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Re: Letter of Support for the OREC Grant Application for the Northwest Colorado Trails Corporation

The City of Craig is providing this Letter of Support on behalf of the Northwest Colorado Trails Corporation, in support of their Northwest Colorado Trails Corporation Motocross Track Maintenance Grant Application.

The scope of work for this project will allow this community and surrounding communities such as Steamboat, Hayden, Meeker, Vernal and Grand Junction, to enjoy a well-maintained motocross track. This site allows access for children ranging in ages from 3-9 on a mini-motocross track, older kids and adults on the large track, as well as the enduro and enduro-cross tracks.

Maintenance currently is very limited due to relying on run-off to fill water tanks, and a lack of a water truck to distribute the water evenly. The ground is mostly clay so when it dries out it packs making the surface hard, slick, and increasingly dusty, impairing vision and creating a dangerous environment to ride in. The ground would need to be tilled regularly to accept water and stay moist, if sand was mixed in the moisture would remain longer and soft dirt would be easily maintained. Adding scheduled maintenance and equipment will substantially encourage additional riders to participate in practice and competitions.

Maintenance as a vital key to increasing safety, activities, events, and membership. There are currently 157 paid members that use the track, and this number grows yearly by at least 30%. The general feedback from the riders includes inquiries about watering the track and the need for a harrow. With funds to support seasonal staff, material to mix into the dirt when it is tilled, and a water truck, we know that memberships will increase.

This valley is growing rapidly, ohv's and dirt bikes are incredibly popular in Northwest Colorado. We are all working in conjunction with local committees, clubs, non-profits, and the County in efforts to increase outdoor recreation to combat the impact the closure of the coal mine will have. We believe that improving the quality of the track is necessary.

Sincerely,

Derek Duran, Mayor  
City of Craig