

Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

The Knoxville Public Lands are federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Geographically, the area is located in the Northern Napa and Southern Lake counties. BLM is unable to provide 24/7 law enforcement services and the Lake County Sheriff's Department does not have adequate staffing to patrol the portion of land located in their county, therefore, OHV Recreationalists rely on the Napa County Sheriff's Department for assistance. The Napa County Sheriff's dispatch number is posted on signs at key locations in the area. All agencies involved agree that the Napa County Sheriff's OHV team is a needed resource for the area. The OHV team patrols through the Public Lands via 4X4 vehicles and motorcycles. The team responds to calls for service day or night on a call out basis. Additionally, some weekend patrols are provided during regular daytime hours. The team also makes contacts to educate OHV users concerning the proper uses of the OHV Area and to enforce OHV Laws. The team documents criminal activity, enforces applicable laws, issues citations, makes arrests and provides search and rescue for users of the OHV Area. One disadvantage for the Knoxville OHV Area is the remote location. This remoteness lends itself to illegal uses within the OHV Area such as unregistered OHV use, stolen OHV use, OHV trespass into closed areas, private property, state wilderness lands and an adjacent reserve. Illegal marijuana gardens, garbage dumping, poaching, illegal shooting and stolen vehicle abandonment have occurred. Our team has made arrests and/or written citations for all of these offenses in the OHV Area. All of these violations led to an unsafe OHV environment. Armed marijuana growers confronted OHV campers on numerous occasions and tailgated 4X4 enthusiasts while yelling and brandishing firearms. The random, unsafe shooting is a danger to OHV users. In the past, it was not uncommon to find people shooting from trails and roadways or across them while off-road motorcycles were in the area. A particular area used by shooters was above the Hunting Creek Campground, where the campground itself was down range from where the shooting was taking place. This campground is the most common camping site for OHV users. The garbage dumping and the shooting of house hold garbage and abandoned vehicles left piles of broken glass and sharp metal debris on roads and trails used by OHV, (on average 70 cubic yards a year). This was a significant danger to the recreational vehicles and the riders. This year our team has increased night time patrols of the area. Numerous armed subjects have been contacted during the late evening hours. In the past, our team organized and conducted annual clean ups of the OHV Area with the help of volunteers. For the last two years in a row, the annual clean up has not been needed because the illegal dumping, vehicle abandonment and illegal shooting have been heavily enforced by BLM and our team. A huge contributing factor to the positive change is that BLM has banned target shooting on the Knoxville Lands. Previously, much of the scattered waste piles consisted of house hold appliances that shooters would bring to the area for the purpose of destroying, then leaving behind. Most of the lands surrounding the Knoxville Public Lands are Fish and Game Wildlife areas or private ranches. Fish and Games patrol of the area is limited due to budget limitations and OHV trespass into these areas from the Knoxville OHV area is common. Our team responds to these trespasses. The Napa County Sheriff and his Off Road team are dedicated to eliminating the undesirable criminal element and ensuring the OHV Area is maintained and effectively patrolled so all users of the area can enjoy a safe recreational experience. In total our team patrols an area that is approximately 356 square miles. As part of the teams outreach efforts, members attend meetings with various 4X4 clubs, youth groups and local schools to promote save OHV recreation and responsible stewardship of our public lands. The team promotes the "Tread Lightly" program and is highly motivated to keeping this OHV Area open for public use. Funding from OHV will be used to continue this mission by providing for law enforcement patrols and the maintenance of our OHV equipment. When the public compares the conditions of the Knoxville Public Lands from just 5 years ago to the conditions of the present, our teams results are visible and self evident. Since August 09 to present, in the Knoxville Public Lands our team has contacted 254 OHV recreationalists, conducted 84 OHV inspections, responded to 2 Search and Rescue calls, 2 OHV injury accidents, written numerous OHV tickets and made a felony arrest for a subject in possession of a stolen dirt bike. Without the presence of our enforcement efforts, the area would revert back to an undesirable, unsafe OHV experience.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

