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Robert Schlemmer at Colorado 600, Miners Creek Trail, Creede, CO Photo: Chad Hixon

TPA in Brief

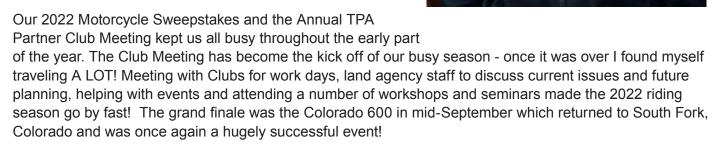
The Trails Preservation Alliance is a Colorado based off-highway motorcycle advocacy organization. We work with various land agencies to ensure equitable access for the sport of motorcycle riding.

A NOTE FROM CHAD

Chad Hixon, Executive Director

Greetings TPA supporters!

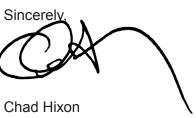
I hope everyone is settling into 2023 and excited about the opportunities this year will bring to us all. In Colorado winter has felt a lot like, well, winter! It's been cold and snowy keeping riding opportunities scarce. Fortunately the Spring desert riding season is upon us and before we know it we will be out clearing trails for Summer! 2022 was a year of challenges, opportunities and successes! We're happy you're along for the ride and want you to know that we appreciate everything you do to keep the trails open.

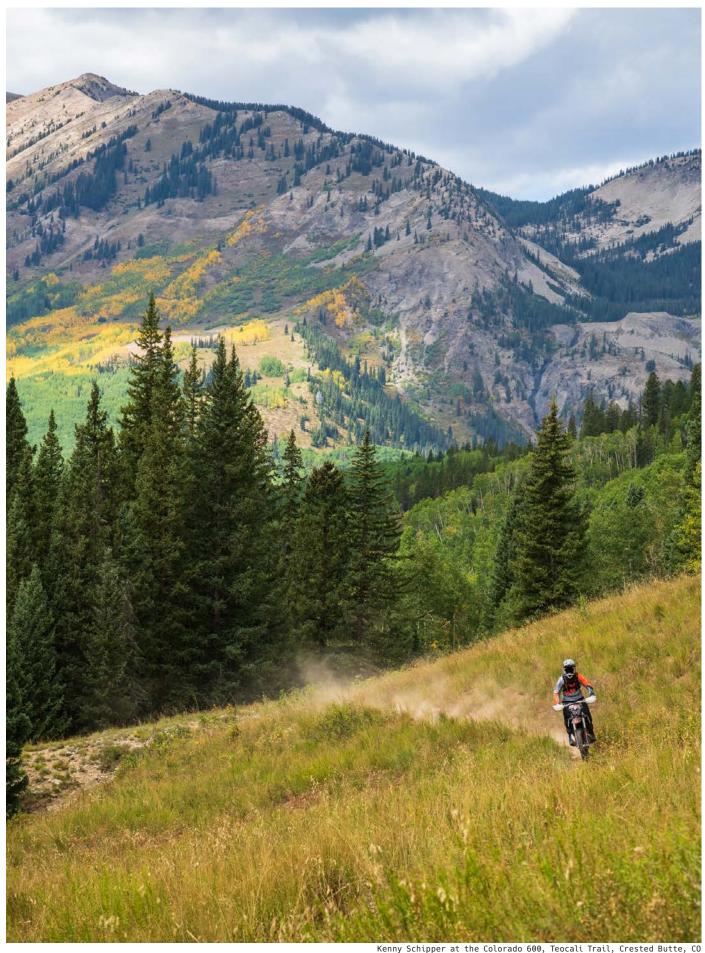


Land use issues are a constant throughout the year and in 2022 the TPA responded to a whopping 24 State and Federal planning processes! We had a change this year in the Board of Directors - long-time TPA supporter and motorcycle advocate Dennis Larratt moved on, and we welcomed a new board member Dave Gardner.

