

Ground Operations - Frank Raines OHV (FINAL)

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1. Project Description

A. Statement of GO Activity

This project would be for Frank Raines Off-Highway Vehicle Park. It is located on Del Puerto Canyon Road approximately 18 miles west of the City of Patterson. There is approximately 750 acres in the lower OHV Park that encompasses the park entrance station, a full hook up campground, recreation hall, restroom/showers, and a group picnic shelter. There is an additional 482 acres in the upper area, which has been officially closed to OHV use pending further studies. The types of vehicles used at the park are Quad's/Atv's, motorcycles, 4-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies.

Stanislaus County, Department of Parks and Recreation, is requesting a Ground Operations (GO) Grant for Frank Raines Regional Off-Highway Vehicle Park, for routine maintenance and improvements to the existing facilities. Customer service including health and safety for the visitors of the park is one of our main goals.

For on-going operations and maintenance at the Frank Raines OHV Park, the County needs to fund a full-time Maintenance Worker III and seasonal maintenance workers. Their responsibilities are as follows:

Fee collection
Cleaning bathrooms

Mowing
Edging

Maintaining kiosks

Supporting volunteers

Trash collection

Campground improvements

Establishing traffic control

Purchasing small tools and cleaning Supplies

Replacing sign boards

Water system maintenance and testing

Electrical repairs

Rules Enforcement

Repairs to the recreational hall

Enhance emergency response

The Ground Operations (GO) grant would enable Stanislaus County to enhance and protect the existing OHV opportunity as well as provide new opportunities and protect resources.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This project relates to OHV opportunity by maintaining the existing areas of recreation, keeping the campsites functional and clean, maintaining the landscaping, providing clean bathrooms, supporting the efforts of our volunteers, answering questions regarding usage of the OHV park, and repairing areas that need attention. The Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for all management and maintenance such as fixing sewage pumps, the Recreation Hall usage/rental, any repairs that needs to be done to the stove, locks on the door or cleaning and stocking the rest rooms.

We also maintain trails and road tread, erosion control features and enforcing traffic control.

There are numerous private property owners who border the park. They have voiced their opinions in our Master Development Plan meetings that they would like to see full time staff at the park to assist the users in the following ways:

making clear the boundaries of what is open and closed at the park, preventing illegal riding / trespassing, keeping the noise levels down, preventing vandalism, and making sure the visitors to the park are complying with County ordinances.

This project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. With a full time maintenance team on the hill we have developed regular maintenance schedules that have reduced overall maintenance costs. On going, long term projects could be scheduled and completed eliminating the need for costly, one-time clean-ups. The park is located in a remote area and in the past when we have not had coverage, we experienced a lot of vandalism. There are broken windows in the Recreational Hall, locks that are jammed on purpose, graffiti in the bathrooms and broken hose bibs. This grant funding would help reduce the vandalism at the park and continue special projects that would enhance the riding pleasure of our customers.

C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles

There is approximately 750 acres that are open for riding in the lower OHV Park in addition to the full hook up campground that encompasses the park entrance station, undeveloped campsites, day use areas, emergency heli-pad, recreation hall, restrooms/showers, and a group picnic shelter. There is an additional 750 acres in the upper area, which has been officially closed to OHV use pending further studies, although we must still maintain Fire Roads and easment accesses.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

Frank Raines OHV Park and Deercreek Campgrounds is located approx. 18 miles west of the City of Patterson. There are approximately 750 acres that are open for riding in the lower OHV Park in addition to the full hook up campground that encompasses the park entrance station, undeveloped campsites, day use areas, emergency heli-pad, recreation hall, restrooms/showers, and a group picnic shelter. We offer a multi-use, non-segregated OHV opportunity that includes 4x4's, Buggies, Quad's and ATV's as well as Motorcycles. We also offer a unique riding terrain with varying difficulties. We have a fully fenced beginner flat track. This area provides a location for kids to learn the basics without them riding around in the campground which creates safety concerns. It has a covered barn for parents to relax under while still watching and coaching their children in a controlled environment. Once the kids no longer need training wheels, and have some experience

under their belts, they can ride on the Fire Road that is wide and well groomed to one of our two plateau areas. Both wide open with plenty of room, one offers a junior track, still for beginners. Beyond that, we have lower areas of the park that are fairly flat with some rolling hills. For the thrill seekers in the crowd, we offer a couple of mud pits, steep hill climbs and some trails that are quite treacherous and exciting.

