

Planning - Dusy Ershim (FINAL)

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A. Statement of Planning Objectives

The planning objectives are to find out possible solutions to protecting two meadows (Ershim Meadow and Rodeo Meadow) that the Dusy Ershim OHV route navigates through. Protecting resources will be accomplished by either re-routing the trail or building a bridge structure. Finding out possible solutions to protecting this valuable resource is the first goal. The Dusy Ershim is located in a Wilderness corridor and re-routing is very difficult to accomplish. This project will determine the best way to protect these meadows not rehabilitation of them.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

This project relates directly to OHV recreation by being on the Dusy Ershim OHV route which is a one of a kind route that passes through a corridor between two major wilderness areas, the John Muir and Kaiser. The Dusy Ershim OHV route is 36 miles in distance and takes approximately 3 days to navigate. Completion of this project will sustain OHV recreation on this unique route.

C. Statement of Activities

Activities include preliminary planning with an assessment from Resource Specialists and basic designs from Engineering. Specialists will need to visit each proposed project site for at least one day of data research. Two to four days of data processing will be required to accomplish needed planning. The Dusy Ershim OHV route is very remote and can take more than 3 days to cross. These activities will help determine how to best protect these meadows not rehabilitate them.

D. List of Reports

Reports needing an environmental analysis will be completed per NEPA requirements.

Additional Documentation

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1. Timeline for Completion

Attachments:

[Completion Timeline](#)

2. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachments:

[Project Photos](#)

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3. Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[Project Map](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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| APPLICANT NAME : | USFS - Sierra National Forest | | |
| PROJECT TITLE : | Planning - Dusy Ershim (FINAL) | PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) : | G09-02-17-P06 |
| PROJECT TYPE : | <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration | | |
| PROJECT DESCRIPTION : | The planning objectives are to find out possible solutions to protecting two meadows (Ershim Meadow and Rodeo Meadow) that the Dusy Ershim OHV route navigates through. Protecting resources will be accomplished by either re-routing the trail or building a bridge structure. Finding out possible solutions to protecting this valuable resource is the first goal. The Dusy Ershim is located in a Wilderness corridor and re-routing is very difficult to accomplish. This project will determine the best way to protect these meadows not rehabilitation of them. | | |

| | Line Item | Qty | Rate | UOM | Grant Request | Match | Total |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|-----|---------------|----------|----------|
| DIRECT EXPENSES | | | | | | | |
| Program Expenses | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Staff | | | | | | |
| | Management and Admin Staff | 10.000 | 346.980 | DAY | 0.00 | 3,470.00 | 3,470.00 |
| | Other-OHV Manager | 10.000 | 226.950 | DAY | 1,703.00 | 567.00 | 2,270.00 |
| | Other-Asst. OHV Manager | 15.000 | 198.180 | DAY | 2,230.00 | 743.00 | 2,973.00 |
| | Other-Wildlife Biologist | 15.000 | 344.000 | DAY | 3,870.00 | 1,290.00 | 5,160.00 |
| | Other-Hydrologist | 15.000 | 322.110 | DAY | 3,624.00 | 1,208.00 | 4,832.00 |
| | Other-Botanist | 15.000 | 325.960 | DAY | 3,667.00 | 1,222.00 | 4,889.00 |
| | Other-Aquatics Specialist | 15.000 | 326.570 | DAY | 3,675.00 | 1,224.00 | 4,899.00 |
| | Other-Archeologist | 15.000 | 291.660 | DAY | 3,282.00 | 1,093.00 | 4,375.00 |
| | Other-Volunteers | 20.000 | 200.000 | HRS | 0.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| | Other-Trail Shot Expert | 10.000 | 300.000 | DAY | 2,250.00 | 750.00 | 3,000.00 |

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 |
|----------|---|--------|----------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Total for Staff | | | | 24,301.00 | 15,567.00 | 39,868.00 |
| 2 | Contracts | | | | | | |
| 3 | Materials / Supplies | | | | | | |
| | Other-Volunteer Subsistence | 50.000 | 30.000 | DAY | 1,110.00 | 390.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 4 | Equipment Use Expenses | | | | | | |
| | Other-Vehicle Maintenance | 4.000 | 539.000 | MOS | 1,530.00 | 626.00 | 2,156.00 |
| 5 | Equipment Purchases | | | | | | |
| 6 | Others | | | | | | |
| 7 | Indirect Costs | | | | | | |
| | Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs Notes : Forest overhead costs are currently 8% | 1.000 | 2441.000 | MISC | 0.00 | 2,441.00 | 2,441.00 |
| | Total Program Expenses | | | | 26,941.00 | 19,024.00 | 45,965.00 |
| | TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES | | | | 26,941.00 | 19,024.00 | 45,965.00 |
| | TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | | | 26,941.00 | 19,024.00 | 45,965.00 |