Organizationally we prioritized restructuring and internal planning. We are working through project planning, building up our Board of Directors, enhancing communication, and developing systems and procedures to make the TPA as effective and efficient as possible. Our founder Don Riggle is planning to spend more time enjoying his retirement and intends to decrease his direct day-to-day management of operations. In the 15+ years since the TPA was founded, Don has done nearly everything himself, and we are unlikely to find another who could put in the time that he has - THANK YOU DON!

Everything we do requires resources and comes at a cost whether it be financial and/or volunteer time. Nothing we do would be possible without the support of the many organizations, donors, volunteers, and members of the Board of Directors. Read on and you will see all that the TPA has done in the past year to improve and expand on our mission to support the sport of off highway motorcycle riding and access to public lands!





Kenny Schipper at the Colorado 600, Teocali Trail, Crested Butte, CO Photo: Chad de Alva

ABOUT US



Mission

The Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with its principal goal focused on preserving the sport of motorized singletrack trail riding. The TPA regularly supports all forms of Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation. The TPA acts as an advocate for OHV recreation and takes 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, educating user groups on trail etiquette, and supporting the establishment and operation of local, off-road motorcycle clubs. Read more on www.ColoradoTPA.org.

Board of Directors & Consultants

The Trails Preservation Alliance Board of Directors is made up of five Colorado residents that have over 125 years of trail riding experience in Colorado and decades of experience effectively fighting for multipleuse access on public lands throughout the West. They're active in competitive events, promotion of Colorado enduros, and education of trail riding groups. We are an alliance of dual-sport, adventure, and single-track trail riders who work together to protect your access to public land.

Interested in helping? The TPA is looking for volunteers to help the Board of Directors with a variety of projects. Please reach out to info@coloradotpa.org for more information.



Group of Colorado 600 riders at Miners Creek, Creede CO Photo: Chad Hixon

Board of Directors



DON RIGGLE Founder & Board Member



CHAD HIXON **Executive Director**



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ROB ROY RAMEY III Science Advisor, Wildlife Science International



SCOTT JONES Technical Writing, Agency Plan Reviews, group & committee representative



BILL ALSPACH Technical Writing, Grant Reviews and Riggle's voice of reason

FINANCIAL REPORT

The TPA is grateful for all volunteers, donors and industry supporters who repeatedly step up to support the mission and vision that we all share. We realize that money and time are tight for everyone these days, and we truly appreciate that you choose to donate to the TPA.

How the TPA uses your donations;

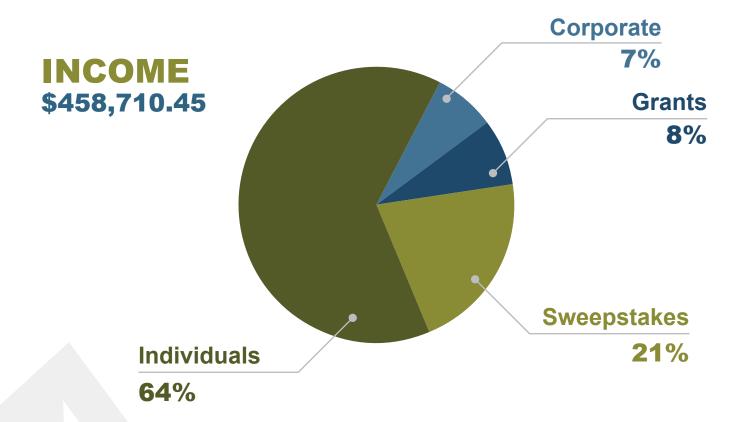
- Prevent closure and reduction of access to public lands.
- Plan new trails, work on trail maintenance projects, and work with numerous groups and agency representatives.
- Gravitate toward playing more offense instead of defense.
- Engage with subject matter experts, including wildlife biologists, lawyers, writers, GIS specialists, graphic designers and marketers on various projects.
- Support other motorized organizations across the state and region.
- Expand communication and visibility to unite riders across the state and region.
- Establish a sustainable organization for generations to come.

