

EXHIBIT A

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COLORADO
Parks and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources

**2020-2021
SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL
Grant Application**

Name of Project: Barlow Creek Parking Expansion		Date of Application: 4/20/20
<i>(Please limit the project name to 5 words or less)</i>		
Total Project Cost: \$ 145,000	Grant Request: \$ 130,000	
<i>Amount Requested (round off to the nearest \$1) must match the Project Budget Form:</i>		
PROJECT SPONSOR (Name and Address for entity legally responsible for project)		
Organization Name: San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club		
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 591, Durango CO 81302		
		Fax:
Telephone:		Email:
PROJECT CONTACT This is the person with day-to-day responsibility for the managing the project, ensuring the contract scope of work will be fulfilled. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
Name: Kevin Walters		Title: Grooming Asst.
Mailing Address: 236 Decker Dr. Bayfield CO 81122		
Telephone: 9707695805	Fax:	Email <u>Onesnowdawg@yahoo.com</u>
Is this the primary contact for this grant: YES X NO		
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT CONTACT This is the person responsible for submitting receipts for project spending and close-out. Please notify us if <i>Project Contact</i> changes.		
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PROJECT LOCATION		
Nearest Town or City: Rico		
County(ies): Dolores County		
Township/Range/Section:		
State Senate District #: 6		State Representative District #: 3rd
Land Ownership: Federal		
State	Federal	Dolores Ranger District
		Private
		Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
TRAIL USER INFORMATION :		
Snowmobile	90%	X-Country Skiing 5%
Snow Shoeing	5%	Camping/Hiking %

SCOPE OF WORK – Project Description:	
Project Name: Barlow Creek Parking Expansion	Project No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Project Sponsor: San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club	Application Year: 2020-2021
Project Contact: Kevin Walters	Application No.: (to be completed by CPW)
Total Project Cost: \$145,000	Grant Request: \$130,000

Project Description: Please write a brief description of your project: Only need to describe what you intend to purchase with grant funds. All other information such as project background, needs and benefits will be address in the Project Selection Criteria (Exhibit D).

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club (SJSSC) requests grant funds to improve the Barlow Creek parking lot located in Dolores County, Colorado at MM 53.5 SH 145, north of Rico. With the assistance of the USFS Dolores Ranger District and the Colorado Department of Transportation, SJSSC would like to complete the environmental and hydraulics review to allow for the expansion of the existing parking lot. Once approved, SJSSC would like to contract for the construction of the parking lot expansion which is currently undersized.

Grant funding proceeds for the environmental and hydrologic analysis would be used first to obtain the requisite environmental clearances for construction. Construction would occur following receipt of the environmental approvals and be completed by no later than June 30, 2021 in accordance with the CPW grant requirements.

2020-2021 SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT BUDGET FORM - EXHIBIT B

CLUB NAME: San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

PROJECT NAME: Barlow Creek Parking Lot

ITEMS LISTED IN THE BUDGET BELOW SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND CORRESPOND TO THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES INDICATED IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION (SCOPE OF WORK) ON YOUR GRANT APPLICATION.

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES (Only enter data in cells that are NOT shaded)
List all sources and amounts of project funding in this section

SNOWMOBILE CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT			
			\$130,000.00
Funding Source	In-Kind (Non-Cash) Contributions	Cash	
Club Funds		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Volunteer Support	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00
Contributions/Donations			\$ -
Trade In			\$ -
Other			\$ -
			\$ -
			\$ -
Total	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST (grant request plus other funding sources)			\$ 145,000.00

← Enter amount of grant request

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USE OF GRANT FUNDING
List uses of Capital Grant Request Amount below

Environmental and hydraulic analysis	\$ 22,500.00
Construction with contingencies	\$ 122,500.00
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
	\$ -
TOTAL USE OF GRANT FUNDING	\$ 145,000.00

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SHOULD BE THE SAME AS AMOUNT OF GRANT REQUEST

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Complete only if application is for a capital construction project

