

Heard in the Transportation Interim Committee on 05/20/2026



Division of Outdoor Recreation

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Mission

The Division's mission is to ensure health, safety, enjoyment, and economic benefit through life-enriching, high quality outdoor recreation for all of Utah's residents and visitors.





Outdoor Recreation

OHV

OHV Advisory Council

- The Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Advisory Council exists to represent various user groups as decisions are made regarding OHV laws, rules, and programs. The council meets several times a year and makes recommendations or suggestions to maximize the effectiveness of the OHV program. Their input is sought for matters that concern the general OHV community.
- 12 members who meet 4-5 times per year



OHV Advisory Council

- The Advisory Council members are appointed to serve a four-year term and represent a specific user group. Members must be an active OHV user, an advocate of the sport and have a passion for OHVs. Members represent:
 - All-Terrain Vehicle Representative
 - Four-Wheel Representative
 - Off-Highway Motorcycle Representative
 - Off-Highway Vehicle Dealers
 - Off-Highway Vehicle Safety
 - Snowmobile Representative
 - Search and Rescue
 - Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office
 - Utah Trust Lands Administration
 - U.S. Forest Service
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - Member-At-Large



OHV Advisory Council Duties

- **OHV Programs.** The Council shall periodically review the Division's OHV program and make suggestions for changes to maximize effectiveness in carrying out the letter and intent of the OHV law.
- **Grant Review.** The Council shall review OHV Grant applications and make recommendations to the Division for allocation of OHV grant funding.
- **OHV Issues** Analyze issues affecting the use of OHV are in Utah and provide recommendations for consideration by the Division.
- **Advise on Current OHV Laws and Rules** Occasionally review the OHV laws and rules and make recommended for changes to the Division.
- **Land Allocation and use.** The Council shall advise the Division on land allocation and use planning processes affecting OHV interests.
- **No Lobbying.** Neither the Council nor its members in their roles as members of the OHV Advisory Council shall not lobby Utah State Legislative Members or Committees absent prior written approval from the Division.



Link: [Bylaws](#)

