

ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The El Centro Field Office (ECFO) manages 1,240,000 acres of public lands in Imperial and San Diego Counties. The El Centro Law Enforcement patrols 3,486 miles of OHV routes, and 137,253 acres of open area. Due to the extensive rough terrain, our law enforcement vehicles need frequent mechanical servicing. Approximately 95% of the BLM ECFO managed lands lie within Imperial County.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Patrols are conducted daily in the El Centro Field Office (ECFO). Patrols are scheduled to occur during peak visitation times such as evenings and weekends. Extra staff is assigned to the El Centro Field Office managed Public Lands during

the winter holiday weekends when visitor use at the popular OHV areas drastically increases. Enforcement issues facing many of these areas include incursions by OHV, damage to sensitive archeological sites, damage to gates/barriers and signs, as well as threats to sensitive and endangered species.

The BLM Law Enforcement and non-law enforcement patrol is conducted in these areas mentioned above on a daily basis. During winter holidays, the BLM ECFO employs 40-50 federal officers that patrol in addition to 30 non-law enforcement personnel which also patrol the lands managed by the El Centro Field Office. The BLM Law Enforcement Rangers conduct patrols on the boundaries of these areas in four wheel drive vehicles, OHVs and motorcycles. As situations dictate, Law Enforcement Rangers conduct foot patrols in protected/closed areas that are not accessible by vehicles. When high vehicular and/or foot activities are identified in a sensitive/closed area, surveillance and/or saturated patrols are initiated to reduce/eliminate incursions. BLM Law Enforcement Rangers educate the public, give warnings, and issue state and U.S. District Court Violation Notices and/or make arrests for intrusions into closed/sensitive areas and/or trespassing. In the event that natural resources were adversely impacted, the BLM Law Enforcement Rangers coordinate with the Biologist, Resource Supervisor, Wilderness Specialist, and Park Rangers to reduce further damage to the environment.

Arrest/incident reports, violation notices and/or patrol reports, can be provided upon request.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

The El Centro Field Office (ECFO) will staff fifteen permanent law enforcement ranger positions.

During the winter holiday weekends the Bureau of Land Management law enforcement staff from adjacent states will be assigned to patrol the high use areas in the El Centro Field Office managed Public Lands.

During the busy season, the BLM ECFO employs 40-50 federal officers that patrol in addition to 30 non-law enforcement personnel which also patrol the El Centro Resource Area. The BLM Law Enforcement Rangers conduct patrols on the boundaries of these areas in four wheel drive vehicles, OHVs and Motorcycles.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The West Mesa, Eastern Desert, and Imperial Sand Dunes Patrol Sectors have crucial law enforcement and legal concerns stemming from their unique terrains, natural, cultural, and resource concerns, growing numbers of OHV-recreation visitors, and a reduction in quality OHV recreation resources. Enforcement issues facing many of these areas include incursions by OHV, damage to sensitive archeological sites, damage to gates/barriers and signs, as well as threats to sensitive and endangered species. The BLM Law Enforcement and non-law enforcement patrol is conducted in the areas mentioned above on a daily basis. The BLM Law Enforcement Rangers conduct patrols on the boundaries of these areas in four wheel drive vehicles, OHVs and Motorcycles. Law Enforcement Rangers conduct foot patrols in protected/closed areas that are not accessible by vehicles. When high vehicular and/or foot activities are identified in a sensitive/closed area, surveillance and/or saturated patrols are initiated to reduce/eliminate incursions

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

The project is focused on patrol of Public Lands that are either open to OHV use or those that could be significantly impacted by OHV use. In order to sustain OHV recreation in the project area enforcement of OHV laws and regulations is critical to protect natural resources and the visiting public. Without such enforcement degradation of Public Land resources in addition to hazards posed by inappropriate OHV use could result in the restriction of lands which are currently open to OHV use. By enforcing existing restrictions, including state and federal laws in regards to OHV use, public safety and resource protection will be enhanced and motorized access to the Public Lands in the El Centro Field Office will be preserved. Patrol is conducted by BLM Law Enforcement and non-law enforcement personnel on four-wheeled drive, motorcycles and other OHVs. Law Enforcement Rangers need to conduct foot patrols and OHV patrols in protected/closed areas that are not accessible by other vehicles.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The El Centro Field Office works closely with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office's, California Highway Patrol, surrounding local police departments and the El Centro and Yuma, AZ. U.S. Border Patrol. This cooperation is necessary to ensure necessary staffing at large OHV events and holiday use weekend. Additionally, the relationship is critical to protecting private property in areas where the jurisdiction boundaries are intermeshed with public and private lands.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

