutoff Road. The project will include installation of fencing along the approved road alignment. The completed fencing will secure adjacent private property while completing this portion of the OHV trail, eliminating locked gates and providing continued, unrestricted public access to Uintah County's OHV trail system.	Nicole Nielson Jason Blankenagel Brett Davis	81.7%

Categories	%	BEGINNING	% USED	\$ USED	% LEFTOVER	\$ LEFTOVER
Trail Work	49%	\$2,940,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$2,940,000.00
Access Protection	7.5%	\$450,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$450,000.00
Education	7.5%	\$450,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$450,000.00
Search and Rescue	23%	\$1,380,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$1,380,000.00
Snowmobile	10%	\$600,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$600,000.00
OHV Tourism	3%	\$180,000.00	0.0%	\$0.00	100.0%	\$180,000.00

100%	\$6,000,000.00	0%	\$0.00	100%	\$6,000,000.00
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Categories	POTENTIAL USE				
	% USED	\$ USED	% LEFTOVER	\$ LEFTOVER	
Trail Work	45.5%	\$1,337,679.35	54.5%	\$1,602,320.65	
Access Protection	14.7%	\$66,115.78	85.3%	\$383,884.22	
Education	87.0%	\$391,287.98	13.0%	\$58,712.02	
Search and Rescue	16.4%	\$226,930.58	83.6%	\$1,153,069.42	

Education	16	APP-006437	Tread Lightly! OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative	Tread Lightly	Beaver, Carbon, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Washington, Wayne	\$322,957.40	\$259,400.00	\$63,557.40	20%	Tread Lightly! OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative: Tread Lightly! will establish a Southern Utah based OHV Education Specialist to lead the OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative, separate from the current Utah OHVR Program Manager. The project will deliver safety campaigns, educational signs and kiosks, youth outreach with geographic focus in Southern Utah, and a trackable web based "Know Before You Go" program through outfitters, rental businesses, and community partners statewide.	Mike Cook Scott Wheeler Nicole Nielson	80.0%
Education	17	APP-006130	Guided OHV Tours in Millard County	Territorial Statehouse State Park	Millard	\$43,751.48	\$25,727.98	\$18,023.50	41%	Guided OHV Tours in Millard County: This project is a guided OHV tour program based out of Territorial Statehouse State Park. It will combine recreational trail access to OHV owners (using their own machines) with educational points of interest. Grant funds will purchase two OHVs (a leader and a rear sweep), safety and first aid gear, a drinking water system, and communications. The program provides structured, safe off-road experiences and adds recreation assets to a State Park typically known only for its museum.	Dave Jacobson Dean Harris Mike Cook	73.3%
Education	18	APP-006105	Back From Beyond Podcast: OHV Pre-SAR Initiative	Steward Moab	Grand	\$67,010.00	\$36,005.00	\$31,005.00	46%	Back From Beyond Podcast: OHV Pre-SAR Initiative: Back From Beyond is a preventative search and rescue podcast designed to reduce SAR incidents in Moab. Produced with Grand County Search and Rescue (GCSAR), one of the most active SAR teams in Utah, episodes pair survivor stories with those who rescued them - educating visitors on how to prepare safely in Moab's remote desert terrain. This request funds underwriting of OHV-related episodes for Season 2.	Mike Cook Sheriff Curtis Jason Blankenagel	51.7%
Education	19	APP-006057	Motorized Rider Trailhead Safety and Responsibility Campaign	Utah Avalanche Center	Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, Morgan, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Utah Wasatch, Weber	\$110,478.00	\$70,155.00	\$40,323.00	36%	Motorized Rider Trailhead Safety and Responsibility Campaign: This program improves rider safety through direct outreach, new trailhead education infrastructure, and targeted classes like Know Before You Go (KBYG). Motorized users account for 40% of all fatalities in Utah, so this is a critical public safety program. It consists of (1) a Rural Trailhead Ambassador, (2) new trailhead signs with integrated beacon checkers, and (3) updated Know Before You Go educational materials to promote avalanche safety and responsible recreation.	Mike Cook Dean Harris Russ Cazier	38.3%
Search and Rescue	20	APP-006345	Tooele County SAR 2 for 3 ATV Request	Tooele County Search & Rescue	Tooele	\$25,317.20	\$18,085.58	\$7,231.62	29%	Tooele County SAR 2 for 3 ATV Request: Tooele County Search & Rescue is adding two new 2025 Honda ATVs to our emergency fleet to help save lives on Utah's trails. We are outfitting oth vehicles with heavy-duty winches, cargo boxes, and high-intensity LED lights so our volunteer teams can navigate rough terrain and find lost or injured riders after dark. This upgrade replaces twenty-year-old models, giving our team the reliable, specialized equipment needed to respond faster and work safer during critical missions.	Sheriff Curtis Laci Werner Russ Cazier	88.3%
Search and Rescue	21	APP-006452	Juab Search and Rescue New OHV and Trailer	Juab County Sheriff's Office	Juab	\$48,993.20	\$36,745.00	\$12,248.20	25%	Juab Search and Rescue New OHV and Trailer: Juab Search and rescue would like to replace some of its older equipment with a new UTV that is enclosed with heat and air conditioning so that it can be used in all weather conditions. like wise we will need to purchase a new trailer to haul the equipment in as none of our current trailers will accomidate a UTV of this size.	Sheriff Curtis Laci Werner Dave Jacobson	88.3%
Search and Rescue	22	APP-006477	Mobile Command Post/Drone Control Center	Wasatch Search & Rescue	Wasatch	\$219,000.00	\$119,000.00	\$100,000.00	42%	Mobile Command Post/Drone Control Center: Wasatch Search & Rescue Mobile Command Post. This Vehicle is setup on a sprinter van chassis. As a mobile command center, SAR will be able to respond quickly to all backcountry calls with a command post that will also be the base for Drone Operations related to Search & Rescue Missions.	Sheriff Curtis Laci Werner Nicole Nielson	78.3%
Search and Rescue	23	APP-006072	Iron County SAR CanAm ATV Purchase Summer 2026	Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue	Iron	\$35,852.00	\$27,000.00	\$8,852.00	25%	Iron County SAR CanAm ATV Purchase Summer 2026: The Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue is seeking a grant to acquire a new Side X Side ATV to replace an older machine in our fleet that is coming to the end of its effective service life, is becoming costly to maintain, and is prone to breakdowns. It will also help us be more confident that the safety of our members and the subjects we rescue is not jeopardized and allow us to transport more people and equipment to areas that are not easily accessible with conventional vehicles.	Sheriff Curtis Mike Cook Jason Blankenagel	75.0%
Search and Rescue	24	APP-006396	Beaver Fire District No. 1 UTV Request	Beaver Fire District No. 1	Beaver, Piute	\$34,800.00	\$26,100.00	\$8,700.00	25%	Beaver Fire District No. 1 UTV Request: Beaver Fire District No. 1's application to acquire a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for incident response.	Sheriff Curtis Laci Werner Brett Davis	70.0%
Snowmobile	25	APP-006336	Strawberry Snowmobile Complex Grooming and Trail Maintenance	Strawberry Trail Users Association	Wasatch	\$196,584.40	\$138,498.20	\$58,086.20	30%	Strawberry Snowmobile Complex Grooming and Trail Maintenance: To provide supplemental snowmobile trail grooming and winter trail maintenance in the Strawberry Snowmobile Complex. Specifically in the Mud Creek, Clyde Creek, and Strawberry Road Areas. This project will work directly with the State to coordinate grooming efforts to provide a more consistent and economical product and to enhance the experience of all users. This will free up State time and resources, resulting in overall better trails, and product (user experience) in the Strawberry area.	Dean Harris Mike Cook Laci Werner	71.7%
OHV Tourism	26	APP-006103	Utah's Trail Country OHV Digital Trailhead	Sevier County Tourism	Sevier	\$35,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$8,750.00	25%	Utah's Trail Country OHV Digital Trailhead: In 2025, there were 1.8 million out-of-market visitors (who lived 50+ miles outside the county) to Sevier County. Measuring OHV-recreation specific visitation exactly is difficult, but based on the trailhead activity data we have access to, we estimate 14% of our county tourism visitation was related to OHV recreation, totaling approximately 112,000 visitors. We do know OHV tourism is down 18% due to the fires we have had.	Sheriff Curtis Brody Johnson Nicole Nielson	96.7%
OHV Tourism	27	APP-006120	OHV Trail Website Update	Garfield County Office of Tourism	Garfield	\$35,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$8,750.00	25%	OHV Trail Website Update: Garfield County is looking to enhance the OHV trail content on its dedicated trail website, utah-trails.com. Garfield County offers some of the most extensive OHV trail networks in Southern Utah. The current website offers incomplet trail information, no filtering or search functionality, and inaccurate data that can pose a risk for visitors planning their OHV trip. Our goal is to flip the script, and turn this website into a valuable resource to OHV enthusiasts coming to Garfield County.	Laci Werner Mike Cook Jason Blankenagel	93.3%
OHV Tourism	28	APP-006108	SLOREX OHV Tourism Marketing Initiative	Utah Off-Roaders Alliance	Salt Lake	\$109,494.20	\$74,403.84	\$35,090.36	32%	SLOREX OHV Tourism Marketing Initiative: SLOREX (Salt Lake Off-Road and Outdoor Expo) is the Utah Off Roaders Alliance's (UORA) flagship annual fundraising event, supporting UORA's mission to preserve and expand responsible OHV recreation access across Utah. Grant funding will support targeted marketing to increase awareness and attendance, grow fundraising revenue, and directly support trail maintenance, advocacy, and responsible recreation education for Utah's OHV community.	Scott Wheeler Dean Harris Brett Davis	81.7%

