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Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation
RTP Recreation Grant Program
Salt Lake City, Utah

Subject: Letter of Support for the OHV Trail Maintenance and Access Enhancement Proposal

Monticello Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

To the OHV Recreation Grant Council,

The Board of San Juan County Commissioners express strong support for the Bureau of Land Management Monticello Field Office's OHV Trail Maintenance and Access Enhancement Proposal submitted under the Trail Maintenance category.

San Juan County recognizes the importance of maintaining safe, sustainable access to designated OHV routes that serve both residents and visitors. High-use trail systems such as Recapture Rim Trail, The Falls Missile Trail, and Tables of the Sun contribute significantly to regional recreation, tourism, and economic activity. Proper maintenance of these systems, along with associated staging areas, is essential to protecting public safety and preserving infrastructure investments.

The proposed acquisition of maintenance equipment will increase operational capacity and allow for proactive trail management. San Juan County strongly supports continued maintenance of the Bureau of Land Management OHV trail systems. These play a significant role in the local economy of our rural county, drawing thousands of visitors each year who rely on these trails for access to our unique landscapes. Visitors traveling to ride OHVs contribute directly to local businesses including hotels, restaurants, fuel stations, repair shops, and outdoor outfitters. In addition, many local residents depend on commercial recreation permits to operate guided OHV tours and backcountry experiences, creating jobs and providing income for families throughout the region. Maintaining safe, well-managed trail systems ensures that San Juan County can continue to support responsible recreation while sustaining the economic activity that public land visitors bring to our communities.

San Juan County values collaborative efforts between federal, state, and local partners to ensure long-term sustainability of our recreation infrastructure. We would like to see local land managers riding along with the OHV groups that bring many tourists to our area. This proposal reflects a responsible, forward-looking approach to maintaining existing designated routes rather than expanding infrastructure beyond manageable capacity.

We appreciate the Bureau of Land Management's commitment to maintaining safe and accessible OHV opportunities in San Juan County and respectfully encourage the Council to support this project.

Sincerely,

Lori Maughan
Commission Chair