

Subject: Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) End of Year Report for 2010

The Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) Board of Directors thanks everyone for their support to the TPA during 2010. This includes **Colorado 500 and Rocky Mountain 400** riders and supporters; the **Trails Awareness Symposium/ Colorado 600** and **many other motorcycle riders** who believe in what the TPA has committed to accomplish.

In our ongoing mission to preserve our sport and public access to public lands, TPA took the following actions on behalf of all motorcycle riders. The list of activities this year is extensive so this report is structured in two parts beginning with an **Overview** of activities. The **Overview** provides a quick and easily digestible review of major activities and donations. In-depth information for each item in the overview is provided in the **Details** section.

OVERVIEW

Activities	Donations To
Additions to volunteer staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Western Slope South Central Front Range Trails Advocate Marketing/Communications Representative 	Colorado OHV grant (George Gangler)
AMA - Support against Salazar wilderness bill	Grand Junction BLM
AMA, BRC, and COHVCO – sponsor Indianapolis meeting	Gypsum Area
COHVCO - attend and support actions	Joint Trail Work Days
COHVCO - funds for a law suit	OHV grant requests
COHVCO, Texas Sidewinders Motorcycle Club, and AMA - alliances for Colorado OHV issues	Ouray Forest Service
Colorado 500 and Rocky Mountain 400 events - donations	Summit County Trail Riders
Draft Environmental Impact statement/Travel Plan	White River Alliance Fund
Establish working partner relationships with FS and BLM	Boot Hill Motorcycle Club
Gateway region - new major OHV recreation area	
Petitioning Trout Unlimited to change their anti-OHV actions in Colorado	
San Juan Trail Riders, and PAPA (Telluride) – support	
Trails Awareness Symposium/Colorado 600	
Utah/Moab area motorcycle riders - support	
White River National Forest TMP	
Wilderness Bills - detailed responses	

DETAILS

- An extensive four-year effort **working the Draft Environmental Impact statement/Travel Plan** for the Gunnison National Forest. This initiative saved a significant amount of trails scheduled for closure. The TPA/COHVCO appeal regarding closures continues to work its way through the FS/BLM system
- Helping Western Slope area (MTRA) through the BLM to develop more OHV recreation areas. Specifically TPA, through local members, is working to help **establish the Gateway region as a new major OHV recreation area**. This BLM work also included work in the Dry Creek and Dubuque areas recreation planning
- Hosting of a joint meeting with the AMA, BRC, and COHVCO during the Indianapolis motorcycle trade show** in February. This meeting enhanced working relationships between all three organizations relating to ongoing public access actions in Colorado
- Detailed responses to three ongoing wilderness bills** being introduced in Colorado
- White River Alliance funds donation** in support of their attempt to stop the Hidden Gems Wilderness

- **Support to AMA to attend and testify against the Salazar wilderness bill**, as well as the DeGette wilderness bill.
- **Major support to Utah/Moab area motorcycle riders** as they work to protect our off-road riding in their area. The TPA made significant donations to the Ride with Respect (Moab) and the USA ALL (all of Utah) in their effort to stop the Southern Utah Wilderness Association (SUWA) attempts to close off all the BLM to OHV recreation. With BRC taking the lead, TPA joined COHVCO in filing a legal action to offset the BLM Moab area recreation management plan that would have drastically reduced OHV recreation opportunities. The TPA hosted an AMA Management trail ride in the Moab area, to bring national attention to the BLM issues in Moab, as well as introduce the AMA to the great efforts being made by the Ride with Respect organization in Moab. The TPA believes that UTAH deserves support from Colorado riders, since that area is used extensively by Colorado riders. Utah needs the support from all of the riders that use Utah lands for recreation.
- **Attended and supported actions taken by COHVCO** regarding Colorado State Parks Board's attempt to divert use of Colorado OHV registration funds
- TPA made **significant funding donations** were made to many organizations in Colorado to include:
 - **Grand Junction BLM**
Financial support for DeBeque area work and a pledge to donate more for Gateway area work
 - **Gypsum area**
Financial support to a new motorcycle club
 - **Ouray FS**
\$1000 to help maintain the Alpine Trail area
 - **Summit County Trail Riders**
Supporting development of an off-road riding area near Breckenridge
 - **Donations to Joint Trail Work Days**
Motorized and mountain bikes in Colorado
 - **Funds pledges to OHV grant requests**
Trail-related work in 2011/2012
 - **Support for a Colorado OHV grant (lead by George Gangler)**
Construction of trail barrier systems at single track trail entry points. This grant and initial work translated in to a major action endorsed by the Forest Service and BLM to perform more construction and installation of barriers in all western FS districts
- **Donation to Boot Hill Motorcycle Club** for their work in maintaining OHV trails in South Central Colorado
- **Participation in 2010 Colorado 500 and Rocky Mountain 400 events** resulting in donations to TPA mission. These events are positive examples of responsible OHV recreation events. CO 500 donations went to the TPA general fund. RM 400 donations went to COHVCO.
- **TPA and Sidewinders Motorcycle Club hosted first annual AMA-sanctioned Trails Awareness Symposium/Colorado 600.** This annual event increases awareness of issues faced in Colorado supporting the TPA mission of protecting public access to public lands. Event showed positive benefits by assisting riders from South Dakota in their efforts to build a relationship with the local FS to open more trails for motorized recreation,
- **Joined COHVCO in funding a law suit challenging the State Parks Board actions** that appears to be in violation of Colorado state laws.
- Extensive Gunnison National Forest DEIS/TMP work augmented by **TPA initiative** for similar work **on the White River National Forest TMP**. Work is ongoing for two years and continues through 2011 and 2012.
- TPA is attempting to be a **working partner with the FS and BLM** to develop more OHV recreation opportunities in the White River National Forest area.
- **TPA supported major actions** in the SW portion of Colorado, by working with local motorcycle clubs that lack the funding and membership strengths that the Front Range clubs have in place today. Significant work has been done in supporting work **of the San Juan Trail Riders, and PAPA (Telluride)** in their work in the Pagosa Springs, Delores, Rico, Silverton and Telluride area. TPA has donated funds and the use of our technical consultants to assist in this work.
- **TPA** has supported riders in the western slope area with their ongoing issues with Trout Unlimited. TU has taken an aggressive anti-OHV recreation stand in that area, as well as other OHV actions in the state. TPA has interceded in this issue, going to the National level of TU, **working to get TU to change their anti-OHV actions in Colorado.**
- **TPA filed a detailed response to the Sante Fe National Forest SFNF DEIS/TMP document.** This will be an extensive, long term project. This effort is the right course of action to take in support of an area that Colorado riders visit. The TPA also has a significant amount of supporting members that live in New Mexico.



- **TPA announced additions to our volunteer staff** with the following Colorado representative positions:
 - **Western Slope**
 - **South Central**
 - **Front Range**
 - **Trails Advocate**
 - **Marketing/Communications Representative**
- **TPA formed strategic alliances with COHVCO; Texas Sidewinders Motorcycle Club, and the AMA** to bring focused attention on all OHV issues in Colorado. This is proving to be a great benefit for OHV work in Colorado.

A finally – a reminder to all to attend the **TPA-sponsored annual Trails Awareness Symposium/Colorado 600, summer 2011**. See the C600 web page, www.colorado600.org, for details.

The Trails Preservation Alliance Board of Directors appreciates the support and donations received on 2010. Suggestions on how to better protect our sport and increase OHV recreation opportunities are always accepted. Thank you for your dedication, interest and support.