Snowmobile	23.1%	\$138,498.20	76.9%	\$461,501.80
OHV Tourism	91.9%	\$165,503.84	8.1%	\$14,496.16

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OHV Tourism	29	APP-006481	Explore Logan Snowmobile Promotion	Cache County	Cache	\$48,250.00	\$38,600.00	\$9,650.00	20%	Explore Logan Snowmobile Promotion: Explore Logan will run a five-month digital marketing campaign (Nov. 15, 2026-March 15, 2027) promoting snowmobiling in Logan Canyon and Hardware Ranch. The campaign is designed to grow visitation, overnight stays and rentals by targeting snowmobile enthusiasts along the Wasatch Front, Southeast Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. For the \$48,250 campaign, we are committed to providing \$9,650 and are seeking a \$38,600 match.	Dean Harris Dave Jacobson Russ Cazier	78.3%
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AVAILABLE FUNDS	LEFTOVER
\$6,000,000.00	

Category	Total	County	Reviewers	Assigned	Rep.
Trail Work	13	Salt Lake	Brett Davis	7	4WD
Access	2	Uintah	Jason Blankenagel	8	At Large - Chair
Education	4	Iron	Brody Johnson	8	ATV - Vice Chair
SAR	5	Iron	Dave Jacobson	7	BLM
Snowmobile	1	Iron	Laci Werner	7	Dealership
OHV Tourism	4	Uintah	Mike Cook	8	Edu & Safety
Land Acquisition	0	Carbon	Scott Wheeler	6	Motorcycle
Withdrawn	1	Carbon	Nicole Nielson	7	PLPCO & Access
Disqualified	0	Sevier	Sheriff Curtis	8	SAR
	30	Cache	Dean Harris	7	Snowmobile
		Davis	Russ Cazier	6	STLA
		Salt Lake	Cheryl Butler	7	USFS

Withdrawn	APP-006142	Kamas/Heber/Logan/Ogden Trail Maintenance 2027-2029	Western Singletrack Alliance	Summit, Wasatch, Weber	\$146,824.00	\$108,929.00	\$37,895.00	26%	Kamas/Heber/Logan/Ogden Trail Maintenance 2027-2029: The Summit, Wasatch, and Weber County Singletrack 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
					\$146,824.00	\$108,929.00	\$37,895.00		

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			Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	This is needed. It really is the main connector from US 89 to the east fork by Tropic Reservoir. If not you are going on hwy 12 or to Alton. Both not ideal. The pictures do not do this project justice. This is a disaster area.				100		
				Project Weaknesses:	Not sure if it can be fixed to prevent future problems.				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes				100		
				Other Comments:	Please fix it right so this does not keep happening. It's now terrifying to be in that area if rain is forecast. Not sure how they will truly fix this. I am wishing them all the luck in the world.				100		
				Decision Rationale:	This is a BIG project.						
			Sum				400				
			Cheryl Butler	Project Strengths:	Great partnership, significant match, and looks like critical trail work that needs to be done to maintain access in this area. High match, great attachments, and letters of support				100	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	None noted				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	From the document provided it looks like they have successfully managed and closed out multiple grants.				100		
				Other Comments:					100		
				Decision Rationale:	Great partnership, significant match, and looks like critical trail work that needs to be done to maintain access in this area.						
			Sum				400				
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:	Looks like a true need for providing OHV Access				100	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	
				Project Weaknesses:	It looks like the grant request would pay partly for highway vehicles (Dump truck and pickup/support vehicle). I'm not sure this is an allowed expense.				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes				80		
				Other Comments:	Let's get this road fixed				100		
				Decision Rationale:	We need to look at expense eligibility for some of the vehicles						
			Sum				380				
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			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	Boots on the ground to provide consistency and progress				100		
				Project Weaknesses:	no comment				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Good history				100		
				Other Comments:	Well explained, hope to see this continue. Good photos and letters				100		
				Decision Rationale:	Good program glad to see it continue						
			Sum				400				
			Dave Jacobson	Project Strengths:	This program is a great asset to the OHV community and has a strong track record for improving relationships between riders and land managers. the letters of support are very strong and the community is very supportive of this project. Large amount of cash match.				80	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	The program may not be sustainable for the long term without grant assistance.				80		
				Responsible Stewardship:	The organization has demonstrated responsible stewardship with their past funding and has completed trail improvement projects and engaged with the OHV community.				80		
				Other Comments:	I really like this program and think its a great help to the land management agencies in Moab.				100		
				Decision Rationale:	The program has proved successful in the past and I believe it will continue to be successful in the future. This is a great program with great benefit to the OHV community.						
			Sum				340				
			Cheryl Butler	Project Strengths:	Continuation of a very strong program and partnership aimed at getting meaningful motorized trail maintenance completed				100		

Trail Work	4	APP-006343 Fishlake Motorized Trail Equipment Replacement Fishlake National Forest	Other Comments:		Very straight forward budget and application.		100			Fishlake Motorized Trail Equipment Replacement: Replacement of two 50" side-by-sides for Paiute, Gooseberry & Great Western Trail maintenance.	
			Decision Rationale:		Important equipment for this area and these very significant trails.						
			Sum				400				
			Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:	Reliable partner, direct impact to the trail system. Worthwhile use of the machines. They are showing they have been well used to directly impact the trail system		80		FUND		
				Project Weaknesses:	13% cash match is below the usual 25%		80				
				Responsible Stewardship:	Absolutely have been a reliable and great partner		60				
				Other Comments:	Appreciate the letters of support		100				
				Decision Rationale:	This project will benefit many areas and have significant impact on the OHV trail system. With the widespread impact of the fires and floods dollars will be stretched thin, this will help.						
			Sum				320		FUND		
			Nicole Nielson	Project Strengths:	Trail maintenance is important to keep access open. Compliments other projects.		100				
				Project Weaknesses:			100				
				Responsible Stewardship:	Good standing		80				
				Other Comments:	Fishlake has a great trail system, and the equipment is important for maintenance. Would provide maintenance for 4 trail systems. They will trade in 2 machines for the match. Good letters of support		100				
				Decision Rationale:	Trail maintenance in a very popular motorized recreation area of the state.						
			Sum				380				

Trail Work	5	APP-006339 Carbon County Motocross Track Continued Improvements 3 Carbon County Recreation Department	Carbon	\$230,298.72	\$173,421.04	\$0.00	\$56,877.68	25%	90.0%	FUND	Carbon County Motocross Track Continued Improvements 3: In the third round of Carbon County Motocross Track improvements, we will focus on improving the substrate of the track, as well as some improvements around the facility. Sand and topsoil will be added, surfactant will improve water retention and dust suppression, a tractor will be leased for grooming, and starting gates will be replaced.
			Scott Wheeler	Project Strengths:	Good project, the County has done a good job in maintaining the track. It is an asset to the County. The County is clear and concise on their goals for the Motocross Track. From my visits to the track, it appears to be well maintained and past grant funding has been spent well. Attachments look good		80				
				Project Weaknesses:	Motocross Tracks are high maintenance and require a lot of work		80				
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes		80				
				Other Comments:	The track is regularly used by riders from around the State and kept in good condition		80				
				Decision Rationale:	The County has done a good job in maintaining the track. It is an asset to the County and they have utilized past funding well. Ridders come from all around the state to ride the track. It gets groomed twice a week.						
			Sum				320				
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:	This would be an excellent improvement for the MX Community at and around carbon county. Quantities and values appear to be accurate		100				
				Project Weaknesses:	None		100				
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes		100				
				Other Comments:	Lets keep a good thing going!		100				
				Decision Rationale:	Worth the investment						
			Sum				400				
			Nicole Nielson	Project Strengths:	Great community asset. Brings in a wide range of experience and connects to a trail system. This track is used often. It is near the community, and the surrounding communities use it as well. The connection with public lands trails and allowing for a wide range of experience and users makes this a good project. The County covers general maintenance; they just need funding for updates. This supports more than just Carbon County. Good letters of support.		80				
				Project Weaknesses:	The budget could use a little clarification.		100				
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes		80				
				Other Comments:	I have some questions about the quote sheet. The cost seems to be inaccurate, but I am not sure how to read the Road Dept. quote.		100				
				Decision Rationale:	Great project for the community and others. Connects to a trail system.						
			Sum				360				

			Sevier	\$170,760.89	\$112,507.33	\$0.00	\$58,253.56	34%	86.7%		
			Scott Wheeler	Project Strengths:	This is a great project with a high potential to be used by many. The budget looks very conservative in nature for this project of this size.		80				
				Project Weaknesses:	None		80				

Trail Work	8	APP-000431 Tri-State OHV Trail Maintenance Tri State ATV Club	Cheryl Butler	Project Strengths:	Small ask for what looks like a great set up for this volunteer group. Great letters of support. Trailer and tools to support trail work. Sounds like great partnerships and that these tools will support meaningful trail maintenance in this area.	100	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	appropriate tools for trail maintenance and upkeep. Including projects for the enhancement, operation and maintenance of public owned OHV facilities, maintaining trails for UTV/OHV access, kiosk projects, cattle guards, gates, trail cleanup, and installing picnic tables on existing trails.
				Project Weaknesses:	I wish there was a list of trails/estimated miles of trail a year they will maintain. Right now I am not sure how the division will show this as successful without any reporting metrics.	60		
				Responsible Stewardship:	From the document it looks like they have successfully closed out their last two grants.	100		
				Other Comments:	Great letters of support.	100		
				Decision Rationale:	I do encourage the addition of some sort of miles of trails maintained annually for reporting accomplishments.			
			Sum			360		
			Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	Could be a great use of funds. I think they will do a good job with the items purchased.	100	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	Letters of support are concerning. One was from themselves, another i could not find on the club list.	100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	They have done good work in the past. Wish the jamboree was still going.	100		
				Other Comments:	The club wrote their own letter of support.	40		
				Decision Rationale:				
Sum			340					

Trail Work	9	APP-006448 Seasonal Employees for Trail Work Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$109,180.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$69,180.00	63%	85.0%	FUND	Seasonal Employees for Trail Work: Garfield County is requesting funding for two seasonal equipment operators to utilize existing equipment to perform maintenance and inspection of OHV routes throughout the county. This work will be coordinated with local OHV groups, the Forest Service, and Garfield County. Garfield County will supply vehicles, equipment, and fuel.
			Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	There are a LOT of trails to maintain. I'm good with this, but would hope the county will not seek ongoing funds every year.			100			
				Project Weaknesses:	Just make sure this is not a yearly request. At some point you need to cover this out of county funds			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes			100			
				Other Comments:				100			
				Decision Rationale:	Worthwhile at this point.						
			Sum			400					
			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	Good project, club support; Rough Riders are for it			60	FUND		
				Project Weaknesses:	None			60			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Seems like good history			60			
				Other Comments:				60			
				Decision Rationale:	Stepping up good program						
			Sum			240					
			Cheryl Butler	Project Strengths:	Looks like a great partnership that has been very successful with one seasonal. Sounds like two will help build on and expand this work.			80	FUND		
				Project Weaknesses:	Great match. A little curious if the equipment they are using as a match is Garfield County equipment, I would hope not equipment that has been purchased with OHVR funding.			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:	From document provided it looks like they have successfully managed and closed many grants.			100			
				Other Comments:	This makes sense to have to seasonals, for efficiency and safety. Looks like meaningful and extensive trail work will get done as a result of these two positions.			100			
				Decision Rationale:	Looks like a great partnership that has been very successful with one seasonal. Sounds like two will help build on and expand this work.						
			Sum			380					

		APP-006068	Millard	\$142,400.00	\$136,400.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	4%	83.3%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Fillmore Forest Trail repair and enhancement 2: This OHVR grant application is a request for funding to help rebuild
			Cheryl Butler	Project Strengths:	Sounds like meaningful work that needs to be done for motorized users in this area.			100			
				Project Weaknesses:	There is something that still just doesn't sit right with this application for me with the president of the club being the president of the construction company providing equipment and being paid for that use. It is interesting that club members will operate their equipment, not employees? Would they actually be covered with liability insurance and workers comp?			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Looks like they have from the DOR comments in the document.			60			
				Other Comments:	High cost for low mileage, but with equipment costs might make sense.			80			
				Decision Rationale:	Would encourage the council to consider the conflict identified above in weakness.						
			Sum			320					

Trail Work	10	Fillmore Forest Trail repair and enhancement 2 Sand Rock Ridge Riders	Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	This mountain was devastated recently so work will be a priority and ongoing for years. The trail conditions were bad before, now will be several times worse. Looking forward to this being fixed. Still not sure it will be fully possible in time frame.			100	FUND AT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT	request for funding to help rebuild the roads and trails in the Fish Lake Forest above the Fillmore area. Recently there has been another wildfire and heavy rain at times causing destruction. By spring it will certainly be worse. Our work will be done under the direction of our local forest district manager Doug Robison. He will assess the need and give us direction.	
				Project Weaknesses:	Low match. The match is not great, but understandable.			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes			80			
				Other Comments:	Na			100			
				Decision Rationale:	I recommend increasing amount.						
			Sum				380				
			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	Looks like good project. The group has a history with FS of completing projects			80	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION		
				Project Weaknesses:	Really hard to tell much from this page. Budget seems ok but match is low. \$45k in wages but conflict letter says no manpower from Nixon. \$45k in wages but conflict letter says no manpower from Nixon.			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:	FS letter said groups has done good work previously			60			
				Other Comments:	Glad to see FS and city letter of support.			60			
Decision Rationale:	FS seems to be in favor, work is needed. Confused about manpower										
Sum				300							

Trail Work	11	APP-006443 OHV Trail Equipment Garfield County Government	Garfield	\$460,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$345,000.00	75%	81.7%	FUND	OHV Trail Equipment: Garfield County is seeking matching funds to complete the purchase of a motor grader for maintaining heavily used Class D roads that serve as primary OHV travel corridors. The project has already been awarded \$200,000 through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) toward a total project budget of \$460,000. The grader will improve safety, drainage, and trail conditions while protecting surrounding resources and maintaining reliable public access. Garfield County will still provide a 25% cash match
			Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	Needed. This was a grant that was denied last cycle. After some discussion I am good with it			80			
				Project Weaknesses:	I wish they would have gotten updated letters instead of recycled letters			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:				100			
				Other Comments:	Garfield does have a lot of territory to cover.			80			
				Decision Rationale:							
			Sum				360				
			Scott Wheeler	Project Strengths:	This piece of equipment will be an important asset to the County for maintaining back country routes. I'm pleased that RTP funds were leveraged in this Grant. Budget and attachments look good.			80	FUND		
				Project Weaknesses:	They needed this grader sooner			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes, they have!			80			
				Other Comments:	Great Grant project. The grader will be an important asset for the County in maintaining B and D roads. This will be funding well spent			80			
				Decision Rationale:	This piece of equipment will be an important asset to the County for maintaining back country routes. I'm pleased that RTP funds were leveraged in this Grant. Garfield County has been an example in using OHVR funds to advance off road access in their area.						
			Sum				320				
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:	This project has a strong match			60	FUND		
				Project Weaknesses:	I don't believe that the maintenance of these routes will only benefit the OHV Community. I would imagine this will benefit ranchers, hunters, and other uses besides OHV access. The other uses may not contribute to this, but to say this is 100% OHV related I believe is a misrepresentation.			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes			80			
				Other Comments:	While I think a road grader is overkill and I think there is more served than just the OHV community, we have already awarded half of the funding through the RTP grant and this would provide a benefit to OHV users in the county.			80			
				Decision Rationale:							
			Sum				300				

			Carbon, Emery	\$26,500.00	\$18,550.00	\$0.00	\$7,950.00	30%	77.5%	FUND	Olsen Reservoir BLM Trail Designation:
			Dave Jacobson	Project Strengths:	Their are a lot of variables that may take longer than expected for this project but it is well supported. This project could take a while to move forward with the current workload in Price BLM Office but it is a solid proposal. Applicant has good cash match			80			
				Project Weaknesses:	I think the weakness in this project is the possible length of time that it will take to go through the travel management process.			60			
				Responsible Stewardship:				60			

Access Protection	14	UPLA Public Policy Consultant Position Utah Public Lands Alliance	Sum					320	FUND	educate, advocate, and submit comments on land use plans to support responsible OHV recreation. Performance measures include submitting meaningful comments during public comment periods and providing substantive feedback on priority travel management, resource management, and other land use plans affecting OHV access, as well as conducting training.					
			Dean Harris	Project Strengths:				80							
				Project Weaknesses:				80							
				Responsible Stewardship:				80							
				Other Comments:				80							
				Decision Rationale:											
			Sum					320	FUND						
			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	UPLA does great work, in favor. Good support from BRC			100							
				Project Weaknesses:	Ask is too low			100							
				Responsible Stewardship:	YES!!!			100							
				Other Comments:				100							
				Decision Rationale:	UPLA does great work, in favor										
			Sum					400							
Access Protection	15	APP-006053 Mary Cashen Canyon Fence Phase 2 Uintah County	Uintah	\$55,795.78	\$24,115.78	\$0.00	\$31,680.00	57%	81.7%	FUND	Mary Cashen Canyon Fence Phase 2: The Mary Cashen Canyon Phase 2 Project will extend the existing fencing by approximately 1.5 miles, from the end of the Phase 1, 2024 project to the Searle Cutoff Road. The project will include installation of fencing along the approved road alignment. The completed fencing will secure adjacent private property while completing this portion of the OHV trail, eliminating locked gates and providing continued, unrestricted public access to Uintah County’s OHV trail system.				
			Nicole Nielson	Project Strengths:	Reliable and efficient access.			100							
				Project Weaknesses:	This is a good project that needs to happen.			100							
				Responsible Stewardship:	Good standing			100							
				Other Comments:	This project provides reliable, efficient access to public lands. This is a great partnership with the landowner doing the work and the county providing materials. This project maintains access and provides reliable, efficient access to public lands. Budget seems accurate and appropriate. Good letters of support. Two of the letters are from the same person but with two different organizations.			80							
				Decision Rationale:											
			Sum		The project needs to happen now with the partnership with Simplot.			380	FUND						
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:	Good project to ensure access			80							
				Project Weaknesses:	Two of the support letters were from the same person			100							
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes			100							
				Other Comments:	None.			80							
				Decision Rationale:	Looks like a project that will ensure access										
			Sum					360	FUND						
			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	Good project to help OHV route. Good writeup			60							
				Project Weaknesses:				60							
				Responsible Stewardship:				60							
				Other Comments:				60							
				Decision Rationale:	great improvement for the trail										
			Sum					240							
			Education	16	APP-006437 Tread Lightly! OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative	Beaver, Carbon, Emery,	\$322,957.40	\$259,400.00	\$0.00	\$63,557.40		20%	80.0%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Tread Lightly! OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative: Tread Lightly! will establish a Southern Utah based OHV Education Specialist to lead the OHV Safety & Responsible Riding Education Initiative, separate from the current Utah OHVR Program Manager. The project will deliver safety campaigns, educational signs
						Mike Cook	Project Strengths:	Good summary and fits in education. Good budget, but I do not want this to become a recurring expense. Good attachments.				80			
Project Weaknesses:	Hard to quantify the returns.						80								
Responsible Stewardship:	Yes						60								
Other Comments:							80								
Decision Rationale:	I just want some more input on this.														
Sum						300	FUND AT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT								
Scott Wheeler	Project Strengths:	With the high number of OHV recreationalist, education is an important element of sustaining the activity. Education is a key area of OHV recreation. Fits the area of need. Attachments look good				80									
	Project Weaknesses:	High administrative cost				80									
	Responsible Stewardship:	Yes. I believe so.				60									
	Other Comments:					80									
	Decision Rationale:	I'm ok to fund this program at a reduced amount.													
Sum						300									

		Tread Lightly	Nicole Nielson Project Strengths: Education is an important part of OHV use. Education by peers not government is a good tool. Project Weaknesses: Good letters of support Responsible Stewardship: 80 Other Comments: The project will educate users. It will help users who are not part of a club understand many aspects of OHV use and use on public lands. Peer education is a very popular and effective educational tool. Kind of an expensive education tool, but I do think it would be an effective tool. Decision Rationale: Education is an important part of OHV use. Education by peers not government is a good tool. Sum360						FUND	and kiosks, youth outreach with geographic focus in Southern Utah, and a trackable web based “Know Before You Go” program through outfitters, rental businesses, and community partners statewide.	
Education	17	APP-006130 Guided OHV Tours in Millard County Territorial Statehouse State Park	Millard Mike Cook Dean Harris Dave Jacobson Sum \$43,751.48 Project Strengths: Good summary & fits in the category. Good attachments. Project Weaknesses: Should be two ATVs, not one 6x6. Responsible Stewardship: N/A Other Comments: Not sure if this is a good fit for a State Park. Decision Rationale: Needs more input. Sum300 Project Strengths: As a taxpayer I appreciate that you are willing to give back to the community while educating Project Weaknesses: Responsible Stewardship: Other Comments: Decision Rationale: Sum380 Project Strengths: The program seems like it is loosely associated with the OHV education program and more Project Weaknesses: The State Park does not have Special Recreation Permits or letters from either land management agency indicating they they support the guiding program. The cash match is not secured which may be an issue. They have also not calculated the cost of a Special Recreation Permit or secured these permits from the USFS or BLM though they should be able to fairly easily. I did not see any letters from the USFS or the BLM. Responsible Stewardship: No past projects Other Comments: The proposed guiding seems to be more related to the expansion of the State Parks programing and less related to OHV education. Decision Rationale: I think the grant application needs more discussion of how it related to the OHV education program and if it truly fits. Sum200		\$25,727.98	\$0.00	\$18,023.50	41%	73.3%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Guided OHV Tours in Millard County: This project is a guided OHV tour program based out of Territorial Statehouse State Park. It will combine recreational trail access to OHV owners (using their own machines) with educational points of interest. Grant funds will purchase two OHVs (a leader and a rear sweep), safety and first aid gear, a drinking water system, and communications. The program provides structured, safe off-road experiences and adds recreation assets to a State Park typically known only for its museum.
Education	18	APP-006105 Back From Beyond Podcast: OHV Pre-SAR Initiative	Grand Mike Cook Sheriff Curtis Sum Jason Blankenagel \$67,010.00 Project Strengths: Good summary. I think this fits better in SAR. New idea. Good attachments. Project Weaknesses: Should have a match for the motorized part of the grant (not non-motorized money). Responsible Stewardship: Yes Other Comments: Not sure if this will reach the motorized community. Decision Rationale: Need more input. Sum180 Project Strengths: Support from local user groups. Idea is good, not sure on the effectiveness of a podcast Project Weaknesses: Unsure about this project. \$20K per episode, effectiveness of a podcast, hard to see direct impact on OHV users. Responsible Stewardship: Yes, with some reservations. Other Comments: I don't believe this to be effective use of OHVR dollars. Decision Rationale: I don't believe this will be an effective tool to educate OHV users. Especially at the cost of funding and the very limited number of episodes it will pay for. Sum140 Project Strengths: Cool idea to reach users in a modern way. Thank you for providing podcast reach statistics.		\$36,005.00	\$0.00	\$31,005.00	46%	51.7%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Back From Beyond Podcast: OHV Pre-SAR Initiative: Back From Beyond is a preventative search and rescue podcast designed to reduce SAR incidents in Moab. Produced with Grand County Search and Rescue (GCSAR), one of the most active SAR teams in Utah, episodes pair survivor stories with those who

		Steward Moab	Project Weaknesses:		There isn't a lot of OHV related content compared to the amount of OHV involved cost. If the OHV rescues are only 23% of the SAR calls, why is 54% of the project being funded by OHV funds?			80	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	rescued them - educating visitors on how to prepare safely in Moab's remote desert terrain. This request funds underwriting of OHV-related episodes for Season 2.		
			Responsible Stewardship:		Yes			60				
			Other Comments:		I think this needs further discussion. I would like to see the reach of the existing podcast and have an Idea of how many more this podcast is projected to reach with this funding boost. Details seem fairly vague on the subject.			100				
			Decision Rationale:		There are some concerns about the effect this funding will have on the ground. There are currently ~700 people total that have listened to the one OHV related episode. I would prefer to see more than that and would like to know how many more this grant could make that reach. I also have concerns about the amount of participation from non-motorized compared to the amount of content targeting that group.							
			Sum						300			
Education	19	APP-006057 Motorized Rider Trailhead Safety and Responsibility Campaign Utah Avalanche Center	Box Elder, Cache, Davis,	\$110,478.00	\$70,155.00	\$0.00	\$40,323.00	36%	38.3%	DO NOT FUND	Motorized Rider Trailhead Safety and Responsibility Campaign: This program improves rider safety through direct outreach, new trailhead education infrastructure, and targeted classes like Know Before You Go (KBYG). Motorized users account for 40% of all fatalities in Utah, so this is a critical public safety program. It consists of (1) a Rural Trailhead Ambassador, (2) new trailhead signs with integrated beacon checkers, and (3) updated Know Before You Go educational materials to promote avalanche safety and responsible recreation.	
			Mike Cook	Project Strengths:	Serves a purpose. Good summary & fits category.							60
				Project Weaknesses:	No letters from land managing agency. Trail ambassador program does not justify expense.							40
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes							40
				Other Comments:								0
				Decision Rationale:	No letters from land managing agency.							
			Sum						140			
			Dean Harris	Project Strengths:	Trailhead beacon checks can definitely save lives. I have had one of these sign let me know that I had forgotten to turn my beacon on.					80	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:						80		
				Responsible Stewardship:						80		
				Other Comments:						80		
				Decision Rationale:								
			Sum						320			
			Russ Cazier	Project Strengths:	Good way to reach audience					0	DO NOT FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	No sign-off letter from Land Management agencies in regards to ambassador work and placing signs at trailheads					0		
				Responsible Stewardship:	yes					0		
				Other Comments:						0		
				Decision Rationale:	Dealbreaker - this has no sign-off letters from Land Management agencies in regards to ambassador work and placing signs at trailheads							
			Sum						0			
Search and Rescue	20	APP-006345 Tooele County SAR 2 for 3 ATV Request Tooele County Search & Rescue	Tooele	\$25,317.20	\$18,085.58	\$0.00	\$7,231.62	29%	88.3%	FUND	Tooele County SAR 2 for 3 ATV Request: Tooele County Search & Rescue is adding two new 2025 Honda ATVs to our emergency fleet to help save lives on Utah's trails. We are outfitting oth vehicles with heavy-duty winches, cargo boxes, and high-intensity LED lights so our volunteer teams can navigate rough terrain and find lost or injured riders after dark. This upgrade replaces	
			Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:	Not asking for the total amount they could be based on the flat rate. Good use of cash and in-kind match. Trading in 2002 models for 2025 models is a good deal, and using trade in credit for them helps the budget. Sheriff and ATV association support letters							80
				Project Weaknesses:	Low number of OHV calls this last year, but history makes up for it.							60
				Responsible Stewardship:	The SAR team/sheriff's office has good governmental oversight and no issues in the past							80
				Other Comments:	Cash+ in-kind match to grant request is very good. Flat rate for 2 ATV's is \$26,000 and they are only asking for \$18K.							80
				Decision Rationale:	Replacing 24 year old machines with newer reliable machines similar to what modern OHV users have and are capable are needed.							
			Sum						300			
			Laci Werner	Project Strengths:	New units with newer technology will make servicing easier and the units will be more reliable when needed. Moving from carbed units to EFI units will significantly decrease mechanical issues and make servicing easier!					100	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	I would recommend moving up to a 3500 lb winch. A lot of OHV riders are now IN UTVs which if loaded with equipment or a 4 seater weigh more than 2500 lbs on average.					100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes					100		
				Other Comments:	N/A					100		