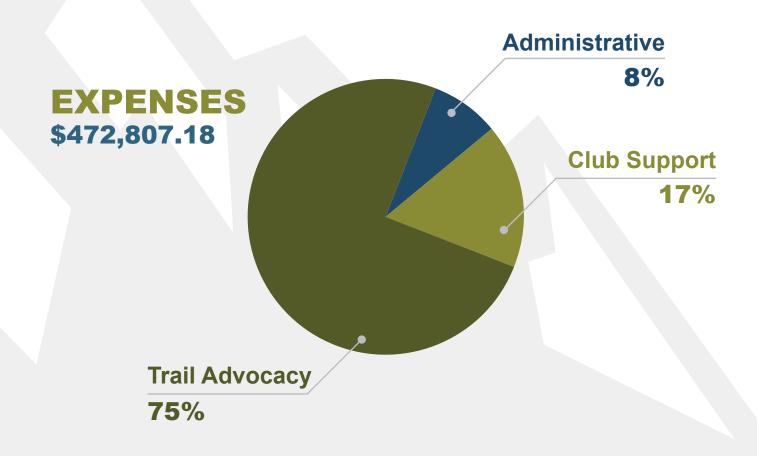
The TPA is a very lean and mean organization, working with volunteer and subject matter experts (consultants) instead of hiring staff, which enables us to keep our expenditures low and produce more value for our mission. We are fortunate that each of our consultants provides their services at discounted rates and/or volunteer some of their time. As the work continues to become more complex it will require more funds to maintain our success. Many organizations which we oppose have more resources and are better funded. The TPA succeeds by being strategic and intentional.

Each year, we receive donations from numerous people, ranging from a few dollars a month to larger amounts. Every donation, even small ones, matter as they show support for our mission and enable us to pursue it.



Angela Hixon in Doctor Park, Taylor Park, Photo: Chad Hixon





AT THE TABLE

The TPA partners with state and local organizations, affiliate riding clubs and other citizen groups to create a better recreational experience for all by participating in advisory boards, councils, think tanks, etc.

CCMR Acquires Youth Corp Grant and Helps Restore Rainbow Trail Connectivity

Colorado State Trails staff are often confronted with unused or returned grant money that, due to budgeting constraints, must be put to use quickly or it risks being taken from the OHV Grant Program. Fortunately Colorado State Trail staff found a creative solution and created the Colorado Youth Corp Grants which is designed to execute projects which protect and/or enhance Colorado's Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails and infrastructure. Simultaneously this program employs young adult Coloradans in service on public lands and introduces corps members to the OHV community, including those from marginalized communities.

A recent success is the 2022 reroute of the Rainbow Trail which restored connectivity of this iconic trail after it was closed due to flood damage resulting from the 2016 Hayden Pass fire. TPA affiliate club, the Central Colorado Mountain Riders, were able to obtain a Youth Corp Grant and hire a crew to cut trees and clear the corridor ahead of the trail contractor which greatly expedited the trail building and ultimately the trail opening!

This is just another example of the OHV community using our resources to collaborate and make a difference for all trail users - both motorized and non-motorized!

Read more about the Colorado State Trails & Colorado Youth Corps Association Off-Highway Vehicle Project Partnership.

OHV Grant Reviews

Over the past decade the TPA has gained a wealth of experience on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife's OHV grant program and process and we understand what helps to define a competitive grant application. The TPA with our background serving on the State Trails Committee and OHV Subcommittee were able to offer advice and share our experiences on what has made grant applications successful in the past. In 2022 the TPA assisted several clubs, groups and organizations with the preparation of their individual OHV grant applications for the 2023-2024 grant submission cycle. Our team was able to provide technical review of their application documents and offer suggestions and ideas on how to help spotlight the most valuable aspects of their project, improve the competitiveness of their application, and share advice on how to leverage matching funds and in-kind support. These efforts helped facilitate the preparation of over \$1.6 million in grant requests.

TPA Trail Education and Etiquette Video Grant

The TPA submitted a Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV grant application for the 2023-2024 cycle. This project partners with Gnarly Routes to create and share short educational videos mainly on Social Media that depict good etiquette and best practices for motorcycle single track riding. Board Chair, Ned Suesse, prepared the grant and will present the concept to the OHV subcommittee in the spring of 2023.



Ty Witten (2022 3rd Place Sweepstakes Winner!) at Colorado 600, Burro Trail, Del Norte, CO Photo: Chad Hixon

AT THE TABLE

Partners in the Outdoors Conference - April 2022

This conference hosted by Colorado Parks and Wildlife is designed to bring all stakeholders with a vested interest in Colorado's public lands together for 3 days to network and discuss a variety of issues. Three representatives from TPA attended - we were the only motorized organization at the conference.

Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit (COILS) -May 2022

The annual COILS Summit is a two-day event of networking, idea sharing, and expert discussions to build and sustain the outdoor industry in Colorado. Hosted by the Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office this gathering is directed toward recreation and Colorado's outdoor economy.

Our Executive Director, Chad, is the ONLY motorized representative on the Advisory Council and was the only motorized representative at the summit.

This event, and the TPA's role on the Advisory Council throughout the year, is great for networking with CEOs, government officials, executive directors, entrepreneurs, students, and leaders representing the full spectrum of the outdoor economy in Colorado.

Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership Initiative

In 2022 more funding was made available for the development of Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnerships. This initiative seeks to advance the development of new or existing local and regional

planning groups to inform a statewide conservation and recreation plan. The TPA has been working with existing groups that are now Regional Partners, such as The Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA), NoCo Places 2050 and San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!). In addition we continue to monitor the progress of Regional Partner Envision Chaffee County, as they plan to expand their "Wildlife Decision Support Tool" to other regions across the state. You may recall that in 2021 the TPA initiated, along with local Chaffee County groups, a Peer Review of "The Tool" by Wildlife Science International, LLC which pointed out many shortcomings which have yet to be addressed.

Please use the TPA as a resource if a Regional Partnership forms in your area to ensure offroad motorcycling and OHV recreation are fairly represented and have a voice.



NOHVCC Great Trails Workshop - July 31st - Aug 1st

The National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) Great Trails Workshop (funded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Grant program) is designed to educate and benefit the State's offhighway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts, land managers, and other OHV stakeholders. This event consisted of two hands-on field sessions in the Clear Creek Ranger District of the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forest, TPA Executive Director Chad Hixon attended both days to discuss recent mitigation projects, trail maintenance, design and construction.

COHVCO Training Workshop - September 2022

The 2022 Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) OHV Training Workshop was held in Montrose, CO. The event (organized in part by TPA consultant Scott Jones) was well attended by regional and local land managers, Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Staff and various trail crews from around the state. This two day event included one day of classroom presentations and discussions and a second day of riding! TPA representatives Bill Alspach and Chad Hixon were in attendance.

Other Groups or Committees

Groups, committees and local community involvement are important to shared recreation and public land use. These conversations generally include a wide variety of interest groups and we participate to be the voice of motorcycle riders and the greater OHV community. TPA representatives are participating on the following committees:

- CPW State Trails
- CPW OHV Subcommittee
- Forest Health Advisory Committee
- CPW CO-OP
- Colorado Sportsmans Roundtable
- Wildlife Area Fee Committee
- US Forest Service Trail Stewardship Committee
- Committee implementing the Keep Colorado Wild Pass



Angela Hixon on Willow Springs Road, Moab, UT Photo: Chad Hixon

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

The Trails Preservation Alliance continues to fight for OHV rights along with other motorized groups.

In 2022 we submitted comments on 24 major land management planning processes with a total of around 600 pages. In addition this year we saw decisions issued on some processes that the TPA has been involved with over the past few years. See all ongoing issues at www.coloradotpa.org/news.

Pike San Isabel Lawsuit Final record of decision

The Final Record of Decision for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests Motorized Travel Management Analysis project was finally made in 2022. This project took 13 years to resolve. It was the result of a lawsuit filed in 2009 by various environmental groups; they argued that the USFS did not meet its agency obligations to analyze the impacts of designating routes on the PSI Motor Vehicle Use Maps.

The TPA Intervened in this lawsuit on behalf of the USFS, and in 2015 the USFS reached a settlement agreement with the plaintiffs which required the USFS to reevaluate all motorized routes within the forest.