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The applicant is responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name	Barlow Creek Parking Lot Expansion	Project Sponsor	San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club
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As the official responsible for management of the land on which the project will be accomplished, I agree to the following:

1. The project as described in this application has my approval.
2. The project is located on federal public lands and is in conformance with the appropriate Forest Management Plan, BLM Resource Area Management Plan or other decision document titled:

Date: _____

3. A decision has been issued as part of the NEPA environmental review process.

Date and title of document:

If not, please state reason and the estimated date when NEPA will be complete. [No funds will be distributed until any required NEPA documentation is completed.]

For more information contact:

Tom Rice, Recreation Staff Officer, USFS, Dolores Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, 29211 Hwy 184, Dolores CO 81323

Thomas.b.rice@usda.gov

Cell (970) 749-6432

Office (970) 882-6843

4. The next planning process that may affect this project is planned for.

Print or type Land Manager's Name and Title

Land Manager Signature and Title

Date

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NON-FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION and LAND MANAGER APPROVAL

The Applicant is responsible for filling out this TOP portion of this page ending at "Applicant Environmental Checklist". The applicant is also responsible for securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.

Project Name _____ Project Sponsor _____

The project described in this application has my approval.

Owners or Authorized Person's Signature and Title Date

Print or type Owner's or Authorized Person's Name and Title

APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CHECK LIST

Describe the process (es) or efforts you have made to review potential wildlife and environmental impacts of your project as concisely and specifically as possible. Include any relevant information in each of the category questions listed below and indicate which question you are answering. Examples are given of the types of information that may be valuable. If a question is not applicable to this project, please write "N/A" and state your reasoning.

1. **Species of Concern:** Is it likely that plant and/or wildlife species of concern are present on the proposed project site?
 - Federally listed, threatened, and/or endangered species
 - Species that are rare or have limited range in Colorado
2. **Habitats and their Values:** What habitats are present and how important, productive, or pristine is the wildlife habitat in the project area?
 - Describe habitats that are present and others that are adjacent to them
 - Existing development or human impacts to the proposed project area?
 - Critical habitat for a particular species, or an area with high value for nesting, feeding, or calving
3. **Potential Impacts:** List, in bulleted form, the proposed project activities. Then, describe how the project activities will, or potentially may, impact vegetation and/or wildlife. Include both short-term (during project activities) and long-term (impacts to habitats) effects.
 - Disturbance of sensitive species
 - Impacts to species during rest, feeding, or reproductive cycles
 - Encroachment, loss or reduction of habitat(s)
 - Intrusion into areas with little existing human impacts

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4. Mitigation: How will these impacts be addressed?

- Alternative design or trail route selection
- Timing of project activities
- Screening or users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive areas
- Improvement (i.e., restoration) to habitat areas upon project completion

5. Benefits: List habitat improvements such as restoration of wetlands, river corridors, and trail areas; restriction of recreationalists from sensitive areas; environmental or recreation education efforts.

- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and monitoring of wildlife impacts
- Reroute trails away from sensitive habitats

6. Environmental Compliance: Describe regulatory compliance, applicable permits and/or agency concurrence procedures that are, or are not required, and why.

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act (i.e., nesting habitats will not be impacted by the project due to the project’s timing or, surveys for nesting birds will be conducted prior to activities and, activities that may impact active nests will be postponed)
- Concurrence from USFWS for effects determinations (or rationale for why no such concurrence is required)
- US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits
- Compliance with raptor guidelines recommended by the Colorado Division of Wildlife

Principle source of information: (e.g., Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Natural Heritage Program, local agency, staff biologist, consultant)

Printed name, title and telephone number of person consulted:

Signature of person consulted:

Exhibit D

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Needs and Urgency of the Project (40 points):

A. Describe the need for this project.

Barlow Creek parking is currently undersized for winter recreation use. The current lot can only accommodate at most 10 passenger truck and trailer combinations without making entry and exit impossible. The current configuration also makes snow removal, which is provided by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), difficult given its small size. Snow removal for the current lot requires the use a loader which means it doesn't get plowed until well after the storm passes as the lot is too small to plow with CDOT's truck mounted snow plows.