The Law enforcement portion can be recovered per BLM Special Recreation Permit Manual if the law enforcement cost exceeds the permit price.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

All BLM Rangers are authorized and trained to enforce various state and federal laws as they relate to OHV violations. Rangers are also trained and authorized to enforce all laws as they relate to the protection of natural and cultural resources on Public Lands. Ongoing training throughout the year will be mandated to all Rangers in such fields as geography, community policing, and educating the public on rules and regulations as it pertain to the protection or natural resources and especially OHV requirements. This training is also implemented as new officers are trained as part of the Field Training and Evaluation Program.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
O & M is funded through a combination of CA OHV grants, federal dollars, monies collected through fees at OHV areas, and volunteer labor.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - El Centro Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Supervisor Notes : Chief Ranger OHV patrol and coordination.	1.000	107929.000	YR	32,378.00	75,551.00	107,929.00
	Supervisor Notes : Ranger Supervisor OHV patrol	1.000	96457.000	YR	48,228.00	48,229.00	96,457.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for East Desert sector.	1.000	94990.000	YR	47,495.00	47,495.00	94,990.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for ISDRA South Dunes.	1.000	95073.000	YR	47,536.00	47,537.00	95,073.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for roving Ranger K-9 unit.	1.000	73875.000	YR	36,937.00	36,938.00	73,875.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for West Desert sector.	1.000	69587.000	YR	0.00	69,587.00	69,587.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for ISDRA sector.	1.000	61630.000	YR	46,223.00	15,407.00	61,630.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for ISDRA sector.	1.000	55672.000	YR	41,754.00	13,918.00	55,672.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for West Desert sector.	1.000	66296.000	YR	0.00	66,296.00	66,296.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for East Desert sector.	1.000	58733.000	YR	0.00	58,733.00	58,733.00
	Ranger Notes : OHV patrol for roving Ranger.	1.000	55382.000	YR	11,076.00	44,306.00	55,382.00
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	Total for Staff				322,703.00	749,867.00	1,072,570.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Cost for annual maintenance and repairs on two Ranger sand rails.	2.000	8000.000	EA	8,000.00	8,000.00	16,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Ranger vehicle set up Notes : Cost associated with the installations of, but not limited to, radios, lightbars, in-car camera, in-car cages, radar units, computer accessories, wiring, emergency lights, siren, winch, etc.	8.000	1500.000	EA	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	Radar Unit Notes : To enforce OHV speed laws.	7.000	1900.000	EA	13,300.00	0.00	13,300.00
	Other-Lightbars Notes : Purchased to set up Ranger vehicles.	5.000	2200.000	EA	11,000.00	0.00	11,000.00
	Other-In-car Cameras Notes : Purchased to set up Ranger vehicles.	4.000	1800.000	EA	7,200.00	0.00	7,200.00
	Other-Cages for Patrol Vehicles Notes : Purchased to set up Ranger vehicles.	5.000	1000.000	EA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00

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	Other-ATV 4X4 purchase Notes : To patrol the Lark Cyn. OHV trail system.	2.000	8000.000	EA	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
	Other-Ranger vehicle equipment removal Notes : These funds will pay for removal of Ranger vehicle equipment from old de-commissioned units to be reinstalled into new Ranger vehicles.	5.000	3000.000	EA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				79,500.00	0.00	79,500.00
6	Others						
	Training	4.000	1950.000	EA	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Total Program Expenses				418,003.00	757,867.00	1,175,870.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				418,003.00	757,867.00	1,175,870.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				418,003.00	757,867.00	1,175,870.00

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3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	16,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	79,500.00	0.00	79,500.00	
6	Others	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00	
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment