

USFS Inyo

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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 shall be cause for eliminating that item from the applicant's application.

Please note: 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.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3 a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #14 – The narrative does not support “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities”. Applicant must identify agencies that manage OHV Opportunities.

Ground Operations – Repairs,
Operations, Maintenance

G12-02-05-G01

Project Description

- A – “Restoration activities” are not eligible under a Ground Operations project.
- C & D – The number of accessible OHV roads and trails identified in item C conflicts with the number identified in item D. Applicant must clarify the number of OHV accessible roads and trails.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “Other-Volunteer” – Applicant must provide the specific activities the volunteers will perform that are directly related to the project.
- Staff – “Other-OHV Work Leader” – Applicant must clarify how this staff item is different from the “Other-OHV Program Supervisor (2).”

- Staff – “Other-Assistant Forest Engineer” – Applicant must provide the specific activities this staff will perform that are directly related to the project.
- Staff – “Other-Public Affairs” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Staff – “Other-CG Host Volunteers” – Applicant must provide the specific activities the volunteers will perform that are directly related to the project.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-CTUC Map” – Wholesale discounts are not eligible for match. Applicant may only claim actual costs for reimbursement and/or match. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Equipment Purchases – “Other-All Terrain Utility Vehicle” – Applicant must explain the need for the All-Terrain Utility Vehicle.
- Equipment Purchases – “Other-Radios” – Applicant must explain the need for the radios.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Applicant must clarify the “Publicly noticed meeting(s)” were a separate meeting from the “Meeting(s) with stakeholders. Additionally, applicant must identify the stakeholders.
- #5 – Activities listed for partner organizations Adventure Mammoth Nordic Ski Patrol (Mammoth Nordic), Town of Mammoth Lakes, and Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association are not directly related to the project.
- #5 – As stated, the activity listed for CTUC is not directly related to the project. Applicant must clarify the activities CTUC will perform that are directly related to the project.
- #7 – Checked item “Other products...” (“jute netting”) is not eligible, credit was already given for erosion control features.

Development – OHV Campground Improvements	G12-02-05-D01
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Project Description

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- No comment.

Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – Campground improvement projects do not provide for diversified OHV use.
- #7 – Campground improvement projects do not sustain existing OHV recreation.
- #10 – Campground hosts are not partner organizations.
- #12 – Narrative does not support the selection.

Planning – Trail System Improvements	G12-02-05-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project description is difficult to understand. Applicant must rewrite project description to provide clear understanding of proposed project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Cost has doubled in comparison to the same project proposed last year, although the Project Description is the same. Applicant must provide explanation for this in the Project Description and/or adjust costs. • Materials Supplies – Cost has doubled in comparison to the same project proposed last year, although Project Description is the same. Applicant must provide explanation for this in the Project Description and/or adjust costs. • Materials Supplies – Applicant must provide more detail for “Misc Supplies, gear, safety equip”. This appears to be equipment that would already be available for staff. • Equipment Use Expenses – Applicant must provide a list of vehicles to be used on this project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #7 – Narrative does not support “..areas that lack legal riding opportunity..” selection. • #8 – Narrative and reference document do not support response. 	

Restoration – Monitoring and Repairs	G12-02-05-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must clarify the proposed restoration activities do not overlap with current/active OHV restoration grants. • A – Volunteer Trail Ambassadors activities, applicant must provide detail on how these activities are directly related to the project. • C – Applicant must describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts – “Restoration Crew”, applicant must provide more detail identifying how costs were determined. • Equipment Purchases – “Other-GPS unit”, appears excessive, the applicant has been funded to secure five such units in the last three years. 	

Evaluation Criteria

- #7 – Narrative does not support response. It is unclear if two different meetings were conducted on January 23, 2013.
- #8 – Narrative does not support response. Friends of the Inyo does not qualify as a partner as they will be contracted to work on the project. Applicant must provide more detail on how the additional partners will participate in the project.
- #10 – Narrative does not support response.
- #11 – Project description must identify the size of sensitive habitats to be restored by the project.