2. Rerouting Requirements

Rerouting

- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? Yes No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

Additional Documentation

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1. **Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
2. **Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

3. **Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Frank Raines Trail Map](#)
[Minniear Day Use Area, hunting and horseback](#)
[Frank Raines Campground layout](#)

4. **Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Frank Raines OHV Pictures](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Department						
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations - Frank Raines OHV (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-20-G02				
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input 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							

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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3/1/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Senior Maintenance Worker	2080.000	45.260	HRS	70,605.75	23,535.25	94,141.00
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker Notes : These costs will pay for 4-8 seasonal workers through the year.	6240.000	14.410	HRS	67,438.50	22,479.50	89,918.00
	Total for Staff				138,044.25	46,014.75	184,059.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Waste Water System Upgrades Notes : This cost is an estimate. We are looking to replace the aerators, electrical panel and grinder for the Waste Water System for the park. All of these items are costly. We will be looking to purchase the parts and perform the installment ourselves, if it is feasible. The issue with electricity is still an unknown - the cost could be extremely high.	1.000	100000.000	YR	75,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Maintenance Notes : Maintenance is the costs for any and all materials and supplies related to the upkeep of the facility. This line item allows us to purchase smaller priced items that are needed for the OHV Park on a daily basis.	1.000	15000.000	YR	11,250.00	3,750.00	15,000.00
	Other-Iron Ranger Envelopes	1.000	600.000	YR	450.00	150.00	600.00
	Janitorial	1.000	750.000	YR	562.50	187.50	750.00
	Other-Signs	1.000	2000.000	YR	1,500.00	500.00	2,000.00
	Other-Water System Testing & Maintenance	1.000	3500.000	YR	2,625.00	875.00	3,500.00
	Other-Training	1.000	3000.000	YR	2,250.00	750.00	3,000.00

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	Notes : Training would include safety training, First Aid, CPR, and continuing education for renewal of water treatment and weed abatement certification. It could also include 4Wheel Drive and ATV training.						
	Other-Office Supplies Notes : Office supplies include but are not limited to: Copy paper, ink, maps of the OHV trails, brochures, pens, pencils and other essential items needed for office work.	1.000	2500.000	YR	1,875.00	625.00	2,500.00
	Fencing Supplies	1.000	5000.000	YR	3,750.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				24,262.50	8,087.50	32,350.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-4x4 Trucks	3.000	3000.000	EA	6,750.00	2,250.00	9,000.00
	Other-ATV	1.000	700.000	EA	525.00	175.00	700.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				7,275.00	2,425.00	9,700.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Utilities	1.000	11000.000	YR	8,250.00	2,750.00	11,000.00
	Other-Telephone	1.000	1100.000	YR	825.00	275.00	1,100.00
	Other-Internet Notes : The internet is used for the e-mail communications with the office and constituents who use our park. Staff also use the internet for work performed on writing this grant since they are in a remote area and can not make it down the hill for meetings. The internet is also an important part of the new reservation system that will have a start date in 2010.	1.000	2400.000	YR	1,800.00	600.00	2,400.00
	Total for Others				10,875.00	3,625.00	14,500.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative Overhead	1.000	25000.000	YR	18,750.00	6,250.00	25,000.00
Total Program Expenses					274,206.75	91,402.25	365,609.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					274,206.75	91,402.25	365,609.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					274,206.75	91,402.25	365,609.00

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	138,044.25	46,014.75	184,059.00	
2	Contracts	75,000.00	25,000.00	100,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	24,262.50	8,087.50	32,350.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	7,275.00	2,425.00	9,700.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	10,875.00	3,625.00	14,500.00	
7	Indirect Costs	18,750.00	6,250.00	25,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		274,206.75	91,402.25	365,609.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		274,206.75	91,402.25	365,609.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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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