		Search & Rescue	Decision Rationale:		Very beneficial to update old, outdated equipment that takes more effort and money to maintain. Newer equipment with EFI will make the new machines more mechanically sound when needed!				FUND	after dark. This upgrade replaces twenty-year-old models, giving our team the reliable, specialized equipment needed to respond faster and work safer during critical missions.				
			Sum					400						
			Russ Cazier	Project Strengths:	Equipment need is well supported by age of current equipment: good to see some cash-match and equipment trade-in			100						
				Project Weaknesses:	Equipment need not well supported for OHV purpose within SAR incidents log. Bids include sales tax. Tooele County is sales tax exempt. Numbers in budget reflect the adjustment.			60						
				Responsible Stewardship:	No recent history of previous funding			100						
				Other Comments:				100						
				Decision Rationale:	Tooele County is getting a lot of OHV use but hasn't received much funding									
Sum					360									
Search and Rescue	21	APP-006452 Juab Search and Rescue New OHV and Trailer Juab County Sheriff's Office	Juab	\$129,001.00	\$78,100.00	\$0.00	\$50,901.00	39%	88.3%	FUND	Juab Search and Rescue New OHV and Trailer: Juab Search and rescue would like to replace some of its older equipment with a new UTV that is enclosed with heat and air conditioning so that it can be used in all weather conditions. likewise we will need to purchase a new trailer to haul the equipment in as none of our current trailers will accommodate a UTV of this size.			
			Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:	Multi-season use and utility use machine. Projected budget is below the flat rates and they are putting matching cash of their own in. They also had a SAR member get certified as an instructor. High ratio of OHV related incidents to other incidents. more utilitarian use intended with this model.			80						
				Project Weaknesses:	None			80						
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes. They also have government budget oversight			100						
				Other Comments:	Funding requests could covered the allowable flat rate, they are still adding their own funds.			80						
				Decision Rationale:	They are below the flat rates which could cover the entire project cost and not have to put in any matching funds. Good partners in showing they are going to add some skin in the project.									
			Sum					340						
			Laci Werner	Project Strengths:	I like that they are using their local dealer even if it is a little more expensive. Time, travel and relationship to dealer is important. Pictures so how important it can be to have storage and HVAC cab during all types of weather			100						
				Project Weaknesses:	None			100						
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes			100						
				Other Comments:	For SAR I do think it's beneficial to have a cabbed UTV with heat and AC for all weather elements			100						
				Decision Rationale:	Moving from open cabbed UTV to cabbed for more storage space and HVAC for all weather									
			Sum					400						
			Dave Jacobson	Project Strengths:	The applicant has demonstrated the need for the requested machine. Seems like a reasonable request, since most of their current equipment is not really suited for extreme weather. Application has good support letters and the photos show why they would need an enclosed cab style machine, though I think it would be to heavy for snow rescue unless the snow was shallow.			80						
				Project Weaknesses:	Not really sure the enclosed machine could be used in heavy snow situations but could be useful in cold or hot weather.			80						
				Responsible Stewardship:	This organizations has demonstrated that they have used the past funding responsibly, though their machines cant be that old since they were funded in 2022 to purchase a UTV.			80						
				Other Comments:	Not sure this machine could be used for snowmobile rescues?			80						
				Decision Rationale:	This seems like a very reasonable request so that the SAR can operate in extreme weather more efficiently.									
			Sum					320						
						Wasatch	\$219,000.00	\$119,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	46%	78.3%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL	
						Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:	Supports projects we have funded in the past, County is putting in almost 50% of the project costs. It will be a help to OHV rescues in the field.			60			
							Project Weaknesses:	Not a normal request.			100			
							Responsible Stewardship:	Yes. County government budget oversight and practices. Several grants have been completed, others are pending			60			

Search and Rescue	22	APP-006477 Mobile Command Post/Drone Control Center Wasatch Search & Rescue	Other Comments:		High volume of OHV user rescued!! County is putting in almost half of the cost. Was unable to see the other items in the budget sheet.			60	ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Mobile Command Post/Drone Control Center: Wasatch Search & Rescue Mobile Command Post. This Vehicle is setup on a sprinter van chassis. As a mobile command center, SAR will be able to respond quickly to all backcountry calls with a command post that will also be the base for Drone Operations related to Search & Rescue Missions.		
			Decision Rationale:		We have funded trailers in the past that had dual purpose of storing/hauling utv's/snowmobiles that were also upfitted to be used as incident command vehicles. We did fund a drone for them in the past, this will add to it's capabilities.							
			Sum								280	
			Laci Werner	Project Strengths:		They have a lot of incident calls in their county			80		FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:		Only concern is the competency and durability of them constructing this in house. Will it hold up? It's a big investment.			100			
				Responsible Stewardship:		Yes			100			
				Other Comments:		Lots of incidents compared to other SAR apps			100			
				Decision Rationale:		The risk of the construction not being adequate to sustain dependability and durability						
			Sum								380	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION
			Nicole Nielson	Project Strengths:		Provides another tool for SAR. Good letters of support. Two letters were from the Sheriff's office.			60			
				Project Weaknesses:		Very expensive and could other tools be used as effectively.			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:		Good standing			60			
				Other Comments:		Would this be the only SAR vehicle, or would it make more sense to have OHVs or snowmobiles to access the incident? Sprinter vans are very expensive; would other options make more sense? This area has many SAR events. 80% OHV. Good match. I still have questions about whether this makes sense for an OHV grant to fund or if there are cheaper options.			80			
				Decision Rationale:		I like the idea of supporting what SAR needs, but are there cheaper options?						
			Sum								280	

Search and Rescue	23	APP-006072 Iron County SAR CanAm ATV Purchase Summer 2026 Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue	Iron	\$35,852.00	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,852.00	25%	75.0%	FUND	Iron County SAR CanAm ATV Purchase Summer 2026: The Iron County Sheriff Search & Rescue is seeking a grant to acquire a new Side X Side ATV to replace an older machine in our fleet that is coming to the end of its effective service life, is becoming costly to maintain, and is prone to breakdowns. It will also help us be more confident that the safety of our members and the subjects we rescue is not jeopardized and allow us to transport more people and equipment to areas that are not easily accessible with conventional vehicles.	
			Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:		Volunteer group that is part of government responsibility and they have to raise their own funds to purchase team equipment. They have done that. They have also gathered good support. 100% SAR use. Appreciate the letters of support, especially from the Sheriff and Trailblazers.			100			
				Project Weaknesses:		No other equipment is needed? are they transferring the med bed and other equipment from the old machine to the new machine?			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:		Past funds have been used to benefit OHV users. No issues with past grants.			80			
				Other Comments:		Sticking to flat rate and the team had to use fundraising to get the cash match. NO other equipment needed to be added to the new machine? They are active on social media and give			100			
				Decision Rationale:		Team has put significant work into raising the funds to cover the cash match. The need to have reliable equipment is critical to saving lives and responding to OHV accidents.						
			Sum							360		FUND AT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:		Need shown here			100			
				Project Weaknesses:		The amount of non-motorized use was ignored or miscalculated. "There is not a non-motorized portion of the project." it looks like there is a 76.5% non motorized portion of this project if only 23.5% of the calls were to rescue OHV users.			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:		Yes			40			
				Other Comments:		There is not much accounting for non-motorized rescues			80			
				Decision Rationale:		There is a discrepancy between OHV related calls and the match amount.						
			Sum							300		FUND AT A DIFFERENT AMOUNT
			Mike Cook	Project Strengths:		Good summary & fits the category. In need of a better machine. Good attachments.			60			
				Project Weaknesses:		Do not need all of the bells and whistles. Recommend a lower model.			80			
				Responsible Stewardship:		Yes			40			
				Other Comments:					60			
				Decision Rationale:		Fund at \$32,000 for the total project. I also have concerns about motorized money funding the majority of non-motorized rescues.						
			Sum							240		

			Beaver, Piute	\$34,800.00	\$26,100.00	\$0.00	\$8,700.00	25%	70.0%		
			Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:		Letters from Beaver and Piute county sheriff's is the most considerable part.			40		

Search and Rescue	24	APP-006396 Beaver Fire District No. 1 UTV Request Beaver Fire District No. 1			Project Weaknesses:	Seems to be more fire fighting response focus. Very little OHV related content or intent.	40	DO NOT FUND	Beaver Fire District No. 1 UTV Request: Beaver Fire District No. 1’s application to acquire a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for incident response.					
					Responsible Stewardship:	Do not recall them applying in the past, but they do have county government oversight.	60							
					Other Comments:	I would prefer the SAR team and sheriff’s office apply for this. Request is within the flat rate allowable expense	60							
					Decision Rationale:	This appears to be a request to assist in response for fire fighting and flood response. Very little SAR history or OHV related intent.								
			Sum				200							
			Laci Werner		Project Strengths:	They currently have no UTV. UTVs are smaller and faster and make it easier to access hard to get to places. Very beneficial if they do not currently have an UTV	100	FUND						
					Project Weaknesses:	Not a lot of calls; however, with the 2026 fire and flooding issues, I believe they will see an increase in emergency help needed.	100							
					Responsible Stewardship:	N/A	100							
					Other Comments:	With the fire and flooding issues, I would expect to see an increase in emergency cases in the future	100							
					Decision Rationale:	I believe their needs as a county will increase in the future								
			Sum				400	FUND						
			Brett Davis		Project Strengths:	Seems like typical rural county requesting UTV which is ok and sounds like they have a need. Tushar ATV and Sheriff is in favor	60							
					Project Weaknesses:	Not a lot of incidents...but they think that will increase due to fire scares	60							
					Responsible Stewardship:	I believe so	60							
					Other Comments:		60							
					Decision Rationale:	Seems like they have a need due to the burn scars and a small amount of past need								
			Sum				240							
Snowmobile	25	APP-006336 Strawberry Snowmobile Complex Grooming and Trail Maintenance Strawberry Trail Users Association	Wasatch	\$196,584.40	\$138,498.20	\$0.00	\$58,086.20	30%	71.7%	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION	Strawberry Snowmobile Complex Grooming and Trail Maintenance: To provide supplemental snowmobile trail grooming and winter trail maintenance in the Strawberry Snowmobile Complex. Specifically in the Mud Creek, Clyde Creek, and Strawberry Road Areas. This project will work directly with the State to coordinate grooming efforts to provide a more consistent and economical product and to enhance the experience of all users. This will free up State time and resources, resulting in overall better trails, and product (user experience) in the Strawberry area.			
			Dean Harris		Project Strengths:	More frequent trail grooming is a definitely a good thing. Better trails get riders to your area to spend money.	60							
					Project Weaknesses:	I am not convinced that this justifies a 3 times increase of funds above the most expensive year ever and close to 6 times the average over past years.	60							
					Responsible Stewardship:		60							
					Other Comments:		60							
					Decision Rationale:									
			Sum				240	REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION						
			Mike Cook		Project Strengths:	Good summary & fits in snowmobile. Good attachments.	60							
					Project Weaknesses:	Seems like a lot of money for the amount of trails. More expensive than state program.	60							
					Responsible Stewardship:	Fist application.	40							
					Other Comments:	Seems like it would be better to work through the state program.	60							
					Decision Rationale:	Feels like we should not fund this, but I want other input.								
			Sum				220	FUND						
			Laci Werner		Project Strengths:	It is very important for the safely of the users for trails to be groomed. It seems like the State can't do it alone. Really love they will repair and replace Tposts and orange markers before the snow hits. These are very crucial for safety!	100							
					Project Weaknesses:	None	100							
					Responsible Stewardship:	N/A	100							
					Other Comments:		100							
					Decision Rationale:	Safety on the State's trails should be one of our #1 priorities.								
			Sum				400							
						Sevier	\$35,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00		25%	96.7%	

OHV Tourism	26	APP-006103 Utah's Trail Country OHV Digital Trailhead Sevier County Tourism	Sheriff Curtis	Project Strengths:	Great idea to match skill level and machine to trails, less excuse for being on the wrong trail. Love the ability to download the maps (will they be able to upload to machines with mapping on board?). Lots of visitors still coming to the area. fires and floods had significant impact. Good letters of support. Good content. Appears the content will be consistent or at least coordinating other counties with similar products.	100	FUND	Utah's Trail Country OHV Digital Trailhead: In 2025, there were 1.8 million out-of-market visitors (who lived 50+ miles outside the county) to Sevier County. Measuring OHV-recreation specific visitation exactly is difficult, but based on the trailhead activity data we have access to, we estimate 14% of our county tourism visitation was related to OHV recreation, totaling approximately 112,000 visitors. We do know OHV tourism is down 18% due to the fires we have had.
				Project Weaknesses:	None	80		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Good track record of both fiscal management and reporting statistics back to the council.	80		
				Other Comments:	Wondering if the downloadable maps will be compatible with the mapping systems on different machines? And would there be a way to give instant trail reports? With flooding and other repairs going on it would be nice to give heads up at a short notice of either trail damage or trail work	100		
				Decision Rationale:	I like the idea of giving out accurate trail information and conditions that users do not have to continually pay for subscriptions.			
				Sum		360		
			Brody Johnson	Project Strengths:	They could easily have over 100 rides on this in a short time. With many more possible.	100	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	There are other maps, but not a lot that are digital.	100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes. Sevier county has done many grants	100		
				Other Comments:	I'm good with this project after talking with Amy.	100		
				Decision Rationale:	They are trying to get ahead of a loss of tourism due to fires and floods.			
				Sum		400		
			Nicole Nielson	Project Strengths:	Good project that helps users plan their trips.	100	FUND	
				Project Weaknesses:	N/A	100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Good standing	100		
				Other Comments:	Great project, I think creating a planning portion of the website will bring in new riders and help others who use the area too. They have information on who comes to use the area and tourism statistics. This project will help provide more OHV recreation tourism to the area. Budget seems in line with cost of this type of work. Strong letters of support.	100		
				Decision Rationale:	Good project to draw people to the area.			
				Sum		400		

OHV Tourism	27	APP-006120 OHV Trail Website Update Garfield County Office of Tourism	Garfield	\$35,000.00	\$26,250.00	\$0.00	\$8,750.00	25%	93.3%	OHV Trail Website Update: Garfield County is looking to enhance the OHV trail content on its dedicated trail website, utah-trails.com. Garfield County offers some of the most extensive OHV trail networks in Southern Utah. The current website offers incomplete trail information, no filtering or search functionality, and inaccurate data that can pose a risk for visitors planning their OHV trip. Our goal is to flip the script, and turn this website into a valuable resource to OHV enthusiasts coming to Garfield County.	
			Mike Cook	Project Strengths:	Good project, websites are important tools.				80		FUND
				Project Weaknesses:					100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes				80		
				Other Comments:					80		
				Decision Rationale:	Good grant.						
				Sum					340		
			Jason Blankenagel	Project Strengths:	Looks like the site needs updated and this should do it				100		FUND
				Project Weaknesses:	None				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes				80		
				Other Comments:	Looks good				100		
				Decision Rationale:	Appears to help solve the problem						
				Sum					380		
			Laci Werner	Project Strengths:	Users #1 question is always "how hard is it". Having as much information on the website as possible will give the riders the necessary details they need to have a safer, more enjoyable trip.				100		FUND
				Project Weaknesses:	None				100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes				100		
				Other Comments:	The more information we can give riders, the better. That way they are more prepared for the terrain				100		

			Decision Rationale:		Rider safety and education.							
			Sum						400			
OHV Tourism	28	APP-006108 SLOREX OHV Tourism Marketing Initiative Utah Off-Roaders Alliance	Salt Lake	\$109,494.20	\$74,403.84	\$0.00	\$35,090.36	32%	81.7%	FUND	SLOREX OHV Tourism Marketing Initiative: SLOREX (Salt Lake Off-Road and Outdoor Expo) is the Utah Off Roaders Alliance’s (UORA) flagship annual fundraising event, supporting UORA’s mission to preserve and expand responsible OHV recreation access across Utah. Grant funding will support targeted marketing to increase awareness and attendance, grow fundraising revenue, and directly support trail maintenance, advocacy, and responsible recreation education for Utah’s OHV community.	
			Brett Davis	Project Strengths:	SLOREX is a great event for the OHV community. SLOREX is a great event for the OHV community, love to see the support from Big Horn!!							80
				Project Weaknesses:	None							80
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes!							80
				Other Comments:	No other comments, SLOREX is great							100
				Decision Rationale:	SLOREX is a great event for the OHV community							
			Sum						340			
			Dean Harris	Project Strengths:						80		
				Project Weaknesses:						80		
				Responsible Stewardship:						80		
				Other Comments:						80		
				Decision Rationale:								
			Sum						320			
			Scott Wheeler	Project Strengths:	Big OHV event for Utah. Well attended by many OHV users. Enjoyed past events, good representation of all OHV users. Big OHV tourism event for the year in Utah.					80		
				Project Weaknesses:	Not sure					80		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes					80		
				Other Comments:	Good cash match. Good Attachments. Has the group received any past funding from OHVR?					80		
				Decision Rationale:	Good event to fund							
			Sum						320			
OHV Tourism	29	APP-006481 Explore Logan Snowmobile Promotion Cache County	Cache	\$48,250.00	\$38,600.00	\$0.00	\$9,650.00	20%	78.3%	FUND	Explore Logan Snowmobile Promotion: Explore Logan will run a five-month digital marketing campaign (Nov. 15, 2026-March 15, 2027) promoting snowmobiling in Logan Canyon and Hardware Ranch. The campaign is designed to grow visitation, overnight stays and rentals by targeting snowmobile enthusiasts along the Wasatch Front, Southeast Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado. For the \$48,250 campaign, we are committed to providing \$9,650 and are seeking a \$38,600 match.	
			Dean Harris	Project Strengths:								60
				Project Weaknesses:								60
				Responsible Stewardship:								60
				Other Comments:								60
				Decision Rationale:								
			Sum						240			
			Dave Jacobson	Project Strengths:	This is a solid proposal with clear targets. The strength of this project is founded in the detailed aspect of where they plan to market and the products that will be created for marketing.					80		
				Project Weaknesses:	The budget seems solid but the explanation as to why they did not meet the 25% match was lacking any type of explanation. They are close on the match. May be hard to really tell what kind of return was made from the advertising.					80		
				Responsible Stewardship:						40		
				Other Comments:	The applicant has great examples of what the marketing will look like and solid support from the snowmobile community and county tourism.					100		
				Decision Rationale:	I think that this project will help bring tourism to Logan this winter.							
			Sum						300			
			Russ Cazier	Project Strengths:	Strong area for snowmobile tourism					100		
				Project Weaknesses:	No letter of support from an OHV club					100		
				Responsible Stewardship:	Yes. Received 37.5k in funding last year for this					100		
				Other Comments:						100		
				Decision Rationale:	Good area to promote snowmobiling in Utah							
			Sum						400			