According to the Ukiah BLM Field Office figures, the Knoxville Public Lands include 52 miles of roads and trails on a total of

32,400 acres. Most of the area consists of dense brush and canyons with large rock out cropping and several streams. The trails and roads traverse these areas and there is abundant wildlife. The area is very rural. BLM has an improved campground and dispersed camping is permitted in other locations. These public lands are approximately 32 miles from our closest law enforcement substation. Our team patrols all the accessible roads and trails on the public lands and those that lead from the public lands to the surrounding private properties and protected areas. Some of the adjacent protected areas are undeveloped wilderness made up of approximately 750,000 acres. This undeveloped corridor of wilderness is referred to as the Blue Ridge Berryessa Natural Area Conservation Partnership (BRBNACP). This area is often trespassed into by All Terrain Vehicles and motorcycles ridden by OHV enthusiasts and hunters. Total approximate area of responsibility for our OHV team is approximately 356 square miles.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Our patrols center on the OHV area of the Knoxville Public Lands and the illegal OHV areas adjacent to the legal areas. The off limits areas include the UC Davis Research Area at the Homestake Mine, the Knoxville Wildlife Area and several surrounding ranches. The Knoxville OHV Area extends into Lake County and some of the UC Davis property extends into Lake County as well. Through an agreement between the Sheriffs of both counties, the Napa County OHV Team patrols the Knoxville OHV Area in both counties. Funding through this grant would allow for 40 hours of patrol time per month. This converts to a two officer patrol, occurring two weekends per month. There are hours requested to allow for additional patrols during holiday weekends when OHV presence is higher and on an "as needed" basis for emergency call outs. Excluding holiday weekends, patrol days and times will be varied so that no set pattern of Law Enforcement presence can be perceived by the criminal element.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

We request funding to deploy 2 deputies, 5 days a month for this grant period. The deputies will work OHV for 10 hours shifts on each patrol. Additionally, the major holiday weekends will be patrolled. Traditionally the OHV Team has patrolled the Knoxville Area during opening weekend of Deer Season. This is to ensure that hunters and OHV users are not operating in an unsafe manner and that any OHV vehicles used for hunting meet legal requirements. When available, additional patrol will be provided by deputies from the Lake Berryessa area using 4X4 vehicles. This will occur during their normal work shifts.

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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:

Areas with high priority need for enforcement are due to OHV Trespassing onto private property, State Wilderness and the U.C. Davis Reserve. OHV trespass from the Knoxville OHV area into these closed areas is a continuous issue. Cutting of BLM fences and private fences for trespass happens frequently. Brush and tree cutting in the OH V Area to bypass locked gates is a problem. Violators move the large boulder barricades with winches to gain access to stream beds. Many of the closed areas contain rare flora. Some of the Knoxville closed areas include an historic town location, homesteads and mining locations, some of which date back to 1800s. Several Native American sites are also in the Knoxville Area and are in need of protection from vandalism and vehicle trespass. An additional concern is the student research test sites established for the purposes of environmental studies and rehabilitation.

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:

OHV trespass has caused "hard feelings" with surrounding stake holders. The cutting of fences and movement of barricades is investigated by our team. We report our findings to BLM so repairs can be made. Irresponsible target shooting is a major cause for the garbage dumping and wilderness destruction in the Knoxville Public Lands. This activity leads to an undesirable and unsafe OHV area. Because the available law enforcement resources could not stop the problems, BLM closed the lands to all target shooting. Environmental groups began a large push to have BLM close the Knoxville Area to all motorized traffic, which would end OHV use completely. The enforcement and clean up efforts organized by the Napa OHV Team and patrols of the area has reduced many of the environmental concerns and has provided a safer OHV experience.

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

The Napa OHV Team strives to maintain a good working relationship with the Ukiah BLM office and their rangers. Information is exchanged via emails, telephone conferences and in face to face meetings. Issues and questions regarding the Knoxville OHV Area are discussed between the agencies. Prior to each grant application, Rich Burns from the Ukiah BLM office is consulted to confirm that our application for L.E. funding is approved by their office and meets their agency's requirements.

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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

N/A

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:

The Napa OHV Team has two certified 4X4 instructors who train OHV Team members and other county employees in safe, proper off-road driving techniques. OHV Team members assigned to dual sport motorcycles receive 80 hours of P.O.S.T. Certified training at Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department. Most of the OHV Team members are certified to conduct ANSI sound tests. OHV vehicles in the Knoxville Area are tested by our Team Members while on patrol. In addition, all team members are introduced to the U. C. Davis Reserve staff, Resident Co-Directors Paul Aigner and Cathy Koehler. Paul and Cathy explain their concerns, observations and perceptions about the environmental issues surrounding the Knoxville Public Lands and OHV use.

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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:
The is a verbal agreement between the Ukiah BLM office and the Napa County Sheriff that allows the Napa OHV Team to perform patrols on the Knoxville Area public lands and to organize volunteer projects such as the annual clean up day.
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:
Napa County in-lieu funds are used to purchase supplies, vehicle parts and safety equipment. Replacement vehicles are also purchased on an as needed basis.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
N/A
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

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Napa County Sheriff's Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-35-L01
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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Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
 Agency: Napa County Sheriff's Office
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Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total	
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
Law Enforcement Officers Notes : This funding will provide 40 hrs of patrol, per month, in the Knoxville OHV Area on a straight or overtime basis	830.000	69.280	HRS	57,502.00	0.00	57,502.00	
Sergeant Notes : This funding will provide funding for a Grant Manager to ensure the Napa OHV Team conforms to the guidelines of the grant. The Sergeant will also perform duties as necessary for patrol, equipment management and acquisition.	100.000	72.060	HRS	7,206.00	0.00	7,206.00	
Total for Staff				64,708.00	0.00	64,708.00	
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
Safety Equipment Notes : Approximately \$400.00 a year spent per team member for replacement riding/safety equipment @ department's cost, not taken from grant funding.	8.000	400.000	EA	0.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Safety Equipment Notes : Replacement firearm for OHV patrol @ department expense.	1.000	1603.000	EA	0.00	1,603.00	1,603.00	
Other-Motorcycle Racks/Bags Notes : Storage Racks and bags for each duel sport motorcycle to carry food, water, tools and OHV enforcement equipment @ department's expense.	5.000	300.000	EA	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Total for Materials / Supplies				0.00	6,303.00	6,303.00	

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4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : 4X4 maintenance per year	1.000	2000.000	EA	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Motorcycles maintenance per year.	5.000	500.000	EA	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-OHV Security Improvement Notes : Funds will be used to increase security measures at the county owned location used to store the OHV Teams equipment and vehicles.	1.000	7550.000	EA	0.00	7,550.00	7,550.00
6	Others						
	Training Notes : Off Road Enforcement School	2.000	2500.000	EA	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
7	Indirect Costs						
	Total Program Expenses				64,708.00	23,353.00	88,061.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				64,708.00	23,353.00	88,061.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				64,708.00	23,353.00	88,061.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	64,708.00	0.00	64,708.00	Grant funds will be used to pay for hourly salaries, (overtime and straight time) while patrolling or responding to calls on the Knoxville Public Lands OHV Area. The Napa OHV Team will match the Grant Funds by providing funding of L.E. benefits, OHV supplies, in-lieu funds, 4X4 equipment use, equipment purchase, equipment maintenance and fuel for all vehicles used by the OHV Team.
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	6,303.00	6,303.00	The Napa OHV Team uses the costs for replacement and upgrading all safety equipment for OHV Team members as matching funds.
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	The Napa OHV Team will purchase necessary equipment and perform equipment maintenance as part of the grant's matching funds.
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	7,550.00	7,550.00	Security measures to be purchased and installed to safeguard departments OHV equipment off site on County property closer to OHV area.
6	Others	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	The Napa OHV Team will use matching funds to send two team members to an Off Road Enforcement School.
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		64,708.00	23,353.00	88,061.00	
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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. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. 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. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. 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 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - 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)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes 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 9 - 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? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment