

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS OHMVR DIVISION SITE VISIT REPORT
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS**

1. **Grantee:** USFS Sequoia National Forest Patrol District
2. **Date(s) of Visit(s):** 9/28/16 **Grant Amount:** \$134,300.00
3. **Project Number:** G14-02-34-L01 **Grant Cycle:** 2014/2015
4. **Project Performance Period(original): From:** 01/01/2016 **To:** 12/31/2016
5. **Participants:**

Participants	Agency	Title	Email	Phone
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6. Jurisdiction:

USFS Sequoia National Forest Patrol District has 4 primary patrol areas:

The Hume Lake Ranger District with about 10 miles of motorcycle trails, 25 miles of 4 wheel drive, ATV, UTV and motorcycle routes. There is an additional 100 miles of high clearance dirt routes. There are 2 designated OHV staging areas that access about 100 miles of routes. The Western Divide Ranger District contains 338 miles of mixed highway and off highway vehicles. This area also includes the Giant Sequoia National Monument which has no legal OHV use. The Kern River Ranger District has 648,000 acres and offers many OHV routes including 5 mountain tops and a family oriented OHV Park at Lake Isabella. This includes about 250-300 miles of OHV use on the Kern Plateau, Greenhorn, Breckenridge, Scodie, Piute Mountains and the lower Kern Canyon. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is the 4th primary patrol area. The Tehachapi Mountains portion has the highest violation rate due to the intermixing of private and public lands. This area continues to be a priority patrol area for the Sequoia USFS. They also work in 4 Counties (Kern, Tulare, Madera and Fresno) and have 12 wilderness areas in the District and border Sequoia National Park to the North.

7. Primary Patrol Areas:

Patrol Areas	Sensitive Areas	Notes
Pacific Crest Trail	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Some OHV intrusion
Kern River District	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Western Divide District	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Includes the Giant Sequoia National Monument
Hume Lake District	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12 Wilderness areas in the District	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Wilderness area has no OHV use
	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
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8. Facilities/Inspected Areas: With Grantee: YES NO

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TOPIC	YES	NO	BRIEF EXPLANATION: (If Necessary)
Does the Grantee have the appropriate number of LE supervisory staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the Grantee have the appropriate safety gear?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the Grantee do outreach to the local community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	They participate in county fairs.
Does the Grantee partner with other agencies for special event coverage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Grantee maintaining statistics (e.g., citations, public contacts, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does the Grantee's staff need additional training?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The USFS Sequoia staff expressed interest in the OHV Law Enforcement training provided by the California State Parks OHMVR Division.
Is the project progressing on schedule?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are the goals attainable this grant period?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Grantee on schedule to use the whole grant award?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Due to short staffing USFS may use some of the funds to purchase equipment instead of officer salary use.

Additional Notes:

The USFS has a strong OHV enforcement and safety program. There have been ongoing issues between Off Highway Vehicle riders, land owners and the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Land owners have contacted the USFS regarding ongoing problems with OHV trespass. The main objective of their program is to gain voluntary compliance of all laws and regulations and to educate the public regarding lawful use of recreational OHVs. USFS continues to work with land owners and Kern County regarding the PCT issues.

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Grants Staff: L. Fernandes

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Grants Manager: S. Fernandez

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Signage for OHV Areas within Sequoia National Forest



ATV and transport trailer, displaying OHV Funds at Work decals