

## Law Enforcement (FINAL)

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### ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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This program will be coordinated by the Sheriff's Dept. and in cooperation with federal agencies. The Sheriff Dept. will dedicate man-hours to the project with emphasis on patrol and law enforcement. Sheriff's Deputies will patrol from four ATVs equipped with dirt/snow tracks, and two snowmobiles. Officers and volunteers from the Sheriff Dept. will conduct the patrol activities. The rate of pay is determined by Rank and possible overtime rates. The main problem in the mentioned areas occurs on weekends and holidays. Patrol activities will also be conducted during some weekdays during school summer vacation. Officers and volunteers will patrol the areas for violators and stop the violators to ensure that they are legally in the area and to conduct safety inspections on the OHV, related to safety equipment and spark arrestors. Officers and Volunteers will patrol as partners. ATVs with tracks and snowmobiles will enable us to also patrol snowmobile areas and access areas of use during winter months. Officers and volunteers will also conduct training talks with the local schools in an effort to teach kids about OHV laws and regulations. We will also talk with civic groups at their request, along with handing out OHV literature to all contacts made during OHV patrol.

With the approval of this grant program the Sheriff Dept. will continue to be in a position to coordinate efforts at reducing mentioned problems. A patrol of open and closed lands and an increased presence by law enforcement officers will allow

us to apprehend illegal OHV users and reduce problems. We will encourage the public to report illegal OHV use and investigate reports.

**ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

Trinity County covers approximately 3500 square miles of mountain terrain. Almost 80% of the county is federal lands including National Forests and Wilderness areas. (See Law Enforcement - Page 1 section of this application for identified areas). Every effort will be made to patrol complaint areas, areas of possible illegal use, and open/closed areas.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

The County of Trinity will patrol open and closed federal lands and enforce regulations related to the California Vehicle Code, other state statutes and Federal Regulations, along with codes identified in the OHV Law Enforcement blue handbook. The County to provide the following patrols and services; A) Patrol hours on closed/open Federal lands from four quad runners and two snowmobiles. B) Conduct vehicle registration/safety equipment inspections. C) Cite and remove OHV's from closed federal lands.

D) Conduct criminal investigations related to OHV users. E) Complete logs verifying patrol hours, areas patrolled, inspections completed, citations issued, and arrests made. F) Conduct education seminars for school age children and civic groups as requested.

Patrols will be done on weekends and holidays when most OHV users are present, some weekdays during the school summer vacation time, and weekends and holidays during the winter when snowmobile season is at its peak.

**ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Officers will be scheduled as two person teams, with the ability to saturate an area with four personnel at one time. A maximum of two teams can be scheduled at one time to cover different parts of the County.

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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:  
Union Hill Pond, Tucker Hill, Deadwood, Brock Gulch, Indian Creek, Spring Gulch, Bully Choop, East Lewiston Lake, Keno Camp, Trinity Lake bottom, Weaver Bally Basin, Reading Creek, Indian Valley, Weaverville Community Forest, Scott Mountain Pacific Crest Trail to Deadfall Lake, IP 17 Road to the Eddys. All these areas above are federal lands that have heavy illegal OHV use. Closed signs have been vandalized or removed. There are now hundreds of illegal trails in these areas, causing erosion to flow into lakes, ponds, streams, and the Trinity River. Some areas are accessed by Shasta County OHV users riding in from Shasta County. With continued drought years and lower lake levels the Trinity Lake bottom use by OHV's will continue to grow.
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:  
Currently we provide low OHV patrol activities due to budget constraints. If awarded this project, Trinity County Sheriff's Office will continue to dedicate Officers to patrol federal lands for illegal OHV users. Officers will utilize ATV's in this endeavor to issue citations and make arrests when appropriate. Officers will contact OHV users and inspect for proper safety equipment. We will present publications and presentations to the public for OHV education.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:  
Trinity County Sheriff Dept. works in cooperation, both formal and informal, with BLM and USFS regarding illegal activities on their lands.

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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? (Please select Yes or No)  
 Yes  No  
Explain  
We do not have sponsors or private parties obtaining permits and conducting OHV events.
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? (Please select Yes or No)  
 Yes  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:  
Law Enforcement personnel are first trained in the proper use and maintenance of the equipment they will be patrolling with. An ATV operation/safety course is required and provided. A one day classroom is provided with materials on what the personnel will be enforcing, OHV laws and regulations, and what areas are specific to the patrol.

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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:

As California Peace Officers, 836PC of the Penal Code, Trinity County Sheriff Department has criminal jurisdiction on all lands in Trinity County. We work very closely with our local BLM and USFS regarding issues on their lands, and due to their lack of manpower to cover all their lands, they welcome our efforts to patrol and enforce on federal land.

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:

This money, \$10,646 last year, is received in the County's General Fund and will be used to help offset the costs and expenses the Sheriff department may have or exceed in the OHV Project.

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

We have no OHV recreation facilities.

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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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	Trinity County Sheriff's Department		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement (FINAL)	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-03-39-L01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<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
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Administration Officer	48.000	28.840	HRS	0.00	1,384.00	1,384.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	225.000	39.690	HRS	8,930.00	0.00	8,930.00
	Sergeant	225.000	45.630	HRS	10,267.00	0.00	10,267.00
	Other-Volunteer	100.000	28.840	HRS	0.00	2,884.00	2,884.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				<b>19,197.00</b>	<b>4,268.00</b>	<b>23,465.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Safety Equipment needed would be to outfit 8 personnel with proper riding/safety equipment such as boots, chest protectors, helmets, goggles, and gloves.	8.000	700.000	SET	5,600.00	0.00	5,600.00
	Emergency Medical Supplies	4.000	450.000	SET	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
	EMT Refills	4.000	100.000	SET	0.00	400.00	400.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				<b>7,400.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>

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<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Building Storage Rent	12.000	300.000	MOS	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	4.000	250.000	YR	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Other-Fuel	1.000	1480.000	YR	0.00	1,480.00	1,480.00
	Other-Tires	12.000	75.000	EA	900.00	0.00	900.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				900.00	6,080.00	6,980.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Training	24.000	45.630	HRS	0.00	1,095.00	1,095.00
	Insurance	12.000	50.000	MOS	0.00	600.00	600.00
	<b>Total for Others</b>				0.00	1,695.00	1,695.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	Indirect Costs-Accountant/Admin Grant	1.000	1600.000	YR	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				27,497.00	14,043.00	41,540.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				27,497.00	14,043.00	41,540.00
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2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	7,400.00	400.00	7,800.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	900.00	6,080.00	6,980.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	1,695.00	1,695.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		<b>27,497.00</b>	<b>14,043.00</b>	<b>41,540.00</b>	
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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

### 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**