B. What is the importance of this project to your grooming program, the Colorado Snowmobile Program and your local community?

Barlow Creek is the longest groomed trail SJSSC maintains. At approximately 25 miles in length, and crossing some of the most technically challenging terrain in the area, it receives a substantial amount of snowmobile traffic due to its high elevation and snowfall amounts and is very popular with the riders living in the Dolores, Mancos and Cortez areas. The lot is typically filled up during the weekends because of its popularity requiring other winter recreation users to park along the highway which creates safety issues for the traveling public. Improving this parking area would improve relations with CDOT, the USFS and the surrounding snowmobile community.

C. Why is it important to undertake this project now instead of at a later time? Please describe any elements that make this project urgent or time sensitive?

Barlow Creek has been inadequately sized for a number of years. With the growing interest in winter recreation activities, the number of users will only increase. Improving this parking area now will help to safely manage the volume of traffic frequenting the area.

D. What is the impact on the Statewide Snowmobile Program if this project does not get funded?

If not improved, this lot will continue to under serve the winter recreation community and create public safety issues.

Exhibit D

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Benefits (30 points):

- A. What benefits will this project provide to the community and the Colorado Snowmobile Program?

Expanding the Barlow Creek parking is an opportunity to improve public relations by promoting winter recreation use for the area. It is also an opportunity for the Colorado Snowmobile Program to form a public partnership with area agencies such as CDOT, which provides the snow removal for this lot, and the Dolores Ranger District, which manages the Federal lands in the area.

- B. How does your grooming program protect and improve winter trail opportunities?

Grooming operations ensure continued access to remote Federal and State lands which normally would not be accessed or utilized during the winter months. Having a groomed trail network promotes winter recreation use of public lands by ensuring safe access to remote locations.

- C. What is unique about your trail system?

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club's trail network covers a vast area and requires more time to maintain than most other clubs. The trailheads are located in four different counties with the trails groomed covering five counties. The Club must transport its groomer to seven different trailhead locations equating to over 500 miles of transport truck time in order to groom the 296 miles of trails under its current grooming permit with the Forest Service.

- D. What types and skill level of trail users does your trail system attract?

Given the vast area of trails maintained by the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club, the trail network attracts winter recreation users, motorized and non-motorized, of all experience and skill levels from novice to expert.

- E. Does your club offer any educational programs such as snowmobile safe riding or avalanche awareness? Explain what classes were offered last season.

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club currently offers a youth snowmobile operators class for younger riders as well as provides avalanche awareness classes, either through its members or through qualified instructors. SJSSC is committed to providing its members and the public with winter recreation safety awareness.

Exhibit D

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Partnerships (10 points):

- A. List all agencies or organizations that your grooming program partners with and how these partnerships enhance and improve each other's program.

For this particular grant application, SJSSC has partnered with the USDA Dolores Ranger District and the Colorado Department of Transportation to improve the Barlow Creek Trailhead parking area. CDOT currently provides snow removal for this location and expanding the area will allow easier access with truck mounted plows that are currently unable to plow the small lot. Dolores Ranger District manages the Federal lands for the area and expanding the lot will resolve parking issues that develop for winter recreation users.

Other agencies the SJSSC partners with include:

Columbine Ranger District
Colorado Parks and Wildlife
La Plata County Search and Rescue
Colorado Avalanche Information Center
Silverton Snowmobile Club
Silverton Avalanche School
Colorado Snowmobile Association

- B. If your club is awarded this grant, describe how the club will promote or acknowledge the use of Colorado snowmobile registration funds and the capital grant program as a funding source for the project?