The TPA is pleased that the final decision keeps the majority of current roads and trails open for recreation and forest access, particularly for motorcycles. There is still a net loss of roughly 4% to motorized recreation predominantly used by full size 4WD vehicles and UTV's. While we do not support these closures, the decision could have been much worse without the efforts of the TPA staff, consultants, clubs and partners.

Rio Grande National Forest Lawsuit

A lawsuit filed by various environmental groups over the final decision for the Rio Grande National Forest Plan was filed in November 2021. With the help of the Mountain States Legal Foundation the TPA along with the Colorado Snowmobile Association and Backcountry Discovery Routes Intervened on behalf of the USFS in support of the revised plan.

Camping Plans

In 2022, the TPA and its partners engaged in three Camping Plans - two of these plans, the Chaffee County Camping Plan (BLM) and the Salida/Leadville Ranger Districts Camping Plan (USFS) were in Central Colorado's Upper Arkansas River Valley near the towns of Buena Vista, Leadville, and Salida. The third, Moab Camping Management Plan (BLM), encompassed three popular riding areas near Moab, UT. including Utah Rims (West Water area), Two Rivers (Dolores/Colorado River confluence area) and Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges (NE of Moab). While dispersed camping is broader than just motorized recreation, it is especially valuable to motorized use when located near riding areas OR when the plans close routes in order to manage camping. In addition, engagement with broader issues provides us the opportunity to partner with other recreation groups to protect access. With increased recreation we expect and are seeing more areas develop camping plans to help mitigate the effects of dispersed camping.

CORE and CWA

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Economy act (CORE) and Colorado Wilderness Act (CWA) bills have passed the House of Representatives numerous times but continue to fail to get Senate approval. The TPA and our partners continue to oppose each of these Wilderness expansion bills.

Camp Hale National Monument

On October 12, 2022 President Biden signed a Proclamation designating more than 53,000 acres outside Minturn, Colorado as the Camp Hale/Continental Divide National Monument. In this Proclamation, which is a big win for motorized recreation, summer and winter motorized usage of the area was specifically protected and no limitation on road or trail construction was mandated. The next steps will be to create a management plan for the Monument and we are fortunate to have protection for motorized access and recreation as a foundation to the planning process!

GMUG Forest Plan Revision

The TPA submitted detailed comments (~135 pages) for the GMUG Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in the fall of 2021. We are anxiously anticipating the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) where we hope our comments and concerns from the DEIS were applied. The last GMUG Forest Plan was done in 1983 so this process will affect how 3 million acres of public land is managed into the foreseeable future. More information will be provided as available.

Utah

The TPA is fortunate, thanks to your support, to have resources available to engage with planning processes in our neighboring state to the West - Utah! As the old saying goes - you know it's spring in Utah because all the license plates turn green!

We continue to work with Ride with Respect while the BLM undergoes Travel Management Planning on 12 important OHV use areas across Utah and more!

In 2022 the TPA and our partners engaged with numerous planning processes in Utah including;

- Ashley National Forest Forest Plan Revision in Northeast UT and Southwest Wyoming
- Reconsideration of the San Rafael Desert Travel Management Plan
- Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges Travel Management Plan
- Bears Ears National Monument Plan
- · Moab Camping Management Plan.



Colorado 600 Riders led by Don Riggle - near Soldiers Stone, Saguache, CO

WOOHOO - LET'S RIDE!

Some great new riding opportunities opened up this year and more are being planned for the future due to the active engagement of the TPA and affiliated clubs - these are just a few highlights!

2022 Colorado 600

It was a pleasure to be able to gather for the 2022 Colorado 600 which returned to South Fork CO. for the first time since 2018. We enjoyed superb Colorado Fall weather which allowed all our participants to enjoy the many miles of trails and roads the South Fork area has to offer. Thank you to all the participants and supporters for making the 2022 Colorado 600 a tremendous success!

2022 Club Stats

The Motorcycle Clubs across Colorado made significant contributions to trails in their areas within the state. Remember there is no motorized only trail designation; trails are multi-use, so this volunteer work is for the benefit of ALL trail users!

Check out some of the highlights from 2022:

- · 22,832 Hours Volunteered
- 4,286 Trees Cleared
- \$1 Million in CPW OHV Grant Money put to work
- 50 attendees from 20 organizations at the annual TPA Club meeting

Penrose Commons Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP)

In the Fall of 2022, the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office began Public Scoping for a Recreation Area Management Plan that could incorporate some of the existing user created trails and add new single track trails to this system.

Penrose Commons is a relatively small, three-thousand-acre, OHV area outside of Penrose Colorado. It has become a popular destination for many OHV enthusiasts due to its close proximity to the Front Range (most of the population of Colorado) and long riding season due to the consistently mild temps throughout the winter. This is a substantial opportunity for off highway motorcycle riders as limited opportunities exist and the ability to add trails continues to become more difficult. Read the TPAs comments on Penrose Commons.

Minnie Update Silverton, CO.

The effort to reopen Minnie Gulch near Silverton, CO. is ongoing. The project has had numerous setbacks. However, the BLM Gunnison Field Office, San Juan Trail Riders, Public Access Preservation Association, The Colorado 500 and the TPA have remained in close communications to find a solution to get motorized single track access from the Rio Grande National Forest into the Animas River drainage near Silverton.



Rich Voelker blows off some steam on Captain Jacks Trail, Colorado Springs, CO Photo: Chad Hixon

WOOHOO - LET'S RIDE!

Norwood Trail Proposal

Norwood Parks and Recreation District, in concert with the United States Forest Service Norwood Ranger District, is embarking on a planning process for new motorized singletrack trails in the Beaver Park and Busted Arm Draw areas. These trails would provide new recreation and economic development opportunities while continuing to support wildlife habitat and migration corridors through these areas. Over the Summer of 2022 crews were busy ground truthing (getting accurate GPS coordinates) for the proposed trails. The TPA has been engaged with and is supporting this plan. We will keep you up to date as it develops.

Bangs Canyon

More new trails were built in 2022 and the area management plan has room for more!! The TPA has been involved in the Bangs Canyon Area since around 2009. Check out this cool video highlighting the project.



Chad Hixon delivers trail tools to Northern Colorado Trail Riders on Grizzly - Helena Trail, Walden, CO Photo: Angela Hixon

Making the rounds

In 2022 the TPA (members of the BOD, the Executive Director, and volunteers) made connections all across the state of Colorado! Chad our Executive Director traveled a lot - meeting with Clubs for work days, land agency staff to discuss future planning, helping with events and attending a number of workshops and seminars to not only represent the TPA but also, in some instances on behalf of the greater motorized community.

8 Clubs and Organizations visited - Gunnison OHV Alliance of Trail Riders (GOATS), Summit County Off Road Riders (SCORR), Northern Colorado Trail Riders (NCTR), Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (MTRA), Boot Hill Motorcycle Club (BHMC), Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA), San Luis Valley Great Outdoors (SLV GO!), and Enduro Ranch.

11 Land agency visits

- USFS Clear Creek Ranger District, Divide Ranger District, Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor, Gunnison Ranger District, Grand Mesa Uncompangre Gunnison National Forest Supervisor, Norwood Ranger District, Grand Mesa Ranger District, and Salida Ranger District.
- BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, Gunnison Field Office, and Grand Valley Field Office.

3 Events

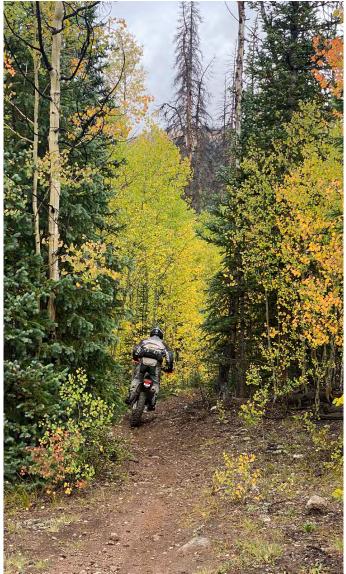
- Shady Burro Enduro
- · Colorado 600
- TPA Club Meeting

4 Workshops

- Partners in the Outdoors
- · Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit
- NOHVCC Great Trails Workshop
- COHVCO Workshop



Yon Iaccio clearing the trail in Sargents, CO Photo: Chad Hixon



Ned Suesse in Miners Creek, Creede, CO Photo: Matt Entz

THE TRAIL AHEAD

The TPA has a lot of exciting things planned for 2023!

TPA Board of Directors Retreat

As the TPA grows, so does the involvement and engagement of the Board of Directors. Monthly virtual Board meetings and Committee meetings are the norm. In addition, the Board has committed to meeting in person quarterly and for one of those meetings to be a full day Board retreat! The first ever TPA BOD retreat will be held March 31st, the day before our Club Meeting this spring!

2023 TPA Partner Club Meeting

The Annual TPA Partner Club Meeting and ride will be April 1st and 2nd 2023. Back by popular demand we are returning to the Grand Junction area! This meeting continues to be a great opportunity for off highway motorcycle advocates across Colorado and Eastern Utah to gather under one roof and discuss issues that are facing our sport, strategize on how we can improve our efforts, and generally talk shop.

We feel that most of our efforts have revolved around defensive strategies to save or protect trails from closures. At the 2023 meeting we will be shifting that dialogue to offensive strategies that will ultimately create new riding opportunities.



Bill Alspach - Annual TPA Club Meeting Ride, West Water, UT

Fundraising

We continue to have two major fundraising efforts of the year - the Bike Sweepstakes in the Spring and the Colorado 600 in the Fall.

2023 Bike Sweepstakes

With TWO bikes as one Grand Prize we have our sights set high to substantially increase our fundraising efforts. Not only has the Sweepstakes become a highly successful fundraising effort, but it has also helped the TPA with brand exposure, helped reach more riders, and allowed us to partner with more corporate and industry partners. A special thank you to Rocky Mountain ATV/MC and Yamaha for their substantial contributions to this important effort. Enter now at www.WinTPAbikes.com!



2023 Colorado 600 Trails Awareness Symposium

We will return to South Fork Colorado to the new and improved Wolf Creek Ski Lodge. This event, our largest fundraiser, is the foundation of our organization. It is limited to 75 riders on a first come first served basis. Registration will Open in the spring of 2023 so be sure to secure your spot so you can come ride and learn about the last issues facing our sport and organization.



2022 Colorado 600 Group Photo, South Fork, CO

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our all of our supporters - Clubs, Volunteers, Donors and Corporate Supporters!

The TPA affiliated clubs and partners, their members and other volunteers are critical at a local level that help keep trails rideable and open. The experience for ALL trail users - riders, hikers, bikers, horse riders was better because of your efforts! Keep up the good work!

Donors, Volunteers and Corporate Supporters - Thank you for your ongoing commitment to preserving off highway motorcycle access. Your generosity of time, money and in-kind donations greatly help to fulfill the mission! Thank you!

Last but not least, we recognize land managers have many issues and interests to consider; multiple forms of recreation, forest health, timber, grazing, wildlife, to name a few. We know this is a difficult task so thank you to the Federal and State land management agencies for your work with the TPA and Clubs across the State to support multi use recreation.

Everyone's support helps to ensure that current and future generations have riding opportunities. We look forward to working with you all in 2023!



Ian Leeming - Red Canyon Trail, near Norwood, CO



Colorado 600 Riders, Creede, CO



Dan Gourley and Ned Suesse on Snowslide Trail, near Gateway, CO Photo: Chad Hixon



Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) Club Members pose in front of their recently installed sign on Captain Jacks Trail, Colorado Springs, CO, Photo: Chad Hixon



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WANT TO SUPPORT THE CAUSE?

The TPA depends upon generous donations from supporters like you to help fund our efforts to preserve the sport of off-highway motorcycle recreation and to engage in issues that threaten our access to public lands. Donations provide over 70% of our annual income. For more information check out our website at: www.coloradotpa.org/how-to-help