FACT SHEET: Improving OHV Safety

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SUMMARY

Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation is a cornerstone of rural life and outdoor adventure, but current safety gaps are leading to preventable tragedies among children and young adults. Data indicates that while children account for 14-18% of ATV riders, they comprise 37-57% of those injured.¹ There is a critical need for legislation to mandate helmet use for those under 21 and consistent safety belt usage in Side-by-Sides (SxS). Implementing these measures aligns OHV safety standards with existing bicycle and motor vehicle laws, directly addressing the high rates of ejection and fatal head injuries that disproportionately affect younger populations.

THE PROBLEM: INJURY RISKS & SEVERITY

The risks associated with OHVs, particularly for children under 16, are severe. In the U.S., more children under 16 die in ATV-related incidents than from bicycle crashes², despite riding bicycles seven times more frequently³. Key statistics include:

- **Ejection Hazards:** 71% of SxS victims were ejected from the vehicle, and 62% of those ejected were struck by the vehicle's roll cage or chassis during the incident.⁴
- **Head Injury Prevalence:** Head injuries are the leading cause of death in crashes involving OHVs and dirt bikes.⁵
- **Collision Dynamics:** 38% of injuries involve collisions with stationary objects or terrain⁶, where unhelmeted riders are far more likely to suffer major traumatic brain injuries (MSTBI).⁷

¹ Andrea N. Doud et al., "All-Terrain Vehicle Injury in Children and Youth: Examining Current Knowledge and Future Needs," *The Journal of Emergency Medicine* 53, no. 2 (2017) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jemermed.2016.12.035>.

² Jim C. Helmkamp, "Facts About ATVs vs. Bikes," summary of research by the West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center, published by Concerned Families for ATV Safety, accessed August 13, 2026, https://www.atvsafetynet.org/parents_page_compare.html.

³ Helmkamp, "Facts About ATVs vs. Bikes."

⁴ Safety Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs), 79 Fed. Reg. 68,965 (Nov. 19, 2014)

⁵ Charles A. Jennissen et al., "Rural Adolescent Attitudes and Use of Helmets While Riding ATVs, Motorcycles and Dirt Bikes," *Inj. Epidemiol.* 11 (Suppl 1), 44 (2024) <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40621-024-00532-2>.

⁶ U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2024 Report of Deaths and Injuries Involving Off-Highway Vehicles with More than Two Wheels (Bethesda, MD: CPSC, 2025), 32, https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/2024_OHV_Annual_Report_0.pdf.

⁷ Jackson H. Allen et al., "The Impact of Helmet Use on Neurosurgical Care and Outcomes After Pediatric All-Terrain Vehicle and Dirt Bike Crashes: A 10-Year Single-Center Experience," *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics* 29, no. 1 (2022) <https://doi.org/10.3171/2021.6.PEDS21225>.

THE EVIDENCE: THE EFFICACY OF SAFETY MEASURES

Research demonstrates that safety equipment dramatically alters clinical outcomes:

Helmets

Helmets reduce fatal head injuries by approximately 40% and nonfatal brain injuries by over 60%.⁸ Unhelmeted riders require neurosurgical consultation at nearly three times the rate of helmeted riders.⁹ Over a 10-year study, only one helmeted patient required neurosurgical intervention, and none required a craniotomy¹⁰.

Seat Belts

Seat belt use is a primary factor in survivability for SxS. Analysis shows that 91% of fatally ejected victims were not wearing a seat belt at the time of the incident.¹¹ Proper restraint prevents occupants from being thrown from the protective envelope of the ROPS (Roll-Over Protective Structure).

POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

To protect Utah's youth, the following legislative updates are proposed:

- **Universal Youth Helmet Mandate:** Require all operators and passengers of motorcycles, ATVs, and SXSs under 21 years of age to wear a protective helmet. This aligns with recent changes to bicycle safety laws.
- **SxS Restraint Requirements:** Mandate the use of integrated safety belt systems for all occupants in SxS where the manufacturer has installed them, and require age-appropriate child restraints for off-highway vehicles designed for such use.
 - Standards based on machine, age, and more will be a factor

⁸ Jennissen et al., "Rural Adolescent Attitudes," 2.

⁹ Allen et al., "Impact of Helmet Use".

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¹¹ Safety Standard for ROVs, 79 Fed. Reg. 68,968.

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~~off-highway vehicle registration may not exceed \$35.]~~

~~[(ii) The fee for each snowmobile registration may not exceed \$26.]~~

~~[(iii) The fee for each street-legal all-terrain vehicle may not exceed \$72.]~~

~~[(b) The fee for each duplicate registration card may not exceed \$3.]~~

~~[(e) The fee for each duplicate registration sticker may not exceed \$5.]~~

(2) A fee may not be charged for an off-highway vehicle that is owned and operated by the United States Government, this state, or its political subdivisions.

(3)(a) In addition to the fees under this section, Section 41-22-33, and Section 41-22-34, the Motor Vehicle Division shall require a person to pay one dollar to register an off-highway vehicle under Section 41-22-3.

(b) The Motor Vehicle Division shall deposit the fees the Motor Vehicle Division collects under Subsection (3)(a) into the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund described in Section 26B-1-318.

(4) For a vehicle registered for a 24-month period as provided in Section 41-1a-215.5, the fee amounts are double the amounts due for the same vehicle registered for a 12-month period.

Section 2. Section **41-22-10** is amended to read:

41-22-10 (Effective 05/05/27) (Partially Repealed 07/01/27). Powers of division relating to off-highway vehicles.

(1) The division shall:

(a) provide the advisory council with:

(i) financial statements and other information regarding revenues, expenditures, balances, and proposed fee changes relating to the off-highway vehicle program; and

(ii) other information reasonably necessary for the advisory council to perform the advisory council's duties; and

(b) present proposed policies, rules, fee changes, and significant program decisions to the advisory council and allow the advisory council an opportunity to review and provide recommendations before implementation.

(2) The division may:

~~[(1)]~~ (a) appoint and seek recommendations from the advisory council representing the various off-highway vehicle, conservation, and other appropriate interests; and

~~[(2)]~~ (b) adopt a uniform marker and sign system for use by agents of appropriate federal, state, county, and city agencies in areas of off-highway vehicle use.

Section 3. Section **63I-1-241** is amended to read:

63I-1-241 (Effective 05/05/27). Repeal dates: Title 41.

- (1) Subsection 41-1a-1201(8), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (2) Subsection 41-6a-102(39), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (3) Subsection 41-6a-704(6), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (4) Subsection 41-6a-710(1)(c), regarding lane filtering, is repealed July 1, 2027.
- (5) Subsection 41-6a-1406(7)(b)(iii), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund, is repealed July 1, 2029.
- (6) Subsection 41-22-2(1), regarding an advisory council addressing off-highway vehicle issues, is repealed [~~July 1, 2027~~] July 1, 2037.
- (7) Subsections 41-22-10(1) and (2)(a), regarding an advisory council addressing off-highway vehicle issues, is repealed [~~July 1, 2027~~] July 1, 2037.
- (8) Subsection 41-22-8(3)(b), regarding the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Fund, is repealed July 1, 2029.

Section 4. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 5, 2027.

Item 9.3

R650. Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation.

R650-414. Nonresident OHV User Decals and Fees.

R650-414-1. Definitions.

As used in this rule, the term:

"Nonresident" means the same as that term is defined in Subsection 41-1a-102(45).

R650-414-2. Nonresident Off-Highway Vehicle Decals and Fees.

(1) Except as provided in this rule, a nonresident owner of an off-highway vehicle who operates or gives another person permission to operate that off-highway vehicle on any public land, trail, street, or highway in this state shall before operating the off-highway vehicle:

- (a) obtain from the division a nonresident off-highway vehicle decal for the off-highway vehicle; and
- (b) pay to the division a nonresident off-highway vehicle user fee.

(2) The division shall issue a receipt to a nonresident who obtains a decal and pays a fee to the division pursuant to Subsection (1) that shows:

- (a) the fee amount paid;
- (b) the vehicle identification number (VIN) of the off-highway vehicle for which the decal was issued and the fee was paid; and

(c) the name and address of the owner of the off-highway vehicle for which the decal was issued and fee was paid.

(3) An owner or operator of an off-highway vehicle shall always keep the receipt issued pursuant to Subsection (2) with the off-highway vehicle for which it was issued.