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

| | Line Item | Grant Request | Match | Total | Narrative |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| DIRECT EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Program Expenses | | | | | |
| 1 | Staff | 24,301.00 | 15,567.00 | 39,868.00 | |
| 2 | Contracts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 3 | Materials / Supplies | 1,110.00 | 390.00 | 1,500.00 | Volunteer 4X4 clubs will be the primary transportation for this project. There will be several trips per season in order to take resource specialists to the project sites. |
| 4 | Equipment Use Expenses | 1,530.00 | 626.00 | 2,156.00 | This cost will cover two Forest Service vehicles for a period of two months. |
| 5 | Equipment Purchases | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 6 | Others | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 7 | Indirect Costs | 0.00 | 2,441.00 | 2,441.00 | |
| Total Program Expenses | | 26,941.00 | 19,024.00 | 45,965.00 | |
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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

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

Planning Project 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 Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(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. Planning Project - Q 2.

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2. The Planning Project would address the following 4

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

- Potential effects of OHV Recreation on special-status species habitats
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on cultural resources
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on soil conditions
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on water quality
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on other recreation uses
 Potential effects of OHV Recreation on adjacent lands.
 Potential impact to relationships between OHV Recreation and local residents
 Toxic or hazardous materials within a Project Area or adjacent property that may impact OHV Recreation
 Trail issues such as traffic patterns, trails closures, appropriate uses, etc.

B. Planning Project - Page 2

Explain each statement that was checked

There are concerns with 1.Wildlife 2. Aquatics 3. Botany 4. Soils 5. Hydrology and 6. Cultural Resources

There could also be effects on Hiking, Horseback riding and other recreation that intersects the Dusy Ershim OHV route.

The Dusy Ershim borders two Wilderness areas that are closed to vehicle use.

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

- 6 or more items checked (4 points) 4 to 5 items checked (3 points)
 2 to 3 items checked (2 points) 1 or no items checked (No points)

3. Motorized Access - Q 3.

3. The Project would lead to improved facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized 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)

4. Public Input - Q 4.

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

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 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

OHV Manager and Adopt-A-Trail Volunteer club representatives have quarterly meetings to discuss existing and future projects on the Sierra National Forest. 4X4 Clubs are contacted by phone or met at monthly meetings and brought up to date with current issues. A meeting will be held on March 16th with the general public to get input on the preliminary grant proposal.

5. Stakeholder Input - Q 5.

5. If the Project were approved, the planning process would incorporate substantial stakeholder input: 5

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

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

If 'Yes', explain, specifically, how it would be 'substantial'. Identify stakeholders

The Adopt-A-Trail representatives will be directly involved in transporting Forest Service personnel across the Dusy Ershim OHV to assess trail needs. They will also help with the implementation of the project by offering the majority of the labor needed in completing the project.

6. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 6.

6. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(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)

The Four Wheel Drive Club of Fresno and other local 4x4 Clubs having Adopt-A-Trail agreements will be involved, along with other Forest Service Volunteers.

7. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 7.

7. The Planning Project sustains OHV Opportunity in the following manner 3

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

- Project will develop management plans for existing OHV Opportunity (4 points)
 Project will complete environmental review for an OHV Development Project (3 points)
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities adjacent to population centers (3 points)
 Project supports development of OHV Opportunities in areas that lack legal OHV Opportunity (2 points)
 Project will develop a system of designated OHV routes for an existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Completion of this project will complete environmental analysis per NEPA requirements. From this we will determine possible mitigation for resource/recreation opportunity protection.

8. Identification of Funding Sources - Q 8.

8. Funds for implementing the completed plan have been identified 5

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

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Historically, funding sources associated with designated travel routes has been a combination of Forest Service appropriated dollars and State funding, such as OHMVR funds. In recent years, appropriated dollars have been minimal. Trail route maintenance is accomplished with a combination of efforts, including work provided by volunteers, appropriated Federal funding, and State funding through grant agreements. Costs associated with implementing changes to road use, will be paid for primarily through Federal appropriated dollars.

Reference Document

Sierra NF 2010 Lands, Recreation, Heritage, Partnerships, and Wilderness Annual Business Plan

9. Offsite Impacts - Q 9.

9. The Planning Project would address offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff): 0

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

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response