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club promotes CPW's snowmobile registration program by encouraging all snowmobilers to keep and maintain current registration. SJSSC educates and informs all winter trail users that the grooming program is funded by proceeds received from registration. If awarded, SJSSC will acknowledge receipt of grant funding for the construction of the Barlow Creek Trailhead parking lot expansion through its newsletter and other public outreach means.

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PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Leverage (20 points):

- A. List and describe all sources of revenue or in-kind services that will be used to fund your grant funded project. List and explain any donations, contributions or other ways this project will be funded.

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club has committed \$7,500.00 cash contribution as well as an estimated \$7,500.00 of in kind contribution to manage the project from preliminary design through construction. SJSSC is requesting **\$130,000** in grant funds for a total project amount of \$145,000 making this a 10% grant match.

- B. Describe what aspects of the clubs grooming operations are provided by volunteers. Explain and highlight the number of volunteer hours provided last grooming season.

All of San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club's grooming operations are provided by volunteers. SJS has six primary volunteers that perform the grooming operations for the club. Other club members assist with the grooming operations by providing maintenance and trail support. Volunteer grooming time for the 2019/2020 season is approximately 200 hours. This does not include the volunteer hours spent transporting the groomer to the trailhead locations or servicing the groomer and the transport truck. Volunteer time is also required to keep the club's grooming permit and other club paperwork current which is estimated to be around 100 hours each year. The total estimated dollar amount of volunteer time to complete the club's grooming operations is estimated at over \$5,000 annually. This volunteer time is in addition to the time that will be required to permit and manage the construction of the Barlow Creek parking lot expansion which is estimated to be around \$2,500. SJSSC would like to include this volunteer time as in-kind match for the grant funding application, as shown on Exhibit B, which totals \$7,500.

- C. Does your program pay, contract or compensate for any services or aspects of its operations. Explain and highlight all compensated expenses from your last grooming season.

No, all grooming operations all volunteer based as well as most of the maintenance. SJSSC does pay to have the groomer and the transport truck repaired when the repair is more than the club members can handle.

- D. What are the compensation rates and how are they established?

SJSSC does not pay its club members for any services. The only services that are paid would be for groomer and or transport truck repairs which the club members cannot handle. Rates of pay for compensated services are based upon hourly rates for mechanics in the private sector.

E. Is your club trading or selling a snow cat or any equipment as part of this grant funded project? What is the value of trade/sale and how was this price established?

No.

REVIEW COMMITTEE:

Do you wish to present your project to the Review Committee Yes

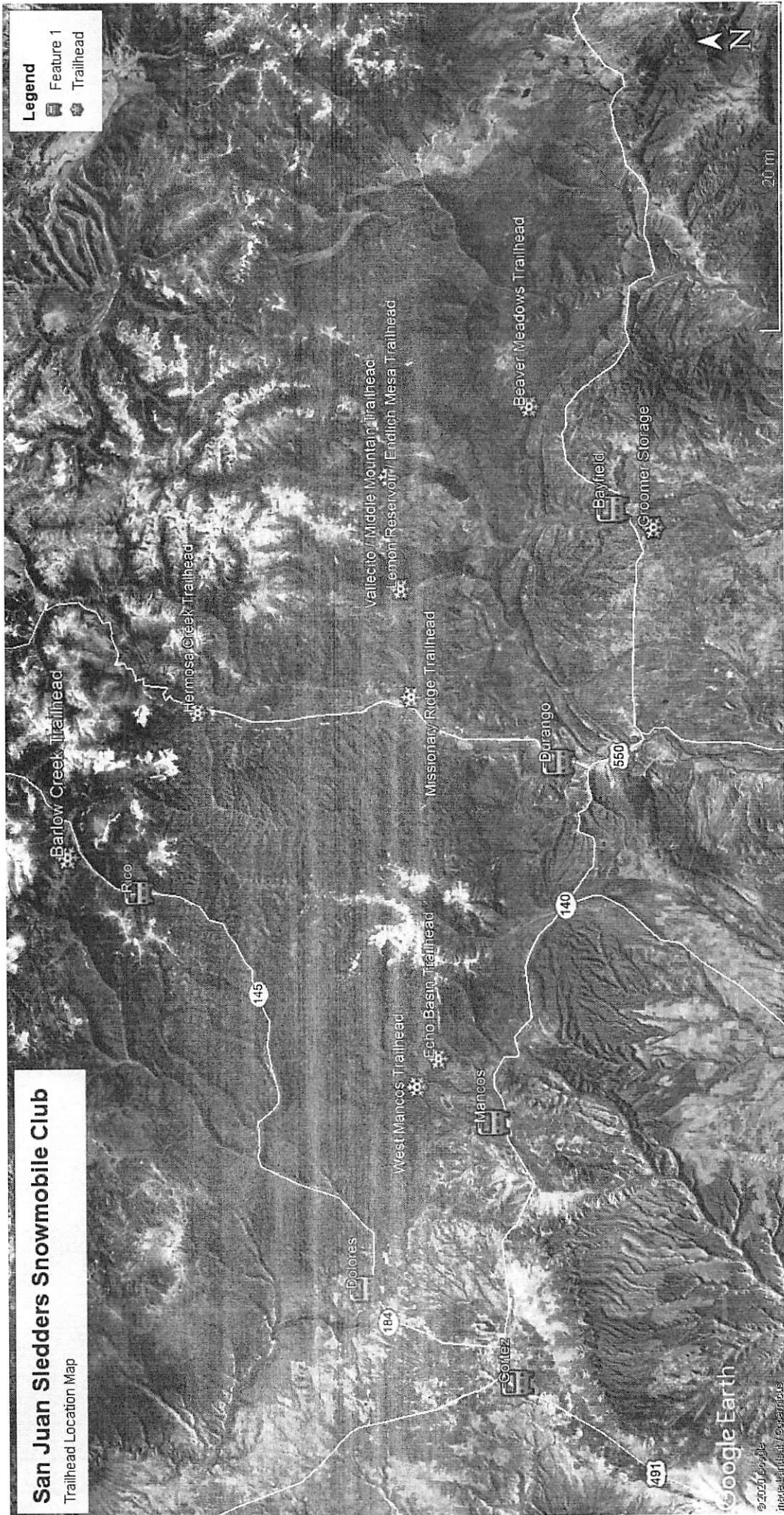
Name of Presenter: Bryan Meador

Phone number: 970-946-5775

E-mail address bkmeador70@yahoo.com

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

Trailhead Location Map



Legend

- Feature 1
- Trailhead



20 mi

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Exhibit F

PROJECT ILLUSTRATION

Attach separately: photographs, drawings, engineering plans, diagrams and dealer quotes

Barlow Parking Area

358' x 104' +/- main lot
214' x 24' +/- access approach
6" Class 6 - 785 cy (\$42 ton)\$49,476
6" Class 2 - 785 cy (\$39 ton)\$45,942
Mobilization/Clear and grub \$10,000
Silt fence/erosion logs \$4,000
Culvert (CMP 36" x 40") \$2,500 (if required)
Consultant Environmental (\$15,000 TBD)
Consultant Hydraulics (\$7500 TBD)
Contingencies (\$10,000)
Estimate 1 week of equipment/labor to clear and grub,
spread and compact material.
Total Project Cost \$144,418

Legend

Current lot size is approx. 100' x 200' (1/2 acre) making it difficult to park truck/trailer combinations without boxing others in. Lot configuration is also difficult to plow snow with tandem axle plow truck.

Snowmobile

578

145

213.85 ft

100.76 ft

587.18 ft



200 ft





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4/24/2020

Curt Larsen, Trail Clearing Coordinator
San Juan Trail Riders
Curt.larsen@hotmail.com

To whom it may concern:

The San Juan Trail Riders is a volunteer organization with its principal goal focused on preserving the sport of motorized single-track trail riding. We act as an advocate for OHV recreation and take the necessary actions to ensure that both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management allocate a fair and equitable percentage of access to trail riding on public lands, educate user groups on trail etiquette, and support the establishment and operation of local, off-road motorcycle clubs.

