

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



TRAILS PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

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Riders Jimmy Hopper, Chad Hixon & Ty Murray
at 2024 Colorado 600, South Fork, CO
Photo Miguel Santana



WHERE DO WE GO NEXT?
Riders contemplate their next move riding Timberline. Taylor Park, CO
Photo by Chad Hixon



The Trails Preservation Alliance is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to safeguarding and enriching the sport of motorized single-track trail riding. Our efforts encompass advocating for diverse OHV recreation, ensuring access to trails on public lands, providing education on trail etiquette, promoting responsible recreation and environmental stewardship, collaborating with like-minded organizations and state and national organizations, and collaborating and supporting off-highway motorcycle clubs.

A NOTE FROM CHAD

Chad Hixon, Executive Director

Greetings Friends and Supporters,

2024 was a transformative year for the TPA. We saw changes to our Board of Directors, including the retirement of our founder, Don Riggle, and the election of our President, Scott Bright, to the Colorado State Senate. These transitions brought shifts in duties and responsibilities, and the dedication of our Board was evident through their hard work. Notably, in addition to the Annual BoD retreat, we held a two-day immersive workshop in November, with Board members traveling from across the state to spend a total of two full days collaborating in person—no small feat for such a busy group!

As Executive Director, I couldn't be prouder of the Board's commitment. Their efforts not only kept us on track but also laid the groundwork for an organization that will thrive well into the future. We're fortunate to have a team of passionate riders working tirelessly to protect and expand off-highway motorcycle opportunities.

Despite organizational changes, our advocacy efforts remained strong in 2024. While we encountered challenges—such as Travel Management Plan and National Monument Resource Management Plan decisions in Utah that resulted in some road and trail closures—we remain optimistic. Recent shifts in Supreme Court rulings and administrative priorities have opened new doors to revisit these decisions and promote more balanced outcomes. These opportunities inspire us as we head into 2025, ready to advance responsible off-highway motorcycle access with renewed determination and purpose.

Beyond advocacy, our signature events thrived in 2024. The 5th Annual Partner Club Meeting, the Colorado 600, and the Moto Adventure Sweepstakes all exceeded expectations. Local clubs across Colorado also continued to step up, making a positive impact for motorized, multi-use trail users in their regions.

In short, 2024 was a year of growth and resilience for the TPA. As we embrace the new year, we're excited to launch new projects and expand our efforts to protect and create more off-highway motorcycle opportunities. None of this would be possible without your support—thank you for enabling us to make a difference.

Please read on as we proudly present the Trails Preservation Alliance 2024 Annual Report.

See you on the trail!

Sincerely,



Chad Hixon
Executive Director
Trails Preservation Alliance



ON THE RIGHT:
Chad Hixon at Colorado 600, South Fork, CO
Photo Miguel Santana



ABOUT US

The Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) is guided by a passionate team dedicated to protecting and enhancing access to public lands, with a focus on off-highway motorcycle recreation. Our leadership includes an executive director, six board members, and a diverse group of consultants, with our founder serving as a valued advisor.

Our Board of Directors is composed of six committed Colorado residents, each with decades of trail riding experience. Active in competitive events, local motorcycle clubs, and trail rider education, they advocate for responsible, multiple-use access to public lands across the West.

Supporting our mission is a dynamic team of consultants specializing in photography, nonprofit marketing, writing, graphic design, social media, technical support, legal support, grant writing, and scientific advising. Like our board, they are experienced riders and outdoor enthusiasts, bringing both professional expertise and a deep personal connection to the trails we protect.

Together, we work tirelessly, fueled by our shared passion to safeguard and preserve access to public lands for current and future generations.



CHAD HIXON
Executive Director



SCOTT BRIGHT
President



NED SUESSE
Board Member



JASON ELLIOTT
Secretary



CLIVE HELLER
Board Member



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DON RIGGLE
Founder & Advisor



CHRISTINA HALL
Creative Director



LEAH HENDRICKS
Social Media



KENT HOLSINGER
Legal Council



ROB WATT
Photographer



SCOTT JONES
Technical Writing



BILL ALSPACH
Technical Writing



ROB ROY RAMEY
Science Advisor

WHAT WE DO



Advocate for Trail Preservation

Engage with government agencies to advocate for responsible Off-Highway access policies that balance the needs of riders and the preservation of our natural environments.



Trail Creation, Maintenance and Restoration

Support and provide funding to local clubs on critical projects to ensure our trails remain not just open but also sustainable and enjoyable for generations to come.



Education and Outreach

Develop educational programs and outreach initiatives to promote responsible riding practices, fostering a community of environmentally conscious and respectful Off-Highway enthusiasts.



Legal Defense

Provide legal support to protect our rights as Off-Highway enthusiasts, ensuring that decisions affecting our access to trails are fair.

MILESTONES & TRANSITIONS

2nd Annual Retreat & Policy Governance Workshop

The TPA remains committed to operating efficiently and effectively to advance our mission. In 2024, the Board of Directors deepened their strategic growth efforts by participating in two separate workshops: a two-day immersive session on Policy Governance to strengthen leadership and decision-making, and a one-day annual retreat focused on strategic planning for the TPA's future. These initiatives reinforce our dedication to responsible off-highway motorcycling, trail preservation, and community building.

TPA Founder Don Riggle Retires

After more than 44 years of dedicated work to protect off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation in Colorado, Don has announced his retirement from active leadership at the TPA. With the TPA in strong hands, a new chairman, board members, and staff are carrying forward the mission with passion and vision. Don emphasizes the importance of continued support to ensure the TPA's work to protect OHV recreation thrives.

Though stepping back, Don will remain an advisor to the Board of Directors as needed and welcomes ongoing communication at Don@ColoradoTPA.org. He looks forward to seeing everyone out on the trails and encourages all to ride safely and more often!



Don Riggle near Sargents, CO - Photo Rob Watt

INCOME & EXPENSE

The Trails Preservation Alliance is deeply grateful to our volunteers, donors, and industry supporters who share and champion our mission. Your contributions made 2024 a huge success—thank you for stepping up for off-highway motorcycle recreation!

In 2024, the TPA received an unexpected late-year donation, resulting in a larger-than-usual gap between income and expenses. This generous contribution strengthens our position to support off-highway motorcycle recreation and expand our mission in a sustainable way. These funds will be strategically invested in governance improvements, increasing staff and contractor resources, launching a TPA Ambassador Program, enhancing marketing and education efforts, expanding financial and logistical support for trails and clubs, and establishing a dedicated Statewide Trail Crew. These initiatives will help ensure continued growth and advocacy for responsible trail use.



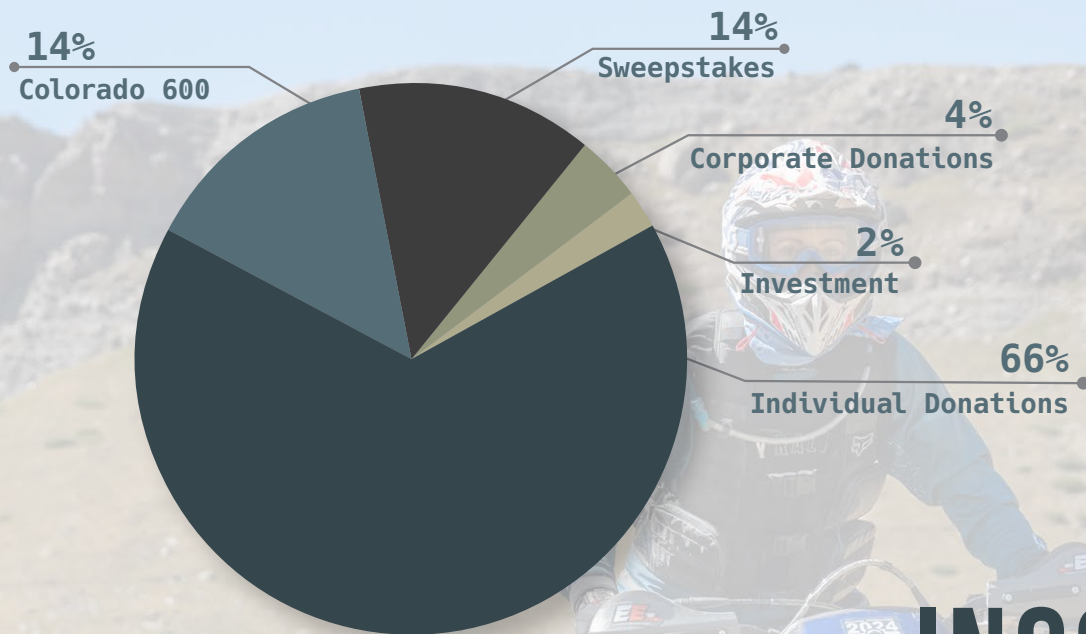
Marisa Silverman 2024 Colorado 600, South Fork, CO
Photo Miguel Santana

HOW YOUR DONATIONS MAKE AN IMPACT

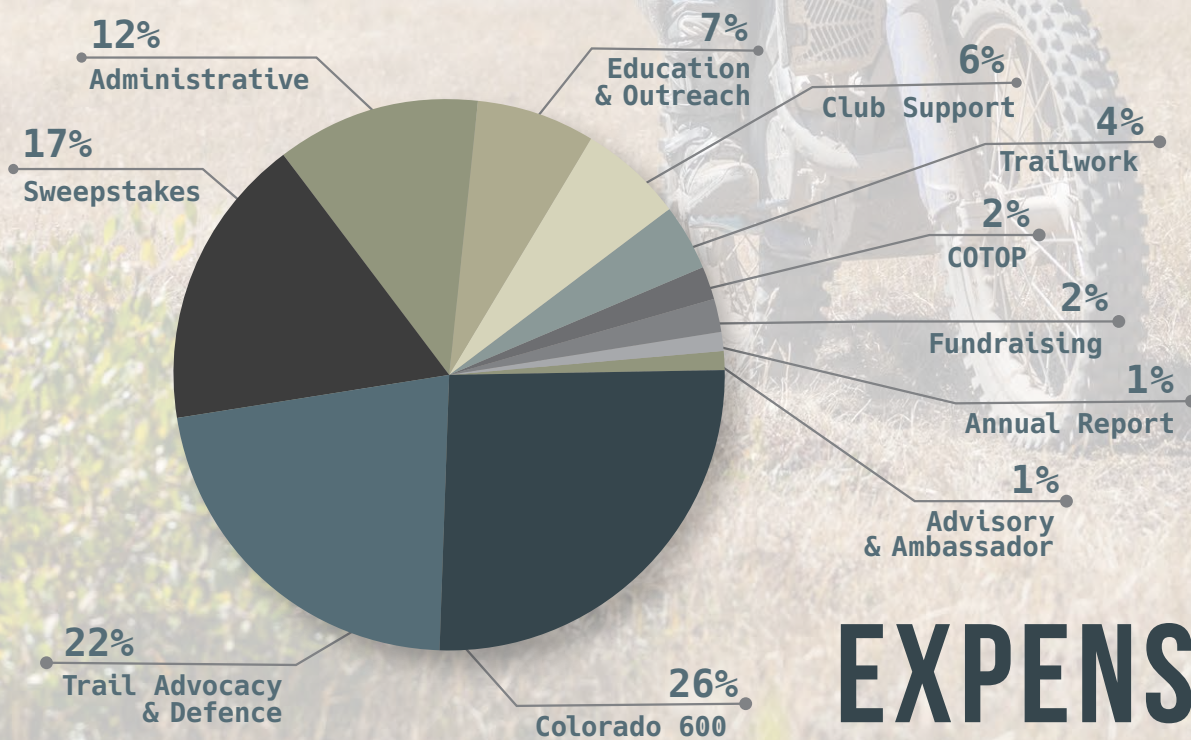
- Preventing closures and maintaining access to public lands.
- Planning new trails and collaborating on maintenance projects.
- Engaging experts like wildlife biologists, lawyers, GIS specialists, and marketers.
- Supporting motorized recreation organizations across the state, region, and country.
- Expanding communication and uniting riders to amplify our voice.
- Sustaining and growing a strong organization for future generations.

The TPA remains lean and efficient, prioritizing volunteers and hiring consultants only as needed. Our consultants generously offer discounted rates or volunteer their time, ensuring that every dollar stretches further.

We succeed by being strategic, intentional, and united. Every donation—large or small—shows your support and helps us continue this vital work. Together, we're making a difference.



INCOME
\$926,988



EXPENSES
\$465,803

COMMON TREAD

The Trails Preservation Alliance (TPA) is committed to ensuring off-highway motorcycle recreation has a strong and respected voice in the decision-making process. We actively engage with state and local organizations, citizen advisory boards, councils, and think tanks to represent the interests of our community.

Our representatives regularly attend meetings, workshops, and collaborative forums to stay informed about emerging issues, advocate for meaningful change, and build partnerships that strengthen our collective impact. By networking and learning from other stakeholders, we ensure that off-highway motorcycle enthusiasts are not only heard but respected as a vital part of recreation and public land discussions.

EVENTS, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

- BLM Royal Gorge Field Office annual OHV partner meeting
- BLM 21st Century Blueprint Workshop
- Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit (COILS)
- COHVCO Workshop
- CPW Partners in the Outdoors Conference
- NOHVCC Great Trails Workshop
- Overland Expo
- Pikes Peak Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit (PPOILS)
- 2024 Gold Rush Ride (Fundraiser & Banquet)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

- Care for Colorado Coalition
- Clear Creek County Recreation Planning Team
- Colorado Outdoor Recreation Industry Office (OREC) Advisory Council
- Colorado State Senate
- CPW CO-OP Executive Committee
- CPW OHV Subcommittee
- Envision Chaffee County Recreation Task Force
- Forest Health Advisory Committee
- NOCO Places 2050
- NOCO Places motorized focus group
- PPORA Advisory Council
- UC Health OHV Injury Prevention Initiative



COMMUNITY & AGENCY FIELD ENGAGEMENT

Clubs & Organizations

- Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) & Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) - Penrose Commons Education & Outreach
- Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) & Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) - Penrose Commons Workday
- Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) - Porter Gulch Corridor Clearing Workday
- Glade Runners MC & City of Farmington NM Rec Staff
- San Juan Trail Riders, Durango CO
- Adams 12 Five Star Schools STEM Lab, Northglen, CO

Land Management Agencies

- Canyon Lakes Ranger District - Bellevue
- Gunnison Ranger District - Gunnison
- Saguache Ranger District - Saguache
- Salida Ranger District - Salida
- Pikes Peak Ranger District - Colorado Springs
- BLM White River Field Office - Meeker
- BLM Grand Junction Field Office - Grand Junction
- BLM Gunnison Field Office - Gunnison
- BLM Southwest District - Montrose
- BLM Royal Gorge Field Office - Canon City



Photo right:
The deepest EVER Monarch Crest Trail
shovel party 2020! Photo Chad Hixon



The original Monarch Crest Trail Shovel Party, July 28th 2019!
Pictured Joel Scott and Chad Hixon - Photo Craig Nelson

DEFENDING THE SPORT

The TPA actively provides professional feedback on land planning processes, supported by reviews from subject matter experts in areas such as GIS, wildlife, and engineering. In 2024, we submitted 32 responses—here are some highlights of that work. (Learn more about these processes and more at www.Coloradotpa.org/news.)

POSITIVE IMPACT

Progress at Penrose

Penrose Commons saw an active and positive 2024, solidifying its status as a popular winter riding spot. The TPA and partner clubs participated in two events, with the second marking the official opening of three previously non-system trails! Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association (CMTRA) secured a planning grant to advance more improvements to the riding area and we look forward to continued progress in 2025.

New Single-Track Access to the Rainbow Trail

TPA partner club, Central Colorado Mountain Riders (CCMR), in collaboration with the Salida Ranger District, created a new single-track access point at Porter Gulch—providing entry to one of the most remote sections of the Rainbow Trail. Due to the difficult terrain, the trail has not been completed but is expected to be finished in the spring of 2025. This project enhances safety, improves access (including to Sangre de Cristo Wilderness trailheads above the Rainbow Trail), and expands recreation opportunities with better loop options for motorcyclists, e-bikes, and mountain bikes. The TPA supported the effort by participating in one of two workdays and helping coordinate with the contractor and donor for this privately funded project.

Soldierstone Trail and Signage

The Soldierstone Vietnam War Memorial on Sargents Mesa, located near the Colorado Trail and Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, now features a dedicated non-motorized hiking trail. This safe, stable, and accessible path provides a direct route from the nearby road, allowing visitors to honor this remarkable memorial. The Trails Preservation Alliance, in partnership with the Saguache Ranger District, collaborated to establish this single trail and install interpretive signage to enhance the visitor experience. If you're riding in the Sargents/Saguache area, be sure to take the time to visit this special and meaningful place.



PHOTO LEFT: Don Riggle & Bill Alspach, Soldier Stone near Sargents, CO - Photo Bill Alspach

\$6.3 Million in OHV Grants at Work

OHV grants are essential for preserving motorized recreation, especially as federal land managers in Colorado face growing budget and staffing challenges. In many offices, these grants are the sole source of recreational funding—a situation expected to worsen in the coming years. The motorized community remains the only user group directly funding recreation at this scale. With support and guidance from the TPA numerous clubs across the state have been steadily increasing their participation in this program, applying for over 30% of the funding in the upcoming grant cycle!

