

AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION  
2013 Grant Application –Sound Meter Kit

Purpose of Funds: Equipment Acquisition one Sound Meter Kit

**Plan of Action:** The Colorado Backcountry Trailriders Association (CBTRA) in partnership with the Rocky Mountain Sport Riders (RMSR) plan to provide voluntary Sound Test & Spark Arrestor inspections at various trail heads during the summer riding season. The CBTRA is a non-profit organization run by volunteers whose scope of interest lies in keeping trails open and sustainable within the White River National Forest and surrounding BLM lands for motorized use. RMSR is a family oriented motorcycle club dedicated to preserving and expanding riding opportunities in Colorado. Both groups support balanced and responsible use of public lands while promoting respect, education, and stewardship of the environment. As the AMA sticker points out LOUD PIPES RISK RIGHTS, Our joint efforts to maintain noise standards will go along way to fostering cooperation with the local USFS and BLM staff. Sound test days and spark arrestor inspections along with trail workdays demonstrate CBTRA's & RMSR's commitment to an ongoing stewardship and public outreach effort.

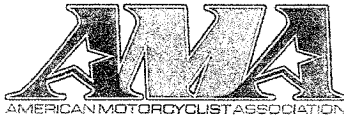
Trail closures typically run from early October until June 21<sup>st</sup>, our plan is to work with Stay the Trail Colorado for some training and rider contacts when the trails open up. We plan to distribute maps indicating the open trails, provide coffee and snacks to riders and begin with the voluntary sound test. We will distribute a sticker that indicates the motorcycle has passed a sound test. Sound Test training will be an on going effort so that a core group of volunteers can be developed. This core group will expand its efforts into a ride ambassador program. It is our hope the AMA can see the value of these local club rider outreach efforts.

**Timetable & Outcome:** We hope to begin our project in the 2013-riding season and continue our efforts through subsequent riding seasons. Our outreach efforts will generate trail user goodwill, and a further understanding of both the CBTRA & RMSR organizations. In addition we hope the individuals contacted through this program will also understand the need to be a part of the AMA national organization. The trails we operate on are considered multiple use and as such are shared with other users. We feel that these other forest users will appreciate and recognize our efforts to reduce noise in the forest. An ad campaign prior to implementation of the volunteer sound checks will inform the motorized community as well as the non motorized community of our noise reduction efforts.

Funds Requested: Request is for one sound meter kit

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Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick and members of the Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders,

Thank you for applying for the AMA's 2013 sound meter grant program. This year's grant cycle was the most competitive since the program's inception.

We received many more requests than we have meters to award. Unfortunately, we are not able to award a sound meter to the Colorado Backcountry Trail Riders this year.

The AMA sincerely appreciates your interest in addressing excessive motorcycle sound. Few other factors contribute more to misunderstanding and prejudice against the motorcycling community than excessively noisy motorcycles

Please keep in mind that applications from groups not selected for a sound meter in this year's grant cycle will be held and reconsidered in the next cycle. If you have any questions about the AMA's sound meter grant program or if we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We appreciate your dedication to the future of our lifestyle and sport.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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