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Dear Grant Committee:

Eagle County fully supports Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's request for Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle Equipment Grant Application to purchase two new off-road motorcycles. The motorcycles will be for use by the Eagle Zoned Good Management Crew to perform the implementation of OHV management as outlined in their OHV Good Management Grant.

OHV recreation dollars help support our local economy through activities that include the family exploring the mountains on their UTV's, hunters accessing game management units, and motorcyclists riding the designated single-track systems, Basalt to Gypsum and Triangle Peak. The grant-funded OHV crew has done a great job in the last ten years of educating users on responsible OHV use, signing and maintaining OHV routes, and providing a presence on the forest. It is our hope that Colorado Parks and Wildlife will fund the purchase of the motorcycles to provide the crew with reliable and efficient machines to perform trail maintenance, maintain and enhance route signage, and perform user education across the Eagle-Holy Cross and Aspen/Sopris Ranger Districts. The two motorcycles will cut down on travel time and allow the crew more time on the trail to perform maintenance and engage with motorized users.

A well-maintained OHV trail system will help support 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 respectfully requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife's approval of Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District's grant proposal.

Sincerely,

Matt Scherr
Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner