

## USFS – Sequoia National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

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.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #14 – Narrative does not support “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities”. Applicant must identify more than one agency that manages OHV Opportunities and must identify the specific BLM office.

### Ground Operations

G12-02-15-G01

#### Project Description

- No comment.

#### Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “Other-EDD for Seasonal Workers” – Applicant must provide additional information about the direct project related activities this staff will perform. Additionally, the applicant must identify the acronym “EDD”.
- Staff – “Other-KR Fire Prevention Technician” – Applicant must provide additional information regarding this position.
- Staff – “Other-KR Admin. Support Asst.” – Staff – “Other-Budget” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.

- Materials / Supplies – “First aid kits” appear to be a duplicate request in two line items: “Other-KR First Aid Kits” and “Other-KR: Volunteer PPE, Supplies”. Applicant must provide additional information about the need for this item within each of these two line items.
- Materials / Supplies – Request for “gloves” is listed in three separate line items: “Other-KR Gloves”, “Other-KR: OHV Safety Equipment”, and “Other-KR: Volunteer PPE, Supplies”. Applicant must provide additional information about the need for this item within each of these three line items.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-KR: Yurt Supplies” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item and how it directly relates to this project.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-KR/WD: OSV Signs” – These signs appear to be related to the OSV Program. Applicant may not claim signs that are provided for via the OSV Program. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-KR: Drinking System” does not appear to be directly related to a Ground Operations project. Applicant must provide additional information.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-KR: Back Packs” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-WD OHV Safety Equipment” and “Other-WD PPE for crew and volunteers” appear to be duplicate requests. Applicant must provide additional information about these line items.
- Materials / Supplies – “Other-WD Yurt repair parts” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item and how it directly relates to this project.
- Equipment Use Expenses – All vehicle line items with mileage and FOR - For all vehicles that are a part of the Ground Operations project, applicant must identify the type of vehicle. Additionally, applicant must clarify the quantity and the rate.
- Equipment Use Expenses - “Other-KR: FS Veh 2919 FOR” is listed twice with two different rates. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – For “Other-WD: FS Veh 3261 FOR” and “Other-WD:FS Veh 1862 FOR” – The “Winter Plowing” and “support snow groomer” line items appear to be related to the OSV Program. Applicant may not claim these line items in a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-WD: FS Veh 2942 FOR” appears this vehicle will be used for “LE Patrol” and “support grooming”. These activities are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – For “Other-FS Veh 1165 FOR” and “Other-FS Veh 1165 Mileage” it appears this vehicle will be used for the “OSV Program”. This activity is supported via the OSV Program and is not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expenses – For “Other-KR Motorcycle FOR (4545)”, “Other-KR Motorcycle FOR (4548)”, “Other-KR Motorcycle FOR (4549)”, and “Other-KR Motorcycle FOR (4547)” applicant must provide additional information about “OHV Patrol”.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Stewards Vol Trl Crew” – Applicant must identify the type of vehicle.

- Equipment Use Expenses – For “Other-HL: Vehicle #3306 FOR” and “Other-HL: Vehicle #3306 Mileage” the Notes indicate “vehicle used by OHV manager”. This staff is an Indirect Cost and the associated use expense of this vehicle is not eligible.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-KR: Chain Saw” – Applicant must move this line item to the ‘Materials / Supplies’ category.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-KR: Calibration Sound Meters” is not eligible under a Ground Operations project.
- Equipment Purchases – “Other-WD Snowplow for F350 or 3500 Crew” – The Notes provided for this line item indicate it is related to the OSV Program. Applicant may not claim this line item in a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Others – “Other-KR: Per Diem, (Summer/Winter)” – The Notes provided for this line item indicate it is related to the OSV Program. Applicant may not claim this line item in a Ground Operations project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly.
- Others – “Other-KR: Welding Supplies” – Applicant must move this line item to the ‘Materials / Supplies’ category.
- Others – “Other-KR: OHV Park Track Maintenance” appears to be a contract. Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. Note, if this is a contract, applicant must move this line item to the ‘Contracts’ category.

#### Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Narrative does not support “Conference call(s)...”. – Applicant must identify the date of the “Conference call(s). This must be a separate meeting than the meeting(s) with stakeholders. Additionally, applicant must identify the interested parties.
- #6 – Project Description does not support “Re-routing trails...” – Response conflicts with Project Description.
- #7 – “Biodegradable cleaning supplies” does not qualify for ‘Other products with recycled content’.
- #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies.

Development – Eshom Staging Area

G12-02-15-G01

#### Project Description

- A – Closure activities are Restoration and are not appropriate for a Development grant. Applicant must also adjust the cost estimate to eliminate the restoration activities.

<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – Other-Recreation Officer – This is an indirect cost.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – Project does not support selections. Staging area projects do not provide for diversified OHV use.</li> <li>• #7 – Project does not support selection. A staging area is a facility and does not sustain OHV opportunity.</li> <li>• #8 – Project does not support selections. Staging area projects do not provide for camping, birding, or fishing activities.</li> <li>• #9 – Narrative does not support “Conference call