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Dear Grant Committee:

The Eagle County Board of Commissioners fully supports Eagle-Holy Cross's continued request for Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Program OHV Good Management Grant Application in the amount of \$85,000 for the 2021 Eagle-Holy Cross / Aspen-Sopris zoned Good Management OHV trail crew.

OHV recreation dollars help support our local economy including the family exploring the mountains on their UTV's, hunters accessing game management units, and motorcycles riding the designated single-track system between Basalt and Gypsum. The grant funded OHV crew has done a great job in the last eight years of educating users on responsible OHV use, signing and maintaining OHV routes, and providing a presence on the forest. It is our hope the Colorado Parks and Wildlife will continue funding trail maintenance, information and route signage, and user education programs in the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District via a Good Management Grant in 2021.

A Good Management grant funded crew is essential to sustaining OHV recreation opportunities into the future in our area. A well-maintained OHV trail system will help supports the billion dollar statewide outdoor recreation industry. Forest management programs like this on our public lands provide a boost to the surrounding local economies. This equates to a better experience for the OHV user and keeps OHV recreation dollars coming into our county.

Eagle County Government respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's consideration of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McQueeney
Chair

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Commissioner

Matt Scherr
Commissioner