The maintenance that is going on with existing trails and roads are not near wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Stanislaus County has filed a "Notice of Exemption" - Categorical Exemption section number 15301 which states, "Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, and permitting, leasing, licensing or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment..." Frank Raines will be involved in strictly the operations and maintenance of the Off-Highway Vehicle Parks facility. There will be no cumulative impacts with this Ground Operations Project. Without the maintenance and grooming, impacts could be significant.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

The proposed ground operations activities will not have a significant effect on the environment due to the lack of unusually steep slopes or highly erodible soil.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

Frank Raines OHV Park is not within the view shed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

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.

This project would have no substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

This ground operations project will not cause any indirect significant impact. We will strictly focus on operations and maintenance activities.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Notice of Exemption](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 0

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points)
 51% - 75% (5 points)
 26% - 50% (3 points)
 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)
 Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)
 Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)
 Potential trespass (2 points)
 Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Without grant funding for Ground Operations, the County may no longer afford to staff the park. With the potential for trespass and the resulting litigation from neighboring private property owners, as well as damage due to vandalism, - the County may be forced to close the OHV area.

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 12

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)
 Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)
 Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)
 Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)
 Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Maintenance of the trail and road tread are currently performed with a 1990 CAT D3 , and a borrowed 1999 New Holland 545 w/box scrapper and the help of a volunteer. We are looking into new equipment to be more efficient and more productive. Current erosion control features include culverts, bridge and water bars, all of which need constant maintenance to remain functional. Past O&M grants have provided us the opportunity to replace damaged and faded traffic control and educational signage. Continued grant funding will help maintain a safe and healthy environment for our guests.

Frank Raines prides itself on being a multi-use OHV experience. Many of the families come here because this is one of the few parks that allows different vehicle types to ride together. The park offers varying levels of riding difficulty, for example; steep treacherous trails, hill climbs, large flat plateaus, a well-groomed fire road, and fenced flat track for beginners.

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
 Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
 Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

We have spoken informally to the user groups and stakeholders concerning the parks general and future direction. We had our first public meeting on February 11, 2010 at the Park Commission Meeting. We discussed the grant possibilities for Frank Raines. We received no public input. We have also scheduled a more formal meeting with all interested parties on March 15, 2010 to discuss the preliminary grant. The Department additionally uses conference calls with interested parties on use of the Off-Highway Vehicle areas in the County. In particular, with groups who want to use the facilities on an exclusive use basis.

5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points) 2 to 3 (2 points)
 1 (1 point) None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

C.O.R.V.A.
East-Bay Hi-Tailers
Escarabaja Buggy Club
Friends of Frank Raines
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Dept.

6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 5

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)
 Protecting water quality (1 point)
 Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
 Protecting special-status species (1 point)
 Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)
 Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)
 Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
 Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

We currently maintain barriers such as 5' No-Climb fencing, barbed wire fence and downed tree trunks. We recently closed riding to three hill faces that would have allowed sediment to enter a seasonal creek. We currently maintain a bridge at the only entrance/exit point to the OHV area. This bridge is being repaired and has a planned completion date of June 2010. Additional wet crossings in the OHV Park will be surveyed to determine if a bridge/culvert or reroute is needed. With funds from this grant the County will fence 100 feet off of the creek highline to divert riding from the riparian/wetland areas. Furthermore, one of the main functions of the Ground Operations Grant is the constant maintenance of fully stocked, clean and sanitary facilities for the comfort and health of our guests.

7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
- Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)
- Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)
- Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)
- Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point) [concrete and or asphalt]

8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Frank Raines OHV utilizes low volatile organic compound paints for structures like bathrooms and the entrance station. Whenever a replacement or repair for plumbing and irrigation is required, the County will use water efficient and low flow fixtures. Also, all current diesel equipment/vehicles will be using diesel (ULSD), 15ppm.

9. Motorized Access - Q 9.

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- Camping Birding
- Hiking Equestrian trails
- Fishing Rock Climbing
- Other (Specify)