Fully Funding Recreational Trails Program 2024

TPA and our partners have been actively working to secure full funding for the [Recreational Trails Program](#). This would increase federal funding for the CPW Trails Program from \$1.5 million to \$5 million annually by ensuring that the full amount of gas taxes paid by OHV and OSV users is returned to trail maintenance programs. We were pleased to see federal legislation on this issue introduced in 2024 and anticipate its reintroduction in 2025.

SCORP Comments

TPA and our partners are thrilled to have worked with CPW to update the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, ensuring it remains focused on recreational priorities as Colorado's only statewide recreation plan. This plan is also crucial for securing funding from programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund, as its periodic submission is required to maintain eligibility. Without it, critical funding could be lost. [Read SCORP Comments.](#)

Colorado's Outdoors Strategy

TPA contributed to the development of Colorado's Outdoors Strategy, a statewide vision that aligns common goals, supports regional initiatives, and provides data and tools for informed local decision-making and funding for conservation and outdoor recreation. We were pleased to have our [Colorado Off-Highway Trail Opportunity Plan \(COTOP\)](#) included in the strategy.



PHOTO RIGHT:
Angela Hixon, Gunnison Country, CO – Photo Chad Hixon

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PERSISTENT CHALLENGES

Minnie Gulch Trail

As a brief recap, the 1.6-mile Minnie Gulch Trail, which connects two motorized routes over the Continental Divide between the Animas and Rio Grande River drainages, was improperly declassified for motorized use in 2010. It was later legally reinstated in the 2020 Silverton Travel Management Plan EA Record of Decision by the BLM Gunnison Field Office.

While the BLM initially defended this decision, it was later reversed following the 2020 election amid significant external pressure. Extensive FOIA requests and documented communications with BLM officials over the past three years suggest that this reversal was politically influenced and lacked policy-based justification.

The TPA, San Juan Trail Riders, and Public Access Preservation Association remain committed to restoring motorized access to Minnie Gulch Trail. With upcoming changes in administration and federal BLM leadership, we are hopeful for a resolution.

Stay tuned, updates expected in early 2025!

Moab Labyrinth Rims/Gemini Bridges TMP

The BLM's closure of 317 miles near Moab in 2023 is being appealed by RwR, TPA, COHVCO, and CORE. Most of 2024 was spent challenging the completeness of the administrative record that likely influenced the decision. We are aware of correspondence between the decisionmaker and higher-level BLM offices, including the deputy director, who previously represented the Wilderness Society in the 2017 settlement that led to the TMP review. After negotiations, the BLM released more documents, aiding our appeal and the State of Utah/BRC federal case.

Additional records do exist, but early in 2025 we were notified our challenge for more records was denied and we plan to file our statement of reasons to the IBLA in early March. We remain optimistic that with an administration change we will reach a settlement and restore access for motorized recreation.



Angela Hixon & John Dourlet - 2024 Colorado Gold Rush, Crested Butte, CO
Photo Chad Hixon

National Monuments

The continued misuse of the Antiquities Act to create massive National Monuments threatens recreation access, effectively establishing de facto wilderness. Recent designations in Utah span millions of acres, with the subsequent management plans further restricting multiple forms of recreation. The Act was intended to protect only the “smallest area compatible” with conservation needs, yet monument proposals keep expanding.

We appreciate our partner Clif Koontz, Executive Director of Ride with Respect, for his dedication to addressing these issues at every stage of the planning process. With shifting administrative priorities, we remain hopeful for more reasonable monument sizes and management strategies. Thankfully, a major monument proposal in Colorado last year did not move forward, and we continue to advocate for lasting reforms to prevent future misuse of the Antiquities Act.

Related Posts:

- [Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan](#)
- [Bears Ears National Monument Resource Management Plan #2](#)
- [Bears Ears National Monument Protest](#)
- [Dolores River National Monument Proposal](#)
- [Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument Protest](#)

Utah Travel Management Plans

In 2017, an [agreement between SUWA, the BLM, and lawsuit intervenors \(TPA, COHVCO, and BRC\)](#) required the BLM to redo Travel Management Plans (TMPs) in 13 travel management areas. Unfortunately, decisions released in late 2024 (on New Year's Eve) and early 2025 have resulted in the closure of more than 1,200 miles of roads and trails. A major issue with the TMP process is that it relies on incomplete inventories, which is unacceptable. Similar to the Moab case, these decisions are likely to be appealed by multiple pro-access organizations.

Related Posts:

- [Henry Mountains/Fremont Gorge Travel Management Plan](#)
- [Henry Mountains/Fremont Gorge Travel Management Plan #2](#)
- [Dolores River Travel Management Plan](#)
- [San Rafael Swell Travel Management Plan](#)
- [San Rafael Swell TMP Supplements](#)
- [San Rafael Swell TMP Addendum](#)



Ned Suesse at Colorado 600, South Fork CO - Photo Miguel Santana

RIDE ON!

Enhanced riding opportunities and improved experiences for riders stemming from TPA engagement. The section highlights the positive progress the TPA and our partners have made in 2024!

EDUCATION

TPA Executive Director Chad Hixon participated in the [Chaffee County Visitors Bureau \(CCVB\) educational video](#) on responsible off-highway motorcycle recreation. As part of their Adventure by Nature campaign, CCVB produced a series of educational videos promoting responsible recreation of all types that were shared via social media and email. TPA applauds CCVB for including all recreation types.



Israh Cortez in Tincup, CO - Photo Chad Hixon

2024 CLUB STATS & VOLUNTEER HOURS

TPA associated clubs made a tremendous impact on Colorado's trails in 2024, with their efforts growing significantly compared to previous years. While these clubs focus mostly on off-highway motorcycling, their volunteer work benefits all trail users—hikers, bikers, and equestrians alike—because motorized trails are multi-use by design. This year saw significant growth in volunteer hours, trail adoption, and funding utilization, demonstrating the dedication and expanding influence of these clubs in keeping trails open, safe, and well-maintained for everyone!

Volunteer Highlights from 20 TPA Associated Clubs:

- 70 Events attended/supported by OHM clubs
- 3,832 Trees cleared
- 134 Trail workdays
- 27,425 Volunteer hours - **10% increase**
- 1,003 miles of trail adopted - **53% increase**
- \$1,579,182.63 CPW OHV Grants put to work - **11% increase**
- \$106,445.00 Other grants put to work - **69% increase**

27,425

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

CLUB MAP

At the 2024 Partner Club Meeting, we recognized the need for a clear, accessible way to showcase each club's stewardship area. Now, we're excited to share our new interactive map! This dynamic tool makes it easy to explore where each affiliated club operates and connect with them through their websites and social media. Check it out on our website's Affiliated Clubs page!

NEW TRAILS

2024 was a big year for expanding and improving our trail system! In total, **15 reroutes** and **13 new trails** were completed, making trails more durable, sustainable, and fun to ride.



Trail Highlights Across the State:

- Continental Divide/Colorado Trail reroute – Saguache RD (Central Colorado Mountain Riders)
- Enduro Skills Training Area – Rampart Range (Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee)
- New “Rampage” trail at Bangs Canyon - Grand Junction FO (Motorcycle Trail Riding Association)
- New section of 770 – Rampart Range (RRMMC)
- New Rainbow Trail connector “Porter Gulch” – Salida RD (Central Colorado Mountain Riders)
- Reroutes to 681, 682, 677, & 717 – Pike NF (Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee)
- Penrose Commons three new trails: Warm up, Waterfall and Ridge – Royal Gorge FO (Colorado Motorcycle Trail Riders Association, Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee, Central Colorado Mountain Riders, TPA & Stay The Trail)
- Donner Pass reroute – Canyon Lakes RD (Northern Colorado Trail Riders and other local non motorized groups)
- Soldierstone hiking trail - Saguache RD (TPA)

In addition to all the hard work by the clubs, these projects are all due to generous donations as well as your OHV registration dollars at work!



Jimmy Hopper, Summitville CO - Photo Miguel Santana

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

Each year, the Trails Preservation Alliance hosts several community-driven projects to raise funds, connect with enthusiasts, and champion off-highway motorcycle recreation. 2024 was an amazing year!

2024 COLORADO 600: A RIDE TO REMEMBER!

The 2024 Colorado 600 was a massive success and blessed with perfect fall weather! Riders hit the trails hard and enjoyed the incredible accommodations at The LOGE Wolf Creek. Beyond the epic rides, participants enjoyed updates on TPA's work and future plans, fueling excitement for what's ahead. The highlight? The rider banquet featured legendary guest Ty Murray, who amazed everyone with stories from his remarkable professional and personal journey. It was an unforgettable experience for all.