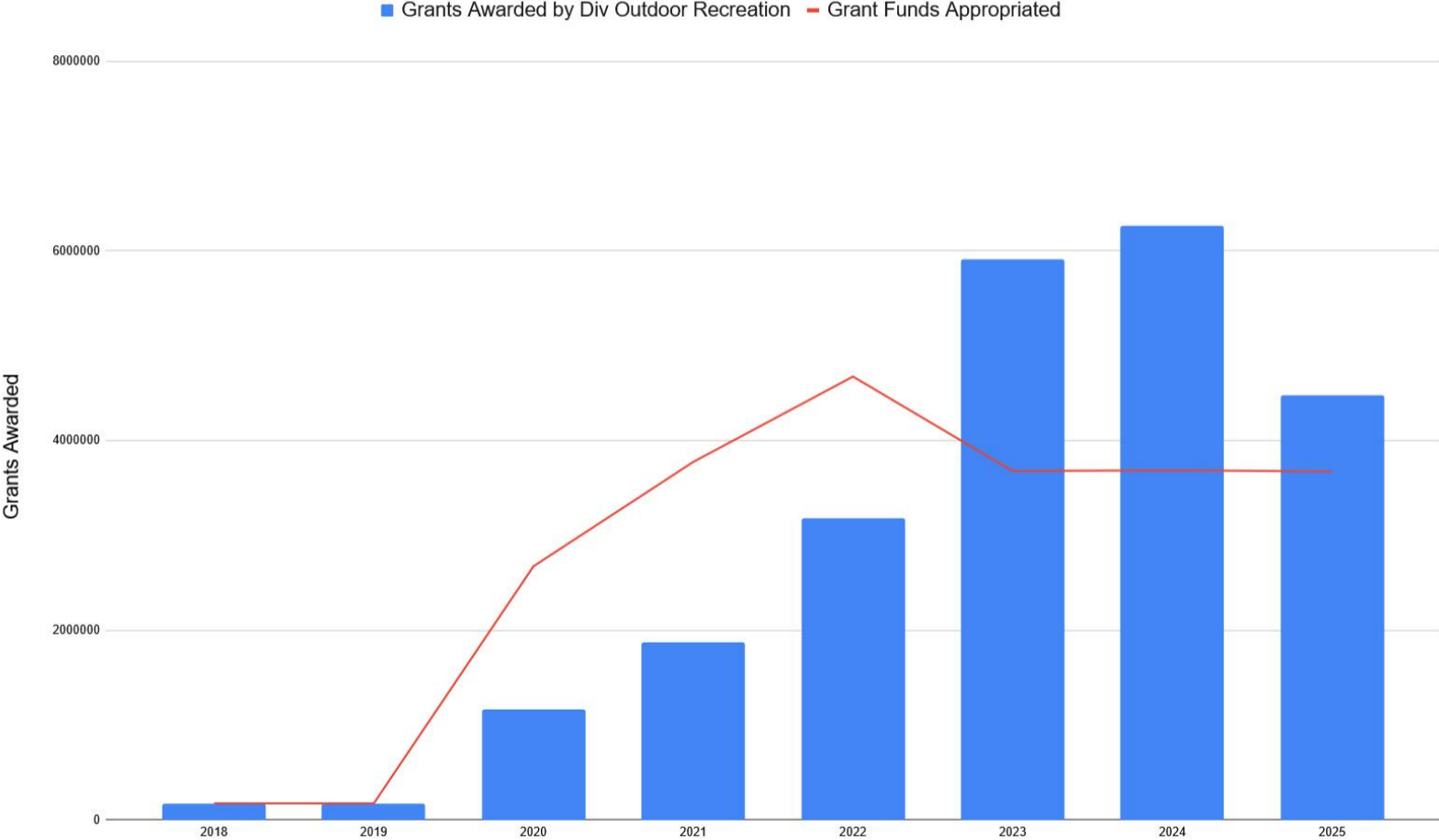
OHV Program on the Ground

- The Advisory Council scores Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) and motorized Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants
 - OHVR: **\$4,182,869** awarded to 65 projects in FY26
 - RTP: **\$842,835** awarded to 9 projects in FY26
- Trail Crew Highlights
 - **5,900+** hours enhancing motorized trails
 - **1,065** miles of motorized trails maintained
 - **76** motorized trail projects
- Registrations
 - **248,193** (includes **24,385** out-of-state) OHVs
- Fleet of OHVs managed and maintained for LE, SAR, Trail Crew (**127** Snowmobiles, ATVs, Motorcycles, and Side by Sides and **16** Snowcats)



OHV Program on the Ground

OHV Grants Awarded per Year



OHV Program on the Ground

Economic Contributions of OHV use within the State of Utah: Paiute Trail System \$33.4m, Snowmobile \$116m, Red Rock Rally (Moab) \$4m

Education: Since 2023, over 392,000 adults have taken the OHV education course. In 2025, 3,243 youths took the youth safety education course, with 250 attending in-person.

- **Side-by-Side:** Expanding a safety course to include an in-person component. Trainers throughout Utah are receiving training.
- **Off-Highway Motorcycles:** Currently in the process of expanding an in-person component.

Recreational Trails Program: \$842,835 awarded to 9 projects in FY26. This included major projects, such as a dozer to Sanpete County and a grader to Garfield County.

Heavy Equipment Trail Crew: DOR's Trail Crew Program will be expanding to include heavy equipment operators in FY27 to perform work in all areas of the state (based out of Richfield).

E-Motorcycle Campaign: This spring and mid-summer, we are focusing on the appropriate use and public education regarding e-motorcycles.



OHV Advisory Council

- The following provisions of code are set to repeal July 1, 2027:
 - 41-22-2(1)
 - 41-22-10(1)
- The Division of Outdoor Recreation recommends keeping this council.



Questions?



THANK YOU

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