

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

1. **Grantee:** Madera County Sheriff Department
2. **Date(s) of Visit(s):** 11/15/16 **Grant Amount:** \$39,303.00
3. **Project Number:** G15-03-33-L01 **Grant Cycle:** 2015/2016
4. **Project Performance Period(original): From:** 7/8/16 **To:** 7/7/17
5. **Participants:**

Participants	Agency	Title	Email	Phone
Larry Rich	Madera County Sheriff Department	Sergeant	Larry.rich@co.madera.ca.gov	(559) 675-7770
Kim Baker	California State Parks OHMVR Division	SPSI	Kim.baker@parks.ca.gov	(916) 307-1657

6. Jurisdiction:

The Madera County Sheriff's Office enforces OHMV laws throughout the County which consists of approximately 2,147 square miles. The Sheriff's Office patrols forest service lands (USFS Sierra NF), PG&E lands, Madera Irrigation District (MID) lands, private properties, riverbeds, riparian areas, agricultural lands, and railroad rights-of-way. Some areas are precluded from patrol, such as State prison sites and the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Madera County has a county ordinance prohibiting OHV use on private lots of 2 acres or less (10.28.030 Ord 476 F) and additional ordinances prohibiting OHV use in the Fresno River and several specific sloughs and streams (10.28.050 Ord 476 E) In the past several years, the county has been considering a project to purchase and develop land for a proposed OHV park, along highway 41, known as the Blackhawk Mountain, OHV Park. The fate of this proposal at this time seems unclear.

7. Primary Patrol Areas:

Patrol Areas	Sensitive Areas	Notes
<u>USFS Sierra NF-Bass Lake Ranger District</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Includes Ansel Adams Wilderness</u>
<u>Madera Irrigation District Canal System</u>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
<u>Fresno River, Ash Slough, Dry Creek, Berenda Sl.</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>(various land managers)</u>
<u>San Joaquin River Conservancy Lands</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
<u>Private ranch lands and subdivision open space</u>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Complaint driven & scheduled patrols</u>
<u>Pacific Gas and Electric Company lands</u>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Mostly surrounding Bass Lake</u>
<u> </u>	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<u> </u>
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8. **Facilities/Inspected Areas:** With Grantee: YES NO
 California State Parks OHMVR Division representative Baker met with Madera County Sheriff Sergeant Rich at his Oakhurst office, then toured various legal and illegal OHV sites throughout the County, from the Bass Lake area to the valley.

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9. Grant Funded Equipment Inspected:

ITEM(S)	#	Condition	Stickers Displayed
ROV	2	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Bad <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobiles	6	Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Motorcycle	5	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Bad <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
ATV	3	Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Trailers	6	Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

9a. Any Equipment Needed? YES NO

ITEM(S)	#
ROV	1
4x4 Patrol Vehicles Jeep Rubicon	1

10. General Overview:

TOPIC	YES	NO	BRIEF EXPLANATION: (If Necessary)
Is Grantee in Good Standing?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Grantee responsive to OHMVR Division staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sergeant Rich responded quickly to requests, and took the time to present at complete picture of the Madera OHV program to staff.
Is the amount of grant funds being received appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in funding this year, due to the reduced grant percentages for local agencies, has had a detrimental impact on the program, and patrols have been reduced.
Is the Grantee's interaction with OHMVR Division staff positive?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the Grantee cooperating with allied agencies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Madera County Sheriff's Department works with the USFS Sierra NF, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mariposa County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and California State Parks.
Is the Grantee cooperating with local user groups?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stewards of the Sierra, California Nevada Snowmobile Club, Bass Lake Snowmobile Club
Does the Grantee have the appropriate number of LE staff?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6 full time staff, 4 reserves

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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"/>	Yes
Does the Grantee do outreach to the local community?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attends Madera County Fair, all community parades, school events, orders and distributes educational materials from California State Parks OHMVR Division, and uses Facebook and web page to educate.
Does the Grantee partner with other agencies for special event coverage?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	USFS Sierra NF, Bass Lake Ranger District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (specifically: opening of deer hunting season)
Is the Grantee maintaining statistics (e.g., citations, public contacts, etc.)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The Madera County S.O. utilizes a program called WebEOC by Intermedix, to track law enforcement contacts, statistics, staff billing and equipment maintenance. The program seems well suited to support grant funded programs efficiently.
Does the Grantee's staff need additional training?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff is working to schedule OHV POST Training and Sound Training in Madera in early 2017. The department also coordinates internal training for equipment qualifications, as well as sending all motorcycle staff to the Rich Oliver POST training in Prather, CA
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"/>	

Additional Notes:

The personal knowledge and experience of the unit Sergeant clearly lends a lot of credibility and authority to the OHV enforcement program. The unit has a diversity of equipment, which is appropriate given the breadth of their patrol area-, everything from high country single-track to dry valley stream beds and winter sports. As we are seeing with many agencies, there is a need to upgrade ROV equipment to keep up with changes in the industry. In addition to active enforcement, the unit is proactive in education through a variety of communication outlets.

Law Enforcement Staff: K. Baker

Grants Staff: C. Perry

Law Enforcement Supervisor: M. Hada

Grants Manager: SJ Fernandez

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One of the enforcement areas along the Madera Irrigation District ditches, adjacent to Madera subdivision



Oakhurst storage for off-road motorcycles (displaying OHV funds at work decals) and the unit's new Zero duosport bikes (not purchased with OHV funds)



Two ROVs are equipped with code 3 lights, and tracks during the winter. (OHV funds at work stickers displayed on rear)

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Two new snowmobiles purchased for the program. Equipment and trailer displaying OHV funds at work decals.



Two of the unit's 3 ATVs, equipped with code-3 lights. Tracks are available for conversion in winter.



Legal OHV area on USFS lands, part of the Bass Lake Ranger District. Many contacts are made in this area for illegal OHV riding on roads between the campground and the OHV routes. Combined use designation may be a reasonable solution to this issue.