

ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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An additional concern are the new unauthorized roads and trails that are being established. An OHV enforcement detail will be charged with enhancing designated trails and authorized roads to ensure a safe and responsible OHV experience.

Inyo County Sheriff's Department does not have an OHV enforcement detail. The Sheriff's Department recognizes the need for OHV enforcement. Furthermore, having the ability to respond and reach remote areas in Inyo County is critical. Enforcement of not only recreational users, but investigation of illegal activity where off highway vehicles are being used by accessing remote areas can be established in Inyo County. We want to encourage safe OHV recreating in Inyo County through a well established program.

Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposal includes the request for four (4) all terrain vehicles - two for the southeastern OHV enforcement detail and two for the northern OHV enforcement detail. Accompanying safety equipment, and training is required as well. Two (2) four wheel drive trucks are being requested; response time between one end of Inyo County to the other can be up to eight (8) hours. Each OHV enforcement detail will be equipped with one four-wheel drive vehicle in order to reach remote areas, and/or tow off highway vehicles. Inyo County Sheriff's Department is further requesting two (2) trailers, one for each respective vehicle, two (2) satellite phones, to provide communication sources to officers in remote areas, and one (1) lap-top computer to monitor the off highway vehicle program.

The Sheriff's Department also recognizes the educational opportunity for OHV users who are bordering closed areas with ecological impact concerns, safety advisements and areas recommended for OHV use. Inyo County Enforcement Detail Officers charged with OHV will be equipped with informational material to distribute to the public as needed.

As this is a new detail to the Sheriff's Department, the proposed OHV enforcement program will include staff training in the use of off off highway vehicles, as well as enforcing laws related to OHV violations. Familiarization training of off highway recreational areas where ecological concerns apply as well as the many historical ancient Native American sites located within our county must be conducted.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Geographically, Inyo County is the second largest county in the State of California consisting of 10,140 square miles. Project coverage will consist of federal public lands. Land in federal ownership is 92%, Inyo County anticipates patrolling roughly 3,000 miles of off road terrain consisting of 650 miles of US Forest Service dirt roads and trails, 1,800 miles of BLM unimproved routes open to the public, and 500 square miles of private property belonging to the City of Los Angeles that is open to public recreation.

Currently the Inyo County Sheriff's Department does not have an off highway enforcement detail. Patrol divisions currently are equipped with two-wheel drive vehicles and reaching many of the remote areas that are frequented by OHV recreation has been extremely problematic. Having the ability to respond and reach remote areas of the County is critical in order to provide timely OHV enforcement.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Department recognized the educational opportunity for OHV users who are bordering closed areas to off road use with ecological impact concerns and safety advisements. OHV Enforcement Detail Officers will be equipped with educational material to disseminate to the public as needed.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposes weekly deployment of off highway patrol in both southeastern and northeastern portions of the county; with increased patrol during peak recreational months. The southeastern portion of Inyo County, specifically Tecopa and Shoshone, are frequented by OHV users with peak months mostly taking place in the winter.

Planned off highway patrol activity in the southeastern portion of the county will consist of one eight hour shift per week of a two-person detail team mainly on BLM land. Increased patrol will take place during peak months.

The northeastern portion of the county which includes the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, and White and Inyo Mountain Range receives increasing popularity during summer months. Anticipated off highway patrol will consist of one eight hour shift of a two-person detail team per week. Increased patrol will take place during peak months.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Inyo County Sheriff's Department anticipates that proposed off highway enforcement detail will consist of two (2), two-person teams; one assigned to south county, one assigned to north county.

Due to the large geographic scope of Inyo County, each division will be required to have their own units of operation. The south county enforcement detail team will have two (2) all terrain vehicles accessible at the Shoshone Sheriff's Substation. The north county enforcement detail team will have two (2) all terrain vehicles accessible at the Bishop Sheriff's Substation. Each Substation will be equipped with a four-wheel drive vehicle, and trailer. The four-wheel drive vehicle will serve a dual purpose; to tow the all terrain vehicles, and to assist in reaching remote regions during response and enforcement efforts. The mileage between each respective substation is approximately 250 miles (one way). In addition it takes up to eight hour to travel from one end of Inyo County to the other. Inyo County Sheriff's Department understands that timely response is critical.

The proposed OHV detail teams will be required to conduct weekly eight-hour enforcement details, with increases during peak recreational months.

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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:

Nye County Nevada, which is located on the southeastern side of Inyo County and bordering Death Valley National Monument, is within an hour of Las Vegas. The populace of Las Vegas brings a large number of OHVs into Inyo County. Areas included with high OHV use are the Green Water range, Chicago Valley, Pahrump Valley, Resting Springs Range and the Armargosa River drainage. Currently there are two resident deputies assigned to the Shoshone and Tecopa area. These areas are accessed by for wheel drive. BLM has identified these areas and posted road closures for habitat rehabilitation. OHV users routinely overlook these closures. Another area with high volume of OHV use is the Panamint Range and Valley. This area borders Death Valley National Monument on the west side of the range. OHV recreationalists from the San Bernardino area access this area through Trona. The last major recreational area is the Owens Valley foothills on both the Sierra range to the west and the Inyo Range to the east of Owens Valley, inc

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 desert lands of Inyo County are considered a fragile environment. With literally hundreds of miles of dirt roads within Inyo County, the OHV program will afford law enforcement personnel the ability to contact and either enforce violations or educate the OHV users of the natural resources which draw attention to this desert environment. Inyo County is home to some of the best rock climbing, bouldering and high angle technical climbing on the west coast. Access to these areas is either by hiking or utilizing some type of vehicle capable of rough road terrain. These remote areas have been damaged by graffiti. Visible patrol of these areas hopefully is will be a preventive measure to this activity.

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

The desert areas of Inyo County are currently patrolled by two agencies, the Sheriffs Department and BLM Rangers. The Forest Service has Law Enforcement Rangers associated with Toiyabe National Forest. However these Forest Service areas have limited access by either the steep foothills of the mountainous ranges or Wilderness closures. California Fish and Game also have limited resources, mostly focusing on high use fishing and hunting areas related to Owens Valley and the National Forest.

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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

Not applicable

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:

Inyo County Sheriff's Department proposes a training program consisting of educating the public through the following communication vehicles: press releases, flyers, establishing an annual booth at the Tri-County Fair to further promote OHV safety and natural cultural resource protection. In addition, OHV patrol deputies will be equipped with informational materials to be distributed upon contact with recreational users.

Furthermore, Inyo County Sheriff's Department is currently working with the State to coordinate a 40-hour POST certified OHV training that will be open to Mono County, Kern County, BLM and the US Forest Service.

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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:
Inyo County Sheriff's Department currently has in effect a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the US Forest Service to provide patrols and cooperative law enforcement on lands administered by the US Forest Service. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department cooperatively works with the BLM on enforcement of federal and state laws, providing back-up, shared information, and assistance in those crimes committed on BLM lands with state or federal violations. The Inyo County Sheriff's Department also has responsibility for not only enforcement of state laws but responsibility of search and rescue on all federal lands within the boundaries of Inyo County.
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:
Used to supplement a non-formal program to minimally enforce off road vehicles.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
The Inyo County Sheriff's Department currently does not manage an OHV recreation facility.
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 :	Inyo County Sheriff's Department		
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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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers	3000.000	48.950	HRS	0.00	146,850.00	146,850.00
	Sergeant	200.000	58.140	HRS	0.00	11,628.00	11,628.00
	Administration Officer	250.000	37.540	HRS	0.00	9,385.00	9,385.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	167,863.00	167,863.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment	4.000	1000.000	EA	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Safety Equipment	4.000	500.000	EA	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Satellite Phones	2.000	2000.000	EA	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Laptop Computers	1.000	2500.000	EA	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	Other-4-wheel drive truck	2.000	35000.000	EA	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00
	Other-all terrain vehicles	4.000	18000.000	EA	72,000.00	0.00	72,000.00
	Other-equipment trailer	2.000	7000.000	EA	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				164,500.00	0.00	164,500.00
6	Others						
	Training	6.000	1000.000	EA	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
7	Administrative Costs						

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	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				174,500.00	167,863.00	342,363.00

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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	164,500.00	0.00	164,500.00	
6	Others	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	
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