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A. List of Restoration Activities

Project will provide funding for the installation of boulder barriers and permanent closure of unauthorized user created motor vehicle routes originating from the parking area at the Trail of the Gargoyles Interpretive Trail and Vista Point. Boulder barriers will be partially buried and small logs and debris from adjacent areas will be placed on routes to prevent continued use. Additional post and log barriers will be randomly placed on user created trails and anchored with rebar as needed. Upon completion of project, all vehicle use will be physically restricted to the designated roads and parking areas within the area.

B. How the Proposed Project Relates to OHV Recreation

The Trail of the Gargoyles is located off forest road 4N12, a native surface high clearance vehicle route adjacent to Herring Creek Campground on the Summit Ranger District. The area is a popular destination for OHV recreation including SUVs, 4WD (Jeeps), ATVs, and motorcycles. The access road into the interpretive parking area is open to OHVs as well as highway licensed SUVs. The access road and parking area provide access to non-motorized activities including hiking, viewing, and an interpretive trail.

C. Size of Project Site

The project will complete restoration activities on approximately 3 acres with a total route closure of less than 1 mile.

D. Monitoring and Methodology

Project monitoring will include completion of route and impact area condition surveys and creation of a photo log to document area prior to project implementation. Additional photos will be taken at project completion and annually thereafter to document changes in project over time. Condition surveys will be completed every three years or as need is determined. Any vandalism or incursions at site will be documented as well.

E. List of Reports

F. Goals, Objectives and Methodology / Peer Reviews

The Gargoyles Restoration Project does not involve scientific and/or cultural studies.

G. Plan for Protection of Restored Area

Monitoring of project will include routine patrols by FS LEOs and FPOs. District recreation staff will document any vandalism and intrusion into project area and will be responsible for scheduling and the completion of any repair needs.

Both enforcement and educational signs will be installed informing the visiting public of the project and reasons for implementation.

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1. Project-Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Trail of the Gargoyles area Map](#)

2. Project-Specific Photos

Attachments:

[Gargoyle Photo](#)

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
 Agency: USFS - Stanislaus National Forest
 Application: Restoration - Gargoyles

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Stanislaus National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Restoration - Gargoyles	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
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 type="checkbox"/> Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	Project will provide funding for the installation of boulder barriers and permanent closure of unauthorized user created motor vehicle routes originating from the parking area at the Trail of the Gargoyles Interpretive Trail and Vista Point. Boulder barriers will be partially buried and small logs and debris from adjacent areas will be placed on routes to prevent continued use. Additional post and log barriers will be randomly placed on user created trails and anchored with rebar as needed. Upon completion of project, all vehicle use will be physically restricted to the designated roads and parking areas within the area.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-District Ranger	1.000	432.000	DAY	0.00	432.00	432.00
	Other-District PS PAL	1.000	372.000	DAY	0.00	372.00	372.00
	Other-OHV/Rec. Specialist	5.000	290.000	DAY	1,450.00	0.00	1,450.00
	Other-OHV/Rec. Tech	5.000	240.000	DAY	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
	Other-OHV Volunteer	5.000	126.000	DAY	0.00	630.00	630.00
	Other-Resource Specialist	3.000	290.000	DAY	0.00	870.00	870.00
	Other-LEO	5.000	320.000	DAY	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Other-FPO	10.000	290.000	DAY	0.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
	Other-Trail Crew	1.000	960.000	DAY	0.00	960.00	960.00
	Total for Staff				2,650.00	7,764.00	10,414.00
2	Contracts						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Heavy Equipment Operator	2.000	760.000	DAY	1,520.00	0.00	1,520.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Signs	15.000	30.000	EA	450.00	0.00	450.00
	Signs	1.000	100.000	EA	100.00	0.00	100.00
	Signs	1.000	300.000	EA	300.00	0.00	300.00
	Other-Misc. Supplies Notes : Misc. concrete, bolts, nails, paint, etc.	1.000	500.000	MISC	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-Boulder Barriers Notes : \$45/ton delivered to site	80.000	45.000	MISC	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
	Other-Post Barriers	25.000	45.000	EA	1,125.00	0.00	1,125.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				6,075.00	0.00	6,075.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	4x4 Vehicle Notes : FOR	5.000	14.000	DAY	70.00	0.00	70.00
	4x4 Vehicle Notes : Daily Milage	5.000	35.000	DAY	175.00	0.00	175.00
	Other-Trail Crew Notes : (e.g., fuel, oil, vehicle use, tools)	1.000	51.000	DAY	0.00	51.00	51.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				245.00	51.00	296.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Administrative Cost	1.000	1979.000	YR	265.00	1,714.00	1,979.00
	Total Program Expenses				10,755.00	9,529.00	20,284.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				10,755.00	9,529.00	20,284.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				10,755.00	9,529.00	20,284.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	2,650.00	7,764.00	10,414.00	
2	Contracts	1,520.00	0.00	1,520.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	6,075.00	0.00	6,075.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	245.00	51.00	296.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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Total Program Expenses		10,755.00	9,529.00	20,284.00	
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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. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. 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
- d. 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 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - 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 8 - 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

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Gargoyles OHV Restoration NEPA DM](#)

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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

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

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

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources - Failure to fund the Project will result in adverse impacts to: 8

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

- Domestic water supply (4 points)
 Archeological and historical resources identified in the California Register of Historical Resources or the Federal Register of Historic Places (3 points)
 Stream or other watercourse (3 points)
 Soils - Site actively eroding (2 points)
 Sensitive areas (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of sensitive habitats [1]
 Threatened and Endangered (T&E) listed species (2 point each, up to a maximum of 6) Enter number of T&E species
 Other special-status species- Number of special-status species (1 point each, up to a maximum of 3) Enter number of special-status species

Describe the type and severity of impacts that might occur relative to the checked item(s):

Herring Creek Reservoir provides drinking water to the community of Strawberry, CA. The Trail of the Gargoyles is located in shallow volcanic soils.

3. Reason for Project - Q 3.

3. Reason for the Project 4

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

- Protect special-status species or cultural site (4 points)
 Restore natural resource system damaged by OHV activity (4 points)
 OHV activity in a closed area (3 points)
 Alternative measures attempted, but failed (2 points)
 Management decision (1 point)
 Scientific and cultural studies (1 point)
 Planning efforts associated with Restoration (1 point)

Reference Document

Stanislaus National Forest Motor Vehicle Travel Management Plan Amendment, Summit Ranger District Road Project EA, and Trail of the Gargoyles Restoration Decision Memo S100402.

4. Measures to Ensure Success - Q 4.

4. Measures to ensure success –The Project makes use of the following elements to ensure successful implementation 10

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each (Please select applicable values)

- Site monitoring to prevent additional damage
- Construction of barriers and other traffic control devices
- Use of native plants and materials
- Incorporation of universally recognized 'Best Management Practices'
- Educational signage
- Identification of alternate OHV routes to ensure that OHV activities will not reoccur in restored area

Explain each item checked above:

Site monitoring: routine monitoring of project site can be readily accomplished as Forest personnel/campground hosts are in the area on a regular basis during the high use season. Project focus is the construction and installation of barriers to prevent further site damage by controlling vehicle access. Native materials (downed logs) will be used for barriers. Interpretive materials and signs will be designed, constructed and installed at the project site to inform the public of the need for restoration. OHV use will be re-directed to appropriate/legal OHV routes in the area.

5. Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 5.

5. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan (e.g., wilderness designation, land management plans, route designation decisions) that supports the need for the Restoration Project? 5

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

- No (No points) Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

Stanislaus National Forest Motor Vehicle Travel Management Plan Amendment, Summit Ranger District Road Project EA, and Trail of the Gargoyles Restoration Decision Memo S100402.

6. Primary Funding Source - Q 6.

6. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be: 5

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

- Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
 Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
 Other Grant funding (2 points)
 OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

FS allocated recreation funding.

7. Public Input - Q 7.

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

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- 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

During the NEPA planning process, meetings were hosted related to the project. Additionally, the project was listed on the Forest website for public review.

8. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 8.

8. 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):

OHV Volunteer groups and environmental organizations.

9. Scientific and Cultural Studies - Q 9.

9. Scientific and cultural studies will

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

- Determine appropriate Restoration techniques (2 points)
 Examine potential effects of OHV Recreation on natural or cultural resources (2 points)
 Examine methods to ensure success of Restoration efforts (1 point)
 Lead to direct management action (1 point)

Explain each item checked above

10. Underlying Problem - Q 10.

10. The underlying problem that resulted in the need for the Restoration Project has been effectively addressed and resolved 3

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

- No (No points) Yes (3 points)

Explain 'Yes' answer

Upon installation of physical barriers, all vehicle use will be restricted to designated routes and parking areas only. Presently, no barriers exist to restrict vehicle use to desired locations.

11. Size of sensitive habitats - Q 11.

11. Size of sensitive habitats (e.g., wilderness, riparian, wetlands, ACEC) within the Project Area which will be restored 3

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

- Greater than 10 acres (5 points)
 1 – 10 acres (3 points)
 Less than 1 acre (1 points)
 No sensitive habitat within Project Area (No points)