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## Board of County Commissioners

November 21, 2023

Tom Metsa  
OHV Program Manager  
Colorado State Parks  
13787 S Highway 85  
Littleton, Colorado 80125

RE: San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails 2025 Grant Application

Dear Mr. Metsa,

As public land stewards and trail advocates, we write in unanimous support of the San Carlos Ranger District OHV Trails 2025 grant application. The San Carlos Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service is directly responsible for managing 400,000 acres of the San Isabel National Forest in Fremont, Custer, Pueblo, Las Animas, and Huerfano counties, and performs invaluable work in our region. Also within their purview are the Greenhorn and Sangre de Cristo Wilderness Areas, the Spanish Peaks, the Wet Mountains, and the Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

In 2023 alone, the Rangers have maintained OHV trails – including single-track and ATV – promoted safe usage, and successfully rehabilitated much of Indian Creek Trail and Tanner Trail. They have generated community engagement through volunteer programs in areas such as trash removal, botany, and firefighting. Trail signage has been replaced, flood damage repaired, and trail usage data collected to help inform future projects. Awarding this grant application enables the Rangers to continue improving public outdoor recreational infrastructure, which provides significant benefits to residents and tourists alike as we see an increase in all trail usage. The funds would hire an OHV trail crew to maintain system trails, contract the Mile High Youth Corps to work on motorized trails, and hire a contractor for machine reconstruction and drainage work.

Well-maintained trails, signage, and community stewardship contribute to an enhanced outdoor recreation experience that aligns with the core values of our County's strategic priorities, including Health & Wellness, Public Engagement, and Resiliency through mitigating fire risk and flood damage. We thank you for your past support of the San Carlos Ranger District and your consideration.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

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