



# BLM News Release

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## ***BLM re-routes and opens ATV/motorcycle trails closed due to resource concerns***

**CAÑON CITY, Colo.** – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office working in partnership with the Rampart Range Motorcycle Management Committee completed re-routing two previously closed all-terrain vehicle/motorcycle trails in the Texas Creek Recreation area 20 miles west of Cañon City.

The two re-routed trails, a half-mile spur off trail T6035A leading to a scenic overlook and a 4.5-mile trail connecting trail T6035A at its northern-most point to BLM Road 6040 (Texas Creek Gulch Road), are now open for public use.

The trails were closed in the 1990s because they were unsustainable and their erosive nature caused significant resource concerns. The RGFO made a commitment in its 2008 Arkansas River Travel Management Plan to continue working with motorized trail users in the Texas Creek area to re-route unsustainable trails and identify reasonable trails to accommodate their recreational needs while protecting valued resources.

“RRMMC’s diligence in working with the BLM to come up with solutions to meet the demands of motorized recreation is a key factor in the successful development of the re-routed trails,” said Keith Berger, RGFO Field Manager.

Dave Kemper with the RRMMC worked with RGFO recreation planner Kalem Lenard throughout the fall last year on design and re-construction of the trails.

The RRMMC obtained a \$33,000 grant through the Colorado State OHV Fund for maintaining trails on BLM lands. RRMMC contributed \$1,750 of in-kind services and the BLM contributed \$7,000 in cash plus \$1,000 of in-kind services.

A map of the trails in the Texas Creek Recreation Area is available at [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/Recreation.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/Recreation.html). For more information contact Kalem Lenard, outdoor recreation planner, at 719-269-8500.

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