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Dear TJ:

I hope San Juan County will consider providing a letter in support of the application Ride with Respect (RwR) will submit for a Motorized RTP grant. In the past two decades, the state has approved all eleven of RwR's applications for trail work, and our next application will offer at least a 20% match from RwR.

To maintain motorized trails in Grand and northern San Juan counties covering the La Sals and Abajos, RwR will propose heavy-equipment work that includes the use of our OHVR-funded excavator and rock-crawling pickup. Below are photos of the most recent examples of excavator and rock-crawling work, which were on Fins and Things and Cliffhanger, respectively. We'll also propose regular trail work and project preparation to help identify the best solutions at problem spots, assemble tools for implementation, etc. Motorized singletrack above Indian Creek is one area that could use mostly regular trail work, while the area burned by the Deer Creek Fire could use mostly heavy-equipment work. Finally, to match Utahrapator State Park, we'll propose to purchase metal signs for Sovereign Trail System on SITLA property north and south of the park. The grant would cover 28 months of work from fall of 2026 through 2028. RwR would coordinate with the given land managers and Grand County's Motorized Trails Committee (MTC) or San Juan County.

In fact the project's scope is intended to complement the existing resources of the land managers, Utah DOR trail crews, Grand County's OHV Trail Coordinator, and MTC volunteers. The total funding request will be under \$60,000, with most of it going toward wages typically equal to the value of volunteer time (currently \$34.45/hour in Utah). Roughly 20% of the total funding will go to private-vehicle reimbursement typically equal to the GSA rate (currently \$0.75/mile). Roughly 10% of the total funding will go to the purchase of Sovereign Trail signs that cost about \$50 each.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns and, if possible, send me a support letter in early March. (Although the application isn't due until April 1st, I'd like to submit it for early review.) Address the letter to Utah OHV Advisory Council, c/o Evan Beitsch, RTP Administrator, Division of Outdoor Recreation, Utah Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 146001, Salt Lake City, UT 84114.

Sincerely,

Clif Koontz  
Executive Director

