

2025 Season Summary

Since 2003, the Stay The Trail Education and Stewardship Alliance and its flagship Stay The Trail (STT) Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) education and stewardship program have encouraged responsible OHV recreation. Our focus is on the public roads, trails, and areas that are open to motorized use in the State of Colorado. In 2025, STT continued our proven education methods and added new elements to the program's outreach and stewardship components. STT has also continued producing and distributing printed educational materials, developing new publications, and revising other materials, including the STT OHV Opportunities Map. The program's website is consistently expanded and updated to provide the most up-to-date OHV information in an easy-to-access, self-help format. In addition to trailhead outreach and on-the-ground stewardship projects, STT remains the "go-to" education partner at Colorado's most popular (and new/upcoming) organized OHV, 4x4, and multi-use outdoor trail events. The collaboration of these efforts, along with dedicated staff and volunteers, has allowed Stay The Trail to maintain its position as Colorado's most influential and best-recognized OHV education program.



2025 Education Outreach Events

Stay The Trail's primary focus is education and direct delivery of the core message. On-the-ground, direct user contacts are the hallmark of the Stay The Trail program and have been established as a nationally recognized effort. Utilizing several methods, we can interact with people on the ground, whether at a trailhead, staging area, on the trail, or at small organized volunteer/stewardship projects.

Outreach methods can include a complete set-up with one of the three STT educational trailers, smaller tabletop booth set-ups for indoor venues, and a pop-up tent and table at events with limited space or staffed by volunteers. Additionally, we get out on the trails and make contacts using the program's ATV, UTV, trucks, or employee motorcycles. Event venues include but are not limited to, trailheads, trails, expos, open houses, and organized club and motorsports events.



2025 Education Outreach Summary

- 63 total staffed events/area visits
- 96 days with boots on the ground
- 11,890 overall direct contacts
- 40,936 exposed to the program through events
- 83 Front Range areas visited
- 19 Western Slope areas visited
- 3,075,910 exposed to the program through mixed-media messaging, 4 highway billboards with 2–3-month runtime (does not include the four mobile billboards)
- 1,028,100 people reached on Social Media (FB, IG), up 97 percent
- Over 12,000 miles traveled to and from events
- Over 929 miles traveled on public motorized routes by Dirtbike/ATV/SXS/4x4
- 980 volunteer hours at education & outreach events
- 1899 volunteer hours from 30 volunteer/stewardship projects
- 18 Youth-focused events that included the redesigned and rebuilt RC Challenge Course & ROHVER- the STT Mascot
- 17 new areas/events were visited this year
- Over 400 hours on USFS Lands
- Over 100 hours on BLM Lands
- Over 350 hours on other land/property/business
- Over 6500 Packages of printed educational materials were distributed.



2025 Stewardship Projects

In 2025, Stay The Trail completed 30 Stewardship projects.

The campaign's stewardship projects, land use days, cleanup runs, and partner projects produce results on the ground, which enhance and often restore specific 4x4/OHV areas. The volunteer stewardship programs facilitated by the Stay the Trail program include those working to protect resources through fencing, signage, reroutes, restoration, trail maintenance, kiosk design & installation. We continued developing and implementing area-specific maps focusing on high-use trail systems. Enhancements are achieved through working with clubs, groups, and local agencies to provide sustainable trail systems that will provide opportunities and challenges for riders and drivers of all backgrounds. Restoration efforts to fix and mitigate resource damage from irresponsible use will help define sustainable routes through the regeneration of native vegetation and by protecting the natural beauty that draws outdoor recreation enthusiasts from around the world to our State's trail systems.

94 Trees Cleared

184 Bags of Trash Removed

1 Kiosk Installed

624 Feet of Fence Built

101 Miles of Corridor Cleared

82 Signs Installed

1899 Project Volunteer Hours

PROJECT NAME & BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK
Road 300 Clearing
Rainbow Falls Fire/Staging
GOA/FOF Clean-up Day
Rampart Range Gate Opening
CMTRA 717 Vol Project
Rainbow Falls/RRMMC Work Party
Columbine Parking Layout
Columbine Parking Rd 2
Ferns Cutout
Shelf Road/The Banks
Enduro Course
Columbine Clean Up Day
717 Cutout
Georgia Pass Opening
730 Series Trails Cutout
CCRD Gate Swing/Clearing
Ferns Cutout 2
Rampart South Cleanup
CO 4x4 Girls Project Day
FOF Rampart Clean Up
Taylor Park Kiosk/BB
Boundary Fence Repair
Beaver Dam Site Visit
14er Fest Project
Penrose Work Party
Rainbow Falls Cleanup
Taylor Park OHV Route Signs
717 Beaver Dam Removal
731 Boardwalk Repair
Seasonal Gate Closure



Printed Education Materials

The Stay The Trail printed education materials are free to the public and in bulk to our partners. These include Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Welcome Centers, OHV & 4x4 Dealers and Businesses, BLM Field Offices and U.S. Forest Service Ranger District Offices, Various local information centers and Chambers of Commerce, and OHV Clubs. Additionally, these materials are available to individual "Care Packs" via the website and at all Stay The Trail Events.

OHV Opportunities Map

The Stay, The Trail Colorado OHV Opportunities Map was developed in 2009 and, through the years, has seen subsequent revisions to illustrate current OHV recreation opportunities. Hundreds of thousands of maps have been distributed since its release. A complete update and revision of the map will be completed in early 2026 and available to the public during the 2026 season. The information on these printed maps is mirrored or "live" at staythetrail.org. All up-to-date Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) published by the Forest Service, new BLM Travel Management maps, links to each area on COTREX, and developed route maps are also hosted on the website.

In addition to the Stay The Trail Colorado OHV Opportunities Map, we developed a series of area-specific maps. Including:

- Miners Loop - USFS
- Yankee Hill – USFS
- Rampart Range Enduro Skills Training Area -USFS
- Danner Pass - USFS
- China Wall – USFS
- Basalt to Gypsum Single Track –USFS
- Fourmile South – USFS/BLM
- North Sand Hills - BLM
- Seep Springs - BLM
- Sidewinder – BLM
- Texas Creek – BLM
- Kremmling Town OHV Route- Town of Kremmling

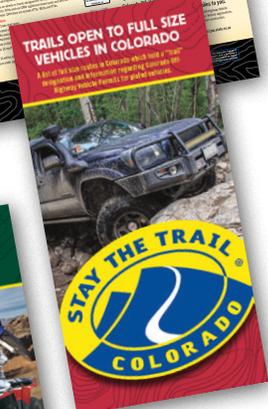
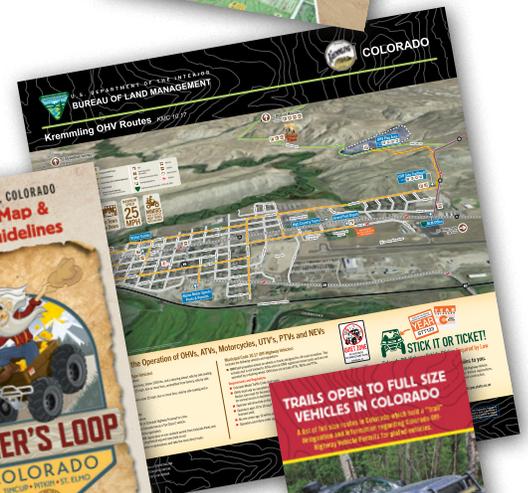
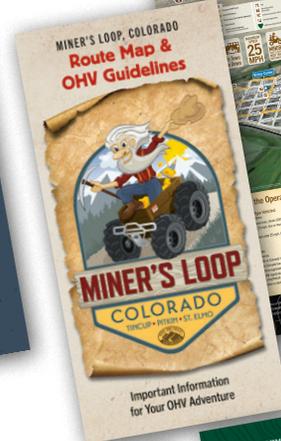
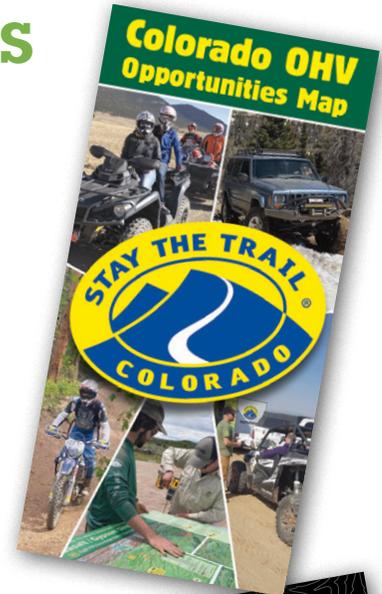
The goal is to provide consistent, easy-to-read messaging and mapping statewide.

Brochures & Handouts

The various Stay The Trail educational brochures and inserts are essential to promote responsible recreation ethics. Our current line-up of Stay The Trail Brochures (also available in Spanish) and Inserts includes:

Off-Highway Guidelines for...

- Courteous Use Of Motorized Vehicles
- 4-Wheel Drive Vehicles
- All-Terrain Vehicles & Side-By-Sides
- Motorcycles
- Motorized Vehicles
- Trails Open To Full-Size Vehicles In Colorado
- OHV Opportunities On Public Roads In Colorado - Insert
- Rocky Mountain Terrain – Mountain & Desert



In development...

Area-Specific Maps & Kiosks

STT is working with local land managers, trail adopters, and 4x4/OHV clubs & groups to develop, distribute, and install detailed OHV trail/road maps for known high-use areas in CO.

In the works for 2026:

- Red Cone/Webster Pass
- Taylor Park
- Alpine Loop
- Main Draw OHV Area

These maps aim to provide the user with a detailed, easy-to-use single-page map as an agency-approved navigation tool. Hardcopies will be distributed to area visitor centers, USFS/BLM/CPW, other state offices, and rental companies; online and digital versions will also be available at no cost. Additionally, these maps will be formatted and installed at trailhead/staging areas on kiosks funded by STT and our partners.

Other brochures & materials commonly distributed but not produced by Stay The Trail include:

- Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) - USFS
- Area Travel Management Maps - BLM
- Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Award Brochure – CPW
- Newsletters – Various OHV Related Programs
- General Outdoor Recreation – Leave-No-Trace

WELCOME TO Red Cone and Webster Pass
 Pike National Forest • South Platte Ranger District
 White River National Forest • Dillon Ranger District
 Adopted by Mile-Hi Jeep Club

The high elevation routes of Red Cone and Webster Pass span the continental divide across the South Platte Ranger District on the Pike National Forest and the Dillon Ranger District on the White River National Forest. Make sure yourself, along with your vehicle, are prepared for weather, narrow shelf roads, steep and rocky descents/accents, off-camber sections, and other users as passing can be difficult. Many miles of these routes traverse above tree line across the fragile alpine tundra. Snow drifts may linger across trails long into the summer months. Please stay on designated routes and avoid bypassing obstacles.

STICK IT OR TICKET!
 Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Sticker Required by Law

Don't wander off trail, get the map!

Be courteous, safe and a good steward for Colorado's OHV community. Remember, they're called recreational vehicles for a reason, so... **Play Nice.**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

North Sand Hills OHV Area

STICK IT OR TICKET!
 Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Sticker Required by Law
 La Ley Se Requiere Etiqueta de Permiso De Vehiculos Todoterrenos de Colorado.

Know Your Width / Conozca su Ancho.

Play Nice / Juega Limpio.

WELCOME TO WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST Basalt / Gypsum Singletrack
 Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District • Aspen-Sopris Ranger District

STICK IT OR TICKET!
 Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Sticker Required by Law

Play Nice.

STAY THE TRAIL COLORADO THIS MAP DEVELOPED BY STAY THE TRAIL, COLORADO





WELCOME TO

Enduro Skills Training Area



South Platte Ranger District



Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee

Welcome to the Rampart Range Enduro Skills Training Area. This area is a man-made set of obstacles and terrain specifically designed for improving riders' skills. Funding for the Enduro Skills Training Area was provided by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program Grant through the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee (RRMMC).

RULES AND REGULATIONS:



All Colorado residents operating unlicensed (un-plated/non-street legal) motorcycles are required to be registered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife when riding on National Forest Lands.



All Colorado residents operating licensed (plated/street legal) motorcycles are required to be permitted with Colorado Parks and Wildlife as well as ALL non-residents when operating a motorcycle on National Forest Lands.



All Motorcycles are required to have a U.S. Forest Service (USDA) approved spark arrestor to operate on National Forest Lands



All motorcycles operating in Colorado are sound limited to 96 db(a). If the motorcycle was manufactured before January 1998, 99 db(a) is allowed.



Stay on the designated course and avoid riding in restoration (cabled) areas.

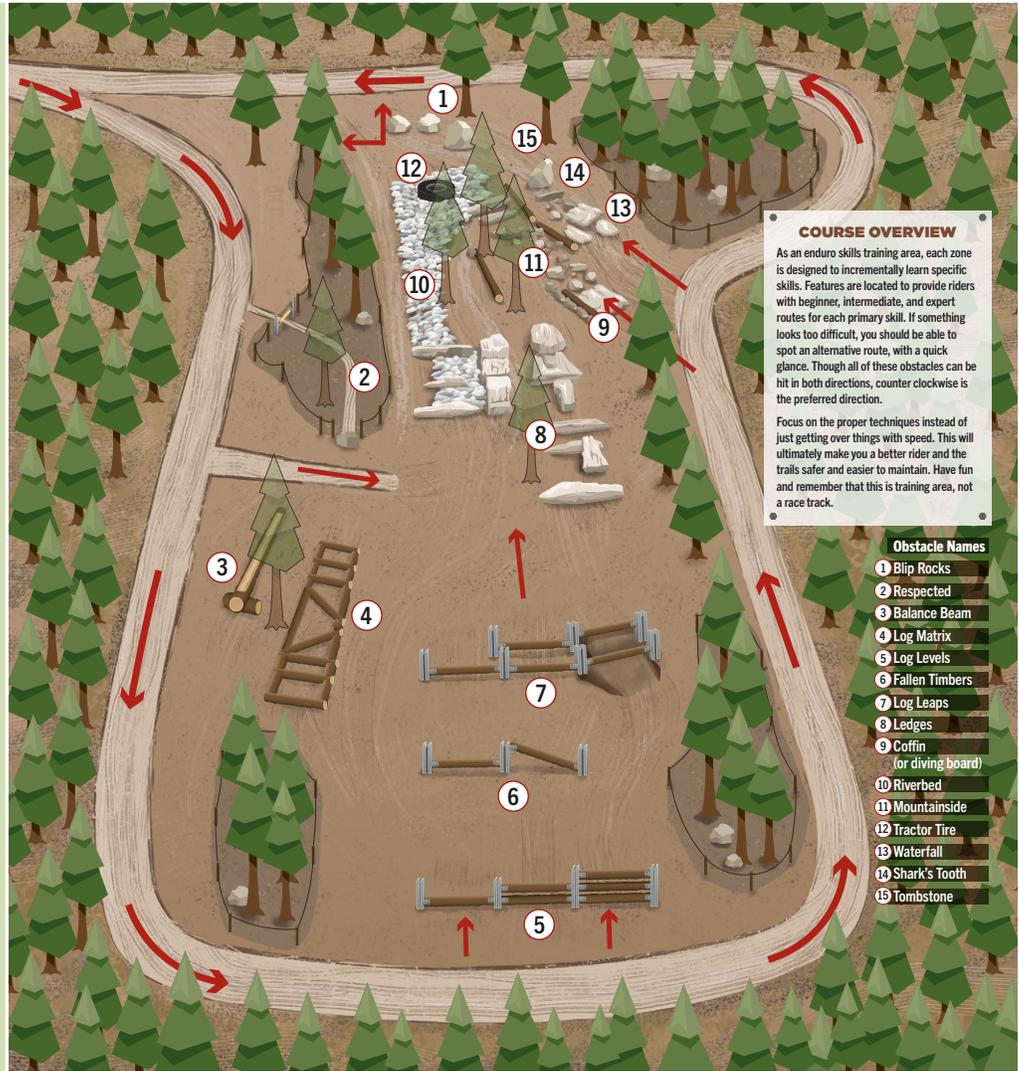


Use the provided bathroom located in the Dutch Fred Parking Area.



Keep the area clean! Do not litter and pick up all broken motorcycle parts.

Riding motorcycles is inherently dangerous and can lead to serious accidents. Take the proper precautions by wearing the appropriate PPE and riding to your skill level. In the case of an emergency, call 911. The USFS is not responsible for damage to your motorcycle or yourself.



COURSE OVERVIEW

As an enduro skills training area, each zone is designed to incrementally learn specific skills. Features are located to provide riders with beginner, intermediate, and expert routes for each primary skill. If something looks too difficult, you should be able to spot an alternative route, with a quick glance. Though all of these obstacles can be hit in both directions, counter clockwise is the preferred direction.

Focus on the proper techniques instead of just getting over things with speed. This will ultimately make you a better rider and the trails safer and easier to maintain. Have fun and remember that this is training area, not a race track.

Obstacle Names

- 1 Blip Rocks
- 2 Respected
- 3 Balance Beam
- 4 Log Matrix
- 5 Log Levels
- 6 Fallen Timbers
- 7 Log Leaps
- 8 Ledges
- 9 Coffin (or diving board)
- 10 Riverbed
- 11 Mountainside
- 12 Tractor Tire
- 13 Waterfall
- 14 Shark's Tooth
- 15 Tombstone



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IN COLLABORATION WITH:



The OHV Registration Program is designed to assist in the funding of projects that provide for the development of OHV opportunities in Colorado.

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Posters

STT posters aim to present quick, catchy illustrations that grab the viewer's attention and draw them to the poster. Each poster is unique in its message related to responsible trail use and the prevention of resource damage. Posters can be displayed at agency offices, motorsports dealerships, rental companies, kiosks/information panels, etc., all at no cost.

Staythetrail.org Website

The Stay The Trail website is a vital resource for OHV enthusiasts who reside in Colorado and those traveling to Colorado from other states needing important information and resources on where and how to ride/drive legally and responsibly. The website is continuously updated with new information regarding changing travel management, regulations, and new maps, as well as our events, stewardship projects, and volunteer opportunities. Our website analytics indicate that our interactive riding areas map, "Colorado OHV area-specific maps," and "Full Size Trails" are the top three searches. We continually work with land management agencies to have the most up-to-date and relevant maps and links. Staythetrail.org provides OHV enthusiasts with the most current and reliable information available. In an age where more people rely on electronic media for their information, the Stay The Trail website needs to maintain a fresh look and continue to adapt to the needs of our audience.

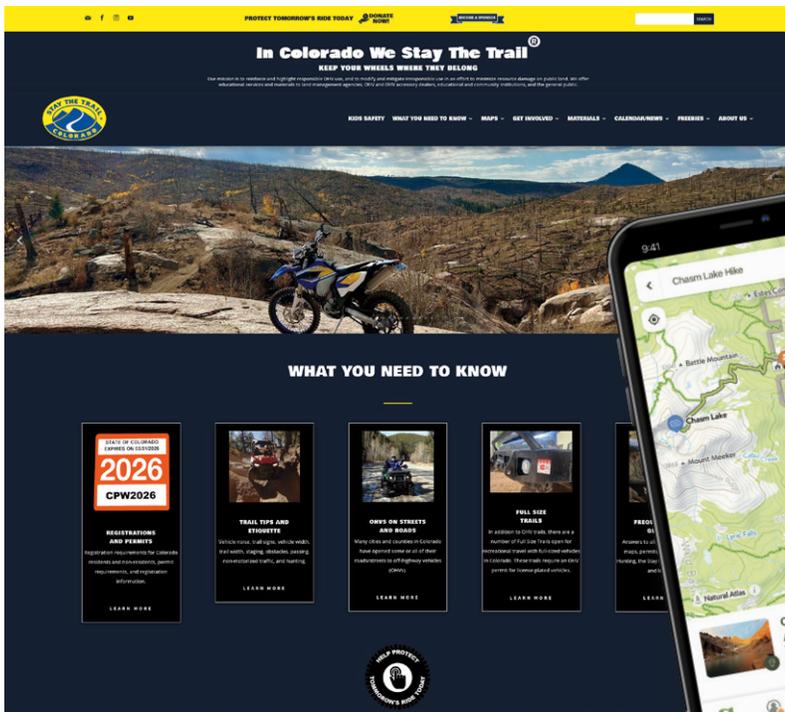
Mobile Device App for Colorado's Official OHV Travel Management Maps



COTREX APP was released in the spring of 2019 by Colorado Parks and Wildlife to simplify the search for users to access new and exciting recreation areas all over the State. This FREE app displays hiking, biking, horseback, and OHV trails. This app has many great features, such as downloadable offline maps, ride tracking, featured areas/routes, GPS capabilities, information on seasonal closures/user types for over 41,000 miles of trails, and much more.



Avenza APP put digital forms of official OHV travel maps in the hands of OHV recreationists. Stay The Trail initiated the process of Geo-referencing U.S. Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUMs) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) travel maps for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas in Colorado. These maps are updated as the federal agencies provide their newest versions.



Media Outreach

In 2025, we continued to use a third-party media planner to help develop a marketing plan and execute our media purchases. This gave STT a professional, outside perspective and assisted with developing a content plan that, combined with our traditional outreach methods, utilized different types of media to reach target audiences.

2025 Billboard Campaign

In the 2025 season, 7 Static Billboards were placed along popular highways & interstates. These routes provide access to OHV areas in Colorado. They were used to promote the Stay The Trail message and remind OHV enthusiasts to purchase or renew their OHV Registration(s) or Permit(s). Billboard location: Northern CO, CO Springs, Pueblo, and Grand Junction, resulting in 3,075,910 impressions.

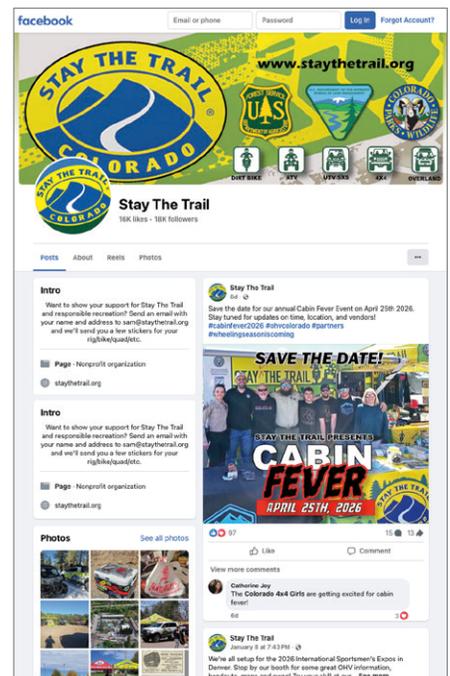
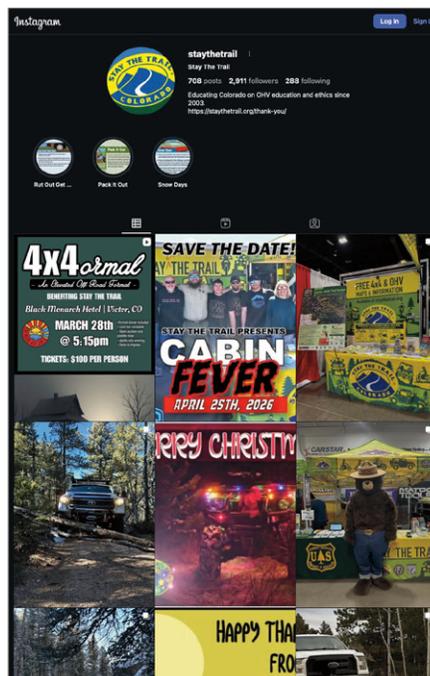
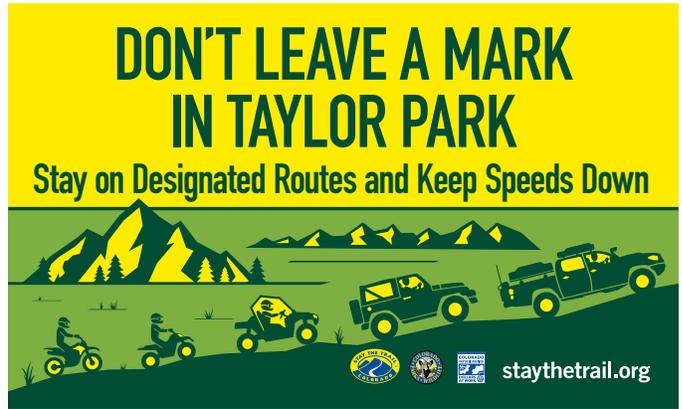
4 Mobile Billboards were used to promote the Stay The Trail message and were relocated by STT staff, volunteers, or land managers to critical high OHV use areas in Colorado. These mobile billboards are on display year-round and can easily be moved and customized for multiple locations each season.

Mobile Billboard Locations:

- Taylor Park – Base of Cottonwood Pass
- Taylor Park – Moved in 2025 from Tincup to North Side
- Rampart Range – Main Lot – Will be relocated with new graphics to Rainbow Falls 2026
- Grand Mesa – Multiple Locations

Social Media

As more than seventy-five percent of motorized users get their information from social media, utilizing platforms including Facebook and Instagram allows us to interact with the public and highlight, communicate, and echo the stewardship messages and opportunities of Stay The Trail. This is where we can show that we are the riders, drivers, and users, relating to the public seeking information on OHV topics and materials. We track involvement and demographics, which provide valuable insights into how best to serve our audience. We had a reach of over 1 Million between our Facebook and Instagram accounts.



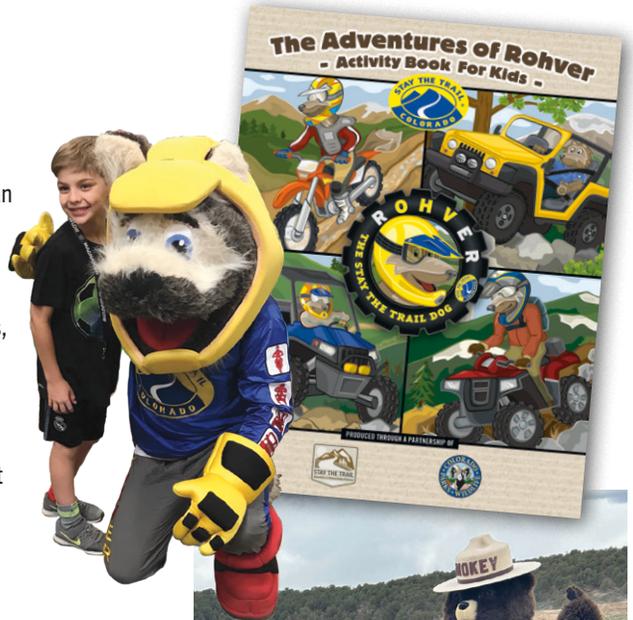
Youth Outreach

Youth Activity Book

The Activity Book for Kids titled "The Adventures of ROHVER the Stay The Trail Dog" is an excellent educational tool for youth. The book, which has received updates in subsequent years, was designed for parents and children to read together and to educate young OHV users about the importance of responsible trail ethics, etiquette, rules, and behaviors essential to motorized trail use. The activity book includes coloring pages, a trail maze, and a word search, all to engage youth with STT's message. This Youth Activity Book has been successful and distributed by the thousands yearly.

ROHVER – The Stay The Trail Mascot

Inspired by the character ROHVER in the Youth Activity Book, a full-size, custom mascot costume was created to promote youth outreach and education further and can often be seen partnering with other mascots such as Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, Seymour Antelope, Talon, and more.



Stay The Trail – RC Challenge Course

The STT RC Challenge Course is designed as an interactive opportunity to engage kids and teach them the importance of "Staying On The Trail" by operating 1/25 scale Remote Control (RC) 4x4 vehicles and negotiating several obstacles on a simulated OHV trail. Obstacles include a log crossing, bridge, whoop section,

rock crawl, water/stream crossing, and switchbacks. Plant life, animals, and sensitive areas are also represented and taught as areas to avoid and respect. This course was modeled after the STT Guidelines illustrated in our "Motorized Vehicles" brochure. Once the course is completed, kids receive an official sticker badge indicating they have completed it. In winter 2022, the RC Course saw a complete redesign and new build. STT partnered with the local Scout Troop and one Scout, Zeke, who took this on as his Eagle Scout Project. It debuted at the International Sportsmen's Expo with tremendous success.

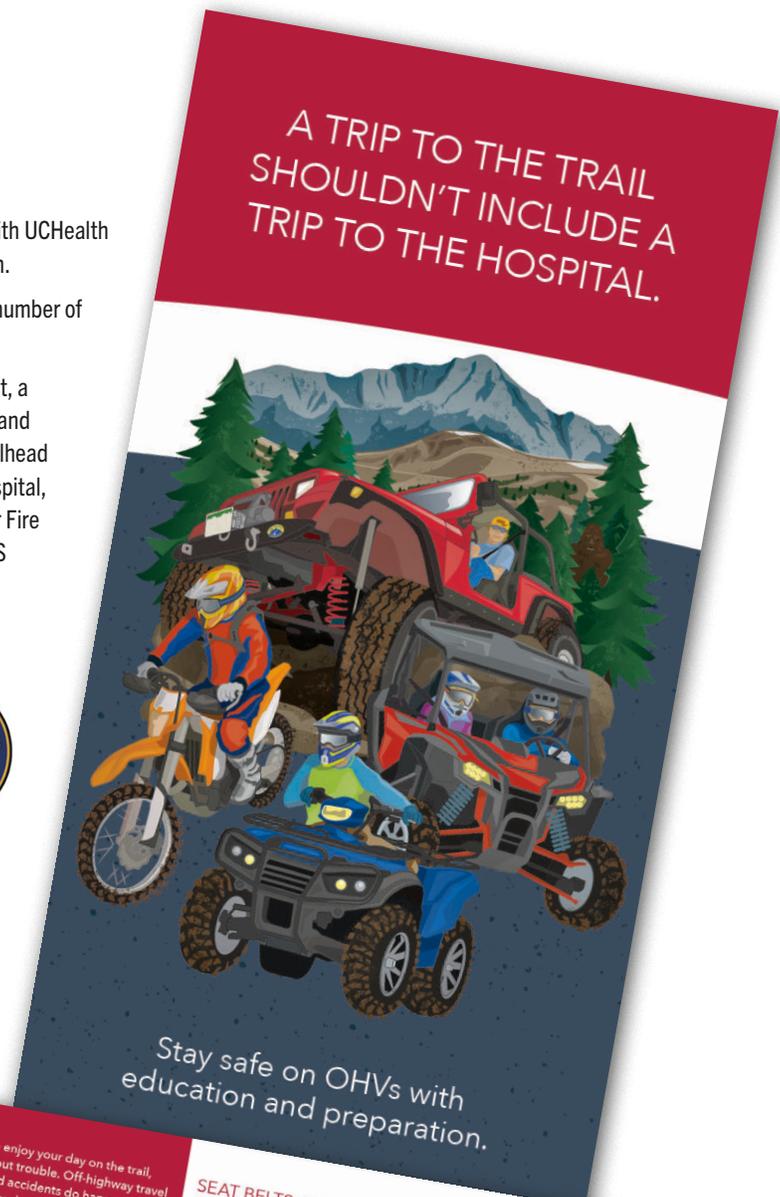


OHV Health and Safety Outreach

Over the past year, our organization has partnered and worked closely with UCHealth to develop and implement a state-wide OHV Health and Safety Campaign.

This collaboration has played a pivotal role in addressing the increasing number of off-highway vehicle injuries in Colorado.

Our joint campaign included an OHV Health and Safety brochure/handout, a mobile billboard and staging area signs including the preferred behavior and safe riding practices, free safety gear raffles, and 5 in the field at the trailhead outreach events that included additional partners such as Children's Hospital, Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District, Mountain Communities Volunteer Fire Department, Divide Fire, LifeLine and Reach Air Medical Services, the US Forest Service, Apex Sports, and the Trail Preservation Alliance.



Stay safe on OHVs with education and preparation.



We want you to enjoy your day on the trail, safely and without trouble. Off-highway travel is dangerous and accidents do happen, but sense can go a long way in keeping you out of the emergency room.

Helmet Law
All OHV users SHOULD wear a helmet on the trail. The statistics clearly show the chance of suffering a traumatic head injury that requires medical attention.

Protective Gear
The right gear can not only protect you from significant injuries, it will make your ride safer and more enjoyable. Wear long-sleeved shirt, helmet and goggles, unless otherwise mentioned in your owner's manual.

SEAT BELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS
Seat belts and child restraint systems are some of the most important safety features you can use in your OHV to keep your children safe on the trail.*

SAFETY AT THE TRAILHEAD

Loading and Unloading
Falls when loading and unloading motorcycles and ATVs on narrow ramps are common. Ask for help when possible, especially at the end of the day when you might be tired.

Turn Down the Tunes
Loud music at the staging area is a nuisance. But on the trail it masks the sound of oncoming traffic, and makes it harder to hear others in need of help.

OHV Handling on Pavement
Most OHVs can deliver massive amounts of power to off-highway surfaces. On asphalt, these forces can lead to an unexpected loss of control where collisions and rollovers happen very quickly. Be smooth on the gas and use light paved surface. Control your speed on these surfaces and always obey local speed limits both on road and off.

No Donuts
Doing donuts on any surface is very dangerous. Most rollovers occur this way and can lead to serious injuries. Side-by-side are more likely to flip over when accelerating through very tight turns.

Drugs and Alcohol
The same laws that apply to state and local highways apply to off-highway travel. Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol will earn you a very real DUI or worse—a trip to the trauma center.

DOT APPROVED HELMET
GOGGLES
LONG-SLEEVED SHIRT

100% of OHV fatalities involved head injuries.
Includes Chest, Ankle & Spine

MOST INJURED BODY PARTS
Head and Neck: 18%
Arm: 25%
Chest: 86%
Leg: 17%

HELMETS SAVE LIVES
HELMETS REDUCE THE RISK OF HEAD INJURY BY 69% AND REDUCE THE RISK OF DEATH BY 37%.

SEAT BELTS AND CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS
On Jan. 1, 2025, a new bill (HB24-1055**) that updates Colorado's reflect the latest research-based recommendations on car seat, booster seat and seat belt use for children.

Rear-facing
Under 2 years of age, and less than 40 pounds.
Must be in back seat if one is available.
40 pounds if child restraint allows it.

Forward-facing
Under 2 years of age, and at least 40 pounds.
2-4 years of age, and at least 20 pounds.
Must be in back seat if one is available.
Can continue forward-facing child restraint system beyond 4 years of age and 40 pounds; if child restraint allows it.

Booster Seat
4-9 years of age, AND at least 40 pounds.
Must be in back seat if one is available.
Must continue to use a booster seat beyond 9 years of age.

Seat Belt
9-18 years of age.
Must fit in seat belt properly.

Colorado Child Passenger Safety Law
Parents and caregivers are responsible for properly restraining a child and will be ticketed if they fail to do so.
All safety seats should be installed and fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual.
Caregivers can be pulled over if their child is not properly restrained.
Caregivers can face additional charges if the law is not followed and the child is injured.

*For most OHVs that are not traditional vehicles, child restraint systems are not crash tested in them and often cannot be correctly installed. An incorrectly installed child restraint (similar) to provide appropriate safety protection. We recommend contacting both the child restraint manufacturer and the OHV manufacturer to discuss their use.

**See Colorado Revised Statutes Title 33, Parks and Wildlife § 33-145-110.

A TRIP TO THE TRAILS SHOULDN'T INCLUDE A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL
Una visita al sendero no debería incluir una visita al hospital

<p>Wear Your Protective Gear Use tu equipo de protección</p>	<p>Watch for other riders and expect oncoming traffic Estate atento a otros ciclistas y espera tráfico que viene de frente</p>	<p>No drugs or alcohol when riding Nada de drogas ni alcohol cuando se monta</p>	<p>Limit passengers to machine specifications Limitar a los pasajeros a Especificaciones de la máquina</p>
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WE WANT YOU TO END ALL YOUR RIDES AT THE TRAILHEAD, NOT THE HOSPITAL.

YOU KNOW?
 OHVs aren't equipped with roll cages or ROPS, rollover protective structure, or a roll cage. They only meet agricultural standards.

The OHV overturned in 66% of injuries, and the victim was ejected in 70% of injuries.

Rollovers can easily happen on off-camber traverses. Learn to shift your weight to the uphill side and avoid drastic steering corrections.

Helmets are important in most off-road situations, as the jostling from uneven terrain makes it easy to bump your head, even if you're strapped in with a safety belt.

If you witness or are involved in an accident, call or text 911 immediately. But remember that there may be limited cell reception and an extended response time. Be prepared with at least a basic first aid kit.

Going over steep ground is a given. Safely get up and down the hill by following these tips:
 To drive uphill while seated, slide far enough forward to position your upper body over the front wheels or handlebars. Start the climb by shifting into a lower gear. Gently throttle up to keep moving.
 When going downhill, shift your weight to the rear. Use a lower gear, maintain a slow speed and brake gradually.



SHARE THE TRAIL
 Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) should yield the "right of way" to non-motorized trail users, and each type may require its own special consideration.



IMPORTANT NOTE:
 All trail users should yield to a Sasquatch.



Look out for children as young as 16 on the trail as well as adults with different skill levels and experience. Slow down and pass or overtake with care.



Always obey local posted speed limits on trails and on any county roads where allowed.

CHECK YOUR SPEED

Excessive speed and loss of control can lead to collisions with stationary objects, other users or just hitting the ground at a dangerous velocity.

- Ride within your ability, avoid pushing to try and keep up with faster, more experienced riders.
- Slow down when approaching blind corners or hills you can't see over. Line of sight is critical to avoiding collisions with others.
- Adjust your speed to the trail conditions, maintain traction, types of users. These groups will be traveling at different speeds and with various skill levels so each approach will be unique, especially when considering the location, trail conditions, and the time of day.
- Slow down when approaching or overtaking other users. Give them plenty of room and try not to surprise them.
- Create enough time and space to react to unexpected moves or errors by other users or even yourself.
- Enjoy the scenery but stay focused.

USE HAND SIGNALS

Use hand signals to let others know how many riders or vehicles are behind you. This will keep groups from unexpectedly running into each other on heavily used trails.

- 3 fingers up means 3 more riders.
- 2 fingers up means 2 more riders.
- 1 finger up means 1 more rider.



A CLOSED FIST MEANS THAT YOU ARE THE LAST RIDER OF YOUR GROUP.

BE AWARE, AND PREPARED

OHV safety begins with being prepared. Know the limitations of your machine and your skills and experience. Don't be afraid to turn around if you run into an obstacle. The goal is to enjoy the trails and come home safely with your ego in check.

Know Before You Go
 Follow all signs on the trail. Be familiar with Maps (MUTAG) and other official agency trail maps. Avoid getting into situations that will require dangerous U-turns. Check trail and route, elevation and difficulty on-line apps, social media. Be aware of changing weather conditions and appropriate gear. Have a way to communicate—cell service maps. Consider a satellite phone or beacon (SPOT). Carry the essentials: first aid, fire extinguisher, shovel, water, extra clothes, GPS, etc.



A Sasquatch Is Not the Most Dangerous Thing on the Trail
+ DON'T END YOUR RIDE AT THE HOSPITAL +



A TRIP TO THE TRAIL SHOULDN'T INCLUDE A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL.

Una visita al sendero no debería incluir una visita al hospital

- Slow down for corners.
- Expect oncoming traffic.
- Ride sober!
- Reduce la velocidad en las curvas
- Prepárate por tráfico que viene de frente
- ¡Conduce sobrio!





Stay The Trail Uniform Travel Management Signage Grant

This project aims to purchase and distribute consistent and uniform travel management signage for roads and trails designated for off-highway use on public lands in Colorado. The project benefits all road and trail users by clarifying the type and season of use for these designated motorized roads and trails. Uniform signage is critical to providing clear, concise direction to users, reducing user conflicts, and reducing the impacts caused when users are not in the correct areas. Reducing conflicts will also help keep trails open in the future.

Funding

Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant

We have been very fortunate over the past 20 years to have received reasonably consistent funding through the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Grant Program. This legislatively approved program was developed to use funds from OHV registrations and permits to pay for OHV projects, including education, trail maintenance, restoration, signage, etc.

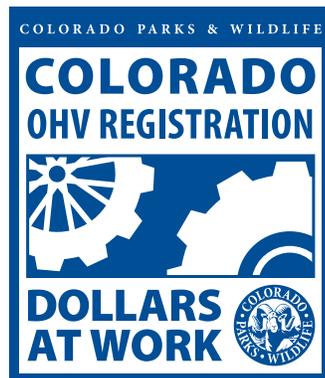
Additional Grants/Funding

In 2025, Stay The Trail was awarded grant funds outside the CPW OHV Grant to purchase trailhead kiosks, fund volunteer projects, and purchase tools to increase the program's stewardship capabilities. In addition, we receive partnership grants from the BLM and USFS in differing amounts each season for use in our stewardship and education efforts

Donations

In 2025, Stay The Trail received donations allocated for the Trail Stewardship program to fund the program's stewardship efforts throughout the season independently. Both private individuals and business donations were received.

Donation funds supplement program needs, help us achieve our goals, and continually improve the program.





Where 2026 Will Take Us

Colorado's public motorized trail use is continually rising at an exponential level. Thus, we've seen immense growth in their users, many new to the State and off-highway recreation on public lands. This growth demands continuing and expanding education and stewardship programs such as Stay The Trail. We have answered this call by increasing our efforts in both areas and working to educate the new and younger trail users who will shape the future of our State's OHV recreation. The team at Stay The Trail is designing additional area-specific maps, including the most relevant information about the riders/drivers while featuring our traditional education and ethics guidelines. The maps will be available in kiosk and brochure versions and a digital form found on our website. We are also concentrating on designing and installing new trail/route signage with wording and messaging applicable to current needs and machines. Additionally, we will focus on addressing new and challenging issues, including continuing to work with UC Health on 4x4 and OHV safety to reduce ER visits related to off-roading. Our goal is to continue to grow our program to meet the rising needs of an ever-expanding motorized community. This includes increasing video development to best target common issues. We continue to work with the State, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, federal agencies, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, and local clubs/groups to complete this mission. Additionally, we continue to maintain existing and develop new partnerships within the private OHV & 4x4 industries to support our growing needs and expanded goals.

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The OHV Registration Program is designed to assist in the funding of projects that provide for the stewardship of OHV opportunities in Colorado.

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