2024 Colorado 600, all photos by Miguel Santana. Clockwise from top left. (1) Ty Witten (our 2022 Sweepstakes 3rd place winner!) & Jeffery Reeves (2) Annual Group photo (3) Riders taking a photo break (4) Chad Hixon interviews Ty Murray

2024 MOTO ADVENTURE SWEEPSTAKES

The 4th annual TPA Sweepstakes was a huge success, matching our record for funds raised! Thanks to our amazing volunteers, sponsors, shops, and donors, we raised \$120K!

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

Grand Prize Moto & Trailer

Eric Balzhiser

2nd Place (Two 600 Tickets)

Douglas Wills

3rd Place (\$1,000 Klim Card)

George Bielinski



Grand Prize Winner Eric Balzhiser - Photo Chad Hixson

5TH ANNUAL TPA PARTNER CLUB MEETING

The TPA Partner Club meeting has become one of our biggest annual events and investments in the off-highway motorized community. The meeting brings together over 20 organizations from Colorado and Utah to collaborate and network with one another on important issues facing off-highway motorized enthusiasts and advocates. This event has been funded by the TPA with substantial support from RMA TV.



2024 TPA Partner Club meeting ride day, Grand Junction CO - Photo Courtney Burton



PHOTO LEFT:
Gary Wilkins, David Pierce & Don Riggle
Pierce Museum Farmington, New Mexico

PIERCE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

David Pierce of Farmington, NM, hosted a successful open house at his Motorcycle Museum in April, drawing 100-150 enthusiasts for raffles, auctions, great food, and camaraderie. His generosity helped raise \$9,248 for the TPA and SJTR, including proceeds from the sale of a fully refurbished 1997 Kawasaki KX 500 from his collection. Huge thanks to David for his dedication and support!

THE TRAIL AHEAD

As we look to 2025, the TPA is focused on strengthening our advocacy, expanding partnerships, and launching new initiatives to support Colorado's trails. From legislative representation to on-the-ground trail work, we're committed to making a lasting impact for motorized recreation.

2025 COLORADO 600



DATES: September 17th - September 21st

LOCATION: LOGE Wolf Creek - South Fork, CO

The 2025 C600 has been moved from the second to the third weekend in September to avoid conflicts with other Colorado events. We're keeping the popular Wednesday-to-Sunday format introduced in 2024, which received great feedback for its convenience and for minimizing time away from work and family. If you're interested in joining us [sign up for our mailing list](#) on our website!



2025 PARTNER CLUB MEETING

DATES:

Saturday, March 29th Meeting Day

Sunday, March 30 Ride Day

LOCATION:

DoubleTree Hotel
Grand Junction, CO

2025 marks our sixth annual TPA Partner Club meeting!

Each year, we gather motorcycle clubs from all over the state to network, celebrate wins, tackle challenges, and build on our collective impact. It's a great opportunity to connect with other clubs, swap ideas, and improve how we all work together. If you know a club that should be connected to the TPA, please share our mission with them or send us your recommendation so we can reach out to them.



Ty Murray, Taylor Park CO - Photo Chad Hixon

A NEW CHAPTER IN FEDERAL ADVOCACY

For the first time, the TPA is taking our advocacy to the national level with the support of a federal lobbyist. We're excited to partner with Erica Terguson of Crosswinds Solutions, who brings 20 years of experience navigating Washington, D.C. Erica has worked with the Appropriations and Natural Resources Committees, federal agencies, and key stakeholders to shape policy, secure funding, and protect access to public lands.

With increasing federal involvement in land management decisions, it's more important than ever to have a strong voice in D.C. This partnership ensures that motorized recreation is represented where it matters most—at the highest levels of government.

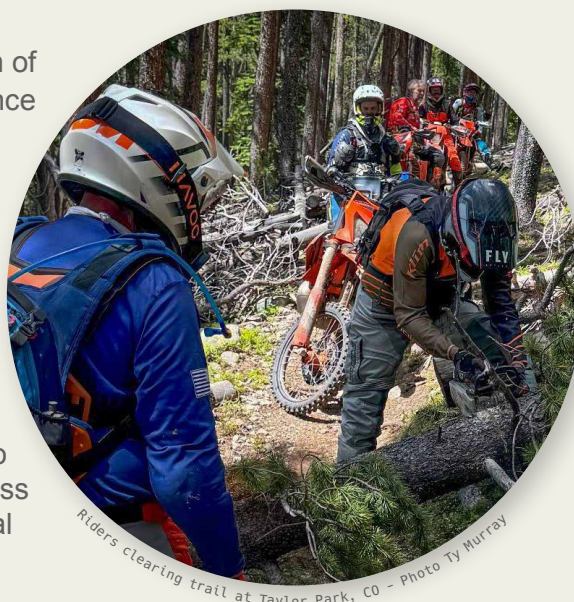
THE TPA TRAIL CREW LAUNCHES

In 2025, we are launching the TPA Trail Crew, a dedicated team of experienced professionals focused on improving trail maintenance across Colorado. Inspired by the USFS Statewide Trail

Crew, this team will be:

- Fully funded by the TPA for the first year
- Equipped with a truck, camper, motorcycles, chainsaws, PPE, and more
- Offering trail work services at little to no cost to public land management agencies
- Initially focused on handwork, the crew will also be qualified to operate machinery when needed. This initiative aims to address ongoing federal funding and staffing challenges, providing vital support for Colorado's trails.

To sustain this effort beyond 2025, we're pursuing a Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) 2025–2026 OHV grant and building partnerships with agencies, clubs, and trail users statewide.



Riders clearing trail at Taylor Park, CO - Photo Ty Murray

SCOTT BRIGHT ELECTED TO STATE SENATE

We're thrilled to share that TPA President Scott Bright has been elected as the Colorado State Senator for District 13! A dedicated advocate for motorized recreation, Scott has served on the TPA Board since 2017 and played a key role in the Colorado OHV Grant Subcommittee (2018–2024). As a highly accomplished rider, Dakar Rally finisher, and passionate community leader, Scott brings a wealth of experience to his new role.

Having a strong voice for motorized recreation in the Colorado Senate is a huge win for our community. We couldn't ask for a better advocate to champion public land access and responsible recreation at the legislative level. **Congratulations, Scott!**



Scott Bright & Chad Hixon at 2024 Colorado 600 - Photo Miguel Santana

THANK YOU!

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

Dear Supporters,

A year ago, I couldn't have imagined we would be in the position we are today. The immense amount of growth and opportunity that presents itself at this point in history is stunning. We have a chance to chart a path that will positively impact motorized recreation for decades. We'll look back at this point in time and say – we did the right thing, look at how we reversed the trend. But first we must prepare carefully and then move boldly.

Teddy Roosevelt spoke words that live in my soul every day,

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

I hope this challenges you like it does me. Either we can stand on the sidelines and watch the greatest opportunity pass us by, or we can jump in with both feet and be a game-changer. Whether we win or we lose, we can be proud of the decision we made.

Let's do this.



Scott Bright
President
Trails Preservation Alliance



IN MEMORIAM

In 2024, the off-highway motorcycle community bid farewell to two extraordinary individuals whose passion, vision, and dedication left an indelible mark on our sport. Their contributions extended far beyond the trails—they shaped communities, inspired generations, and helped pave the way for the advocacy and access we cherish today. Both had deep connections to the Trails Preservation Alliance, supporting our mission and inspiring our work. We honor their lasting legacies with deep gratitude and respect.

MALCOLM SMITH

Few individuals have contributed as much to our sport as Malcolm Smith, and the TPA is deeply grateful for his support and involvement. Over the years, Malcolm joined us to speak at several Colorado 600 events, inspiring attendees with his wisdom, passion, and dedication to motorcycling. The legendary rider, who passed away on November 26 at 83, was celebrated not only for his incredible racing accomplishments—eight ISDT gold medals, six Baja 1000 wins, four Baja 500 wins, and two Mint 400 victories—but also for his lasting impact off the track. Through Malcolm Smith Motorsports and the Malcolm Smith Racing (MSR) product line, he cemented his influence on the sport for generations to come. His support of the TPA and our mission will always be remembered and cherished.



Malcolm Smith and Don Riggle stop for a photo opportunity - Photo Steve Wildener



Wally Dallenbach Sr. and Peppy Dallenbach at 44th Annual Colorado 500

WALLY DALLENBACH SR

The passing of Wally Dallenbach Sr. marks the end of an era. Wally was a remarkable man whose contributions to motorsports, philanthropy, and the Colorado 500 have touched countless lives. TPA founder Don Riggle, attributes the concept of fun organized motorcycle events for the purpose of raising money for charity or advocacy to Wally - without Wally's vision rides such as the TPA's Colorado 600 might not exist. Wally's generosity, knowledge, and humility continue to inspire, he will be deeply missed but always remembered, with his legacy carried on through the Colorado 500's 50th year and beyond.



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