**Los Padres Forest Association**

Comments submitted by the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual Grant Applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the Applicant within the competitive Grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific Applicant does not ensure successful results for the Applicant within the competitive Grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final Applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement Projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant’s Application.

If multiple proposed Projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or Equipment/Heavy Equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the Department’s Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

*For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow “green sticker” Off-Highway Vehicles are allowed to receive Grant funding.*

Applicants are reminded that no Grant funds and/or match can be expended or Project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the Department except as allowed in the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations section 4970.09 (b)(10).

**General Evaluation Criteria**

* #1a - 1c – Applicant’s information matches the land manager’s response but note the land manager received a Division comment.
* #2 - 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #8b – Applicant’s information matches the land manager’s response but note the land manager received a Division comment.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission

**Ground Operations,** **Santa Lucia G22-04-37-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – List of Project Deliverables***

* #2 – Applicants states “track maintenance” but that is inconsistent to the Project Area described in the Project Description.  Applicant must clarify if an OHV track (i.e., motocross, flat tracks, etc.) is included in the Project Area to ensure consistency with the Project description and the correlating expenses in the Project cost estimate section.
* #7 –Applicant is reminded that Soil Conservation Plan will need to be submitted with their Final Application if the Division does not agree with the Applicant’s assessment the none of the Ground Disturbing Activities have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, and/or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability.
* #8 – Applicant must remove deliverable. The activities are not part of the Project as stated in the Project Description and the Land Manager’s written permission letter.

***Project Description – All Others***

* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles… – United States Forest Service (USFS) Los Padres National Forest (Land Manager) has also applied for a Ground Operations Grant within the proposed Project Area. Applicant needs to clarify how they will ensure there is no duplication of services.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* All Staff line items – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
* Others “Per Diem” – Applicant must state how many days consecutively the crew will be staying in the field and the distance from volunteer’s headquarters the Project Area is.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Maintaining Trails that provide for multi-use”, “Maintaining trail or road tread for single…”, and “Providing varied levels of riding…”.  Applicant states the United States Forest (USFS) Los Padres OHV program supports these selections but did not state if the Applicant’s Project Area supports them.  Applicant must verify that selections are within the Project Area.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selections.  Applicant must confirm that these Project activities performed by stated partners are not included in their own Ground Operations Application.
* #6 – Narrative only supports the selection of “Controlling OHV use”. Applicant must confirm Project activities performed are part of this Project and not the Land Manager’s Project.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate section do not support the selection “Erosion control features…” are made with recycled materials as erosion control features do not appear to be part of the Project.
* #8 – Background and/ or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant must provide information that supports the selections.  Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within the USFS Los Padres National Forest but does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project Area of this Application.

**Ground Operations,** **Mt. Pinos G22-04-37-G02**

***Project Description - Background***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No Comment.

***Project Description – List of Project Deliverables***

* #8 – Applicant must remove deliverable. The activities are not part of the Project as stated in the Project Description and the Land Manager’s written permission letter.

***Project Description – All Others***

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***Project Cost Estimate***

* All Staff line items – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must confirm Project activities performed are part of this Project and not the Land Manager’s Project.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections.  Applicant must provide examples, in the narrative box, of the activities performed to support the selections.  In addition, Applicant must confirm Project activities performed are part of this Project and not the Land Manager’s Project.
* #5 – Narrative does not support the selections.  Applicant must confirm that these Project activities performed by stated partners are not included in their own Ground Operations Application.
* #6 – Narrative only supports the selection of “Controlling OHV use”. Applicant must confirm Project activities performed are part of this Project and not the Land Manager’s Project.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate section do not support the selection “Erosion control features…” are made with recycled materials as erosion control features do not appear to be part of the Project.
* #8 – Project is not eligible to answer this question.  Only Projects that involve trail maintenance activities are eligible to respond to this question.