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Protecting Your Motorized Access to Public Lands



COHVCO NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are *busy as ever* with active issues....fighting to stop land closures, grey wolf reintroduction, protecting our OHV fund

Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), November 23, 2020

Dear friend of COHVCO:

This coming year will be like no other we have seen in Colorado, regarding the pressures applied to motorized recreation. It starts with the plan to rob \$5 million from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund. Again, stealing *your money* is on the agenda to balance the Colorado budget and *we need to stop the raid.*

Our State continues to face hard times and new fees are being discussed; COHVCO is working to ensure OHV users are not billed more than other groups

However, we need money to pay our lobbyists to do this, and we cannot do it without your help. We are fighting hard to make sure every dollar of your registration monies is used on the ground for OHV protection. In the current hard financial times with the State, many new fees are being looked at and COHVCO is ensuring the OHV community is not billed more, while other groups continue to pay nothing.

If that weren't enough in the way of bad news, motorized recreation has also gotten a black eye in the press in areas of Colorado because of *high use*, and a high number of new OHV users who have exceeded the limits of *smart use*. This is causing the Colorado General Assembly to begin discussing legislation to address OHV "abuse". The problem is they have no clue what they are doing and must have the input of the motorized community through COHVCO, and if necessary, COHVCO must stop overly restrictive legislation. *More than ever before, we need your help at the Capitol.*

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Wins for 2019

We have been busy *outside* the Capitol as well as last year. COHVCO notched the following wins for OHV users:

Successfully objecting to management decisions on the Rio Grande National Forest that would have closed a mile-wide corridor around the trail to all motorized usage and forced the closure of three grooming programs in the state and fighting similar CDNST standards on other forests.

Working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that critical wildlife habitat protected in planning is actually used by the species before it is protected and not as a tool to shut down motorized recreation.

Working with the US Forest Service on the NEPA process to make it more efficient and effective in managing recreational access issues.

Fighting to ensure that important motorized opportunities in areas that were previously Congressionally released for non-wilderness multiple uses are not designated as recommended Wilderness in new forest plans.

Opposing the CORE Act that would designate vast tracts of recent identified areas for future snowmobile expansion as Wilderness.

Minimizing OHV trail closures. Motorized recreationists could have lost up to 60% of motorized routes in the Pike/ San Isabel National Forest Travel Management Plan forced by conservationist lawsuits. As a result of much hard work the preferred alternative closing only 3% was chosen.

Grey Wolves are being reintroduced into Colorado and there will be great conflict between what we need for public access and what conservations will attempt to do in shutting down all access to public lands. *This is a key battle we must fight.*

What kind of major programs will be lost if the OHV fund is raided?

The BLM trail team out of Grand Junction has been running the trail dozer and skid steer in the Pine Gulch scar to try and stabilize motorized trails in the area for some time. The team has made significant headway on mitigating impacts and we are optimistic about keeping the large number of trails in this area open.



This is one example of a large-scale project that was completely funded by the OHV grant fund.

The battle for access never ends!

These and many more issues are still at stake and we need your financial support to keep the fight going to protect motorized access to public lands. It is no secret the COVID-19 Pandemic has been murderous on nonprofits like COHVCO so we are in desperate need of your help to meet our professional obligations.

So please send us a check or money order, or log in online at www.cohvco.org and make a contribution as soon as possible. Whatever you can afford will help.

Regards,
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COHVCO Chairman

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