(4) A decal issued pursuant to Subsection (1) shall be valid for a period of 12 months beginning with the first day of the calendar month of purchase.

(5) An owner or operator shall display a non-resident decal pursuant to the procedures set out in Rule R650-401.

R650-414-3. Proof of Nonresident Status.

(1) Nonresident off-highway vehicle decal applicants shall provide to the division evidence that the off-highway vehicle is not subject to the resident registration requirements set out in Section 41-22-3.

(2) The evidence required by Subsection (1) shall include:

- (a) a government-issued identification card showing the off-highway vehicle owner resides in a state other than Utah;
- (b) a title or certificate of registration for the off-highway vehicle from a state other than Utah; or an original bill of sale for the off-highway vehicle from a state other than Utah; and
- (c) an unsworn statement, in a form acceptable to the division, declaring that the home station of the off-highway vehicle is in a state other than Utah.

R650-414-4. Exceptions.

(1) This rule does not apply to:

- (a) an off-highway vehicle participating in a scheduled competitive event sponsored by a public or private entity;
- (b) an off-highway vehicle participating in a noncompetitive event sponsored in whole or in part by any governmental entity;
- (c) an off-highway vehicle that is subject to Subsection 41-22-35(1)(b); and
- (d) an off-highway vehicle owned by an off-highway vehicle manufacturer that is being operated exclusively for an off-highway vehicle manufacturer-sponsored event, provided that the operator of the vehicle has in the operator's possession a letter or certificate issued by the manufacturer and signed by the manufacturer's authorized representative that contains:
 - (i) the name, address and contact information of the off-highway vehicle manufacturer;
 - (ii) a physical description of the off-highway vehicle, including the VIN or another number assigned by the manufacturer for identification purposes;
 - (iii) a brief description of the manufacturer-sponsored event, including the dates of the event; and
 - (iv) the name of the individual authorized to operate the off-highway vehicle at the event.

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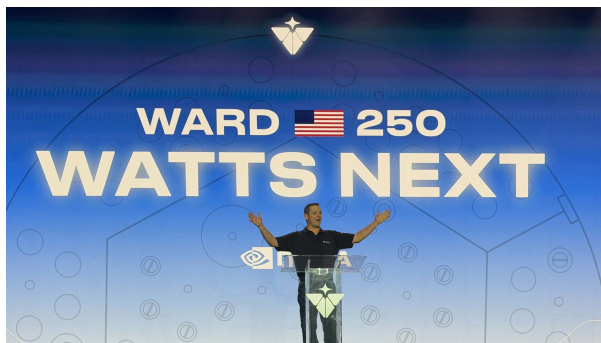
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EMERY COUNTY TAKES CENTER STAGE AS VALAR AND NVIDIA POWER HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH



Jess Housekeeper - Valar's director of Utah operations; Emery County native

ORANGEVILLE — Hundreds gathered Wednesday at the San Rafael Energy Research Center property as Valar Atomics announced a major nuclear milestone that placed Emery County at the center of the nation's growing push for advanced nuclear power and artificial intelligence.

The event, called "Watts Next?," brought together state officials, investors, local officials, government representatives, construction workers, caterers, Valar employees and community members for a high-energy celebration of the company's Ward 250 reactor reaching criticality.

Criticality is the point at which a nuclear reactor sustains a controlled chain reaction. For Valar, the announcement marked a significant step forward in proving that advanced nuclear technology can be developed and deployed faster than many traditional energy projects.



Jess Housekeeper, Valar's director of Utah operations and an Emery County native, opened the event by announcing that the reactor was officially critical and operating just yards away. His role in the project added a local connection to a milestone with national implications.

Housekeeper thanked the contractors, vendors and construction crews who helped transform the project from blueprints into a working facility. He also thanked Emery County residents for welcoming the company and trusting Valar as it built a nuclear site in the community.

That local support was a major theme throughout the event. Valar officials said the company has hired approximately 50 local employees, not including contractors, as part of its work in Emery County.

For many in attendance, the event carried a sense of pride that went beyond the technology itself. The room was patriotic and energetic, with speakers and attendees celebrating Emery County's role in helping lead the country into a new era of nuclear power, artificial intelligence and energy innovation.

Valar founder and CEO Isaiah Taylor said the company was built around a belief that nuclear reactors should be developed with a focus on simplicity, safety and hardware execution. Taylor said nuclear energy will be essential in the coming decades because of its ability to provide reliable, around-the-clock power with a small environmental footprint.



Company officials said Valar developed its Ward Zero prototype in 10 months with a team of 20 people and less than \$20 million. The company later advanced to the Ward 250 reactor, which officials said was turned on nine months after breaking ground in September.

The Ward 250 is a 100-kilowatt generator that uses a pressurized helium cooling loop to remove thermal energy, which is then converted into electricity through a thermoelectric generator. Company officials said the system represents the kind of compact, reliable power source that could help support future industry, manufacturing and computing needs.

A major announcement during the event centered on Valar's work with Nvidia. Max Ukropina, Valar's head of projects, and representatives from Nvidia discussed a collaboration to explore nuclear-powered AI factories, including a proposed first-of-its-kind 30-megawatt facility in Emery County.

The partnership directly addresses one of the biggest concerns surrounding data centers in the West, water use. Company officials said many traditional data centers rely on evaporative cooling, while newer Nvidia systems can use liquid cooling and dry radiators to reject heat without active water use.

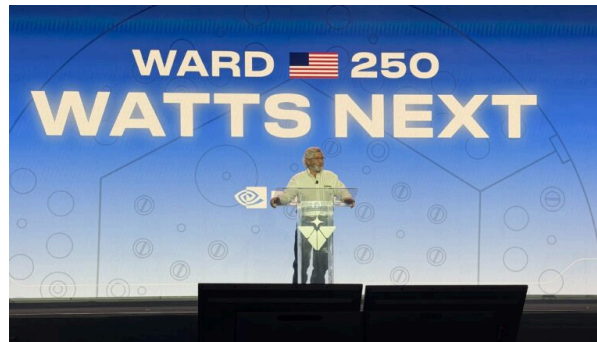
When paired with Valar's helium-cooled reactor, officials said the technology could allow major AI infrastructure to be built in drought-prone areas without placing the same kind of demand on local water supplies. They also said a large, steady customer such as an AI factory could help spread fixed grid costs and potentially support lower local electricity prices over time.

The water issue is especially important in Emery County, where new industrial projects are often judged not only by their economic potential, but also by their impact on limited local resources. Valar officials presented the nuclear and AI partnership as a way to bring major technology investment to the area while keeping water use low.

State and federal leaders also spoke in support of the project, framing Emery County as an important part of America's energy future. Speakers said the area's long history of coal production has already made it an energy leader and that advanced nuclear technology gives the county a chance to remain central to the next generation of energy production.

State Sen. David Hinkins spoke about his own history with Orangeville and Emery County, tying the milestone to the area's long-standing role in energy production. Hinkins thanked the Utah Legislature and the Community Impact Board for helping support the project in a way that prevented the cost from being placed on local taxpayers.

His remarks connected the celebration to a broader local concern: making sure major economic development projects benefit the area without creating an added burden for residents. For a county that has long helped power Utah through coal, Hinkins said the project showed Emery County can continue to be a leader as energy technology changes.



The event ended with a live demonstration, presented in the form of a skit, that connected nuclear power and artificial intelligence in real time. Company officials used an Nvidia server to host a website about nuclear energy, with the server powered directly by the Ward 250 reactor located just yards away.

During the demonstration, the reactor was raised to 37% power to provide electricity for the server hosting nuclearwebsite.com. Taylor explained that the website was being served directly from the reactor, meaning it would go offline if the reactor turned off.

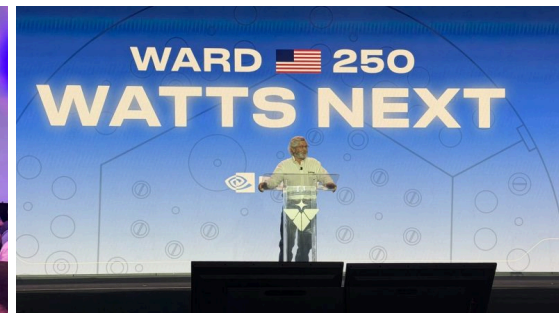
Company officials said the demonstration marked the first time in history that a private nuclear startup produced nuclear electricity and used it to directly power artificial intelligence infrastructure. The moment

showed the practical connection between advanced nuclear power and the growing energy demands of AI technology.

For Emery County and Orangeville, the milestone represented more than a company announcement. It was a moment of local pride, with a rural energy-producing community playing a visible role in a national effort to develop new nuclear technology and power the growing demands of artificial intelligence.

Valar's presence also signals a potential economic shift for the area. With local workers already hired, contractors involved and national attention turning toward the San Rafael Energy Research Center, supporters said the project could help Emery County build on its energy heritage while opening the door to new industries.

The celebration made clear that Valar sees Emery County not only as a test site, but as a home for its work in Utah. Local leaders and company officials said the milestone shows that advanced nuclear energy does not have to be decades away and that Emery County can help prove what the next chapter of American energy can look like.





Item 9.10

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL
2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

SITE VISIT

Friday, October 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Scheduled

Duck Creek Village

OHV PROGRAM FINANCIAL UPDATE

November, 2026

Not Scheduled

Virtual