

## OUTSIDE

# BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

## ATV group makes crossing Leon Creek on Grand Mesa safe

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A precarious stream crossing on Grand Mesa has been tamed by a group of determined backcountry travelers.

The Western Slope ATV Association, long recognized for the work its members have done ameliorating the impacts of backcountry motorized travel, recently finished its latest and biggest to-date stream-crossing project in club history — the installation of a 60-foot, eight-ton, small-vehicle bridge over Leon Creek.

"It started out small and morphed into something totally out of what we expected," WSATVA President Steve Chapel said.

The primitive crossing on Leon Creek, just above where Forest Roads 260 and 262 join about nine miles south of Vega Reservoir, is the major ford on the loop from Bonham Reservoir to Vega Reservoir.

The crossing is available for