Our goals are to:

- Advocate for Off Highway use of public lands
- Enhance awareness multi user-groups and public lands
- Build relationships with land managers and other user groups

The San Juan Trail Riders fully supports the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club's efforts to preserve and advance snowmobiling in Southwest Colorado. The project to improve the Barlow parking area will not only enhance the snowmobiling experience, but will also improve summer recreation for both motorized and non-motorized parking at this popular recreation area.

Curt Larsen

Trail Clearing Coordinator
San Juan Trail Riders

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April 22nd, 2020

Attn: BARLOW CREEK ADMINSTRATOR

For consideration of the parking improvement at the Barlow Creek trail junction.

This letter is in support of improving the parking situation at Barlow Creek. This parking lot is used for both winter and summer activities and continues to be an area of contention for those with trucks and trailers trying to utilize the limited parking facility.

As a local powersports dealer, avid offroad rider, and volunteer, I feel that I can speak openly about how these improvement projects impact our area. It is no secret that the four corners area is an incredible place to ride but what often gets overlooked is the social and economic impact that our trail systems have. Thousands of people each year travel from around the country to visit our area, enjoy our beautiful scenery and partake in riding our vast trail network. They bring their families and friends, stay in our local hotels, frequent our restaurants and shop our local retailers. They bring a substantial economic influx to our economy that is difficult to measure but easy to see.

What makes the Barlow Creek parking lot so unique is that it is utilized over the entire course of the year. Because this parking lot services such a wide range of activities over the course of the year it is important that be sized in a way to support the multi-use functionality required. This expansion will be well received by many different groups and organizations.

In our shop we continually see people who gladly pay their annual offroad permit fee and more times than not, make a comment about how they feel so fortunate to have such a great area to ride. They love the outdoors and are happy to pay a little to keep our trails and trail heads available for all.

With all of the above said, we support all the efforts to expand this parking facility and the promotion of all the activities that occur in this area.

Thank you,

Joe Washburn
Owner, Fun Center Cycles

Exhibit H – Additional Terms and Conditions

1. Subject to the obligations and conditions set forth in this document, title to equipment acquired under a grant will vest upon acquisition to the grantee.
2. The grantee's use of the equipment is subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The grantee shall use the equipment only for activities and uses that are consistent with the uses outlined by the Snowmobile Recreation fund. The equipment shall not be used to benefit private individuals, lands or projects without prior written approval from CPW.
 - b. The grantee shall be liable to CPW for any failure to use the equipment in accordance with the applicable statute, including the premature sale or disposition of the equipment. The grantee's liability for such a failure shall be equal to funds contributed by CPW under a grant from the purchase or acquisition of equipment.
3. Record Keeping Requirements
 - a. Records must be maintained that include, at a minimum; a description of the equipment; a serial number or other identification number; who holds title; the acquisition date and cost of equipment; the percentage of State or grant funds used in the acquisition of the equipment; the location, use and condition of the equipment; and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the equipment. CPW shall at all times have the right to inspect these records upon request.
 - b. A physical inventory of the equipment must be taken and the results shared with CPW in order to be reconciled with the property records held by CPW at least once every two years.
 - c. A control system must be developed by grantee to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage or theft of equipment. Any confirmed or suspected loss, damage, or theft – whether discovered via the process described in 3.b. or otherwise, shall be investigated by grantee in cooperation with CPW.
 - d. Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed and implemented to keep the equipment in good and working condition.

If awarded a snowmobile capital grant; I acknowledge and agree to the above terms and conditions.

Kevin Walters
Digitally signed by Kevin Walters
Date: 2020.04.24 09:12:04 -06'00'

Signature

Kevin Walters

Printed Name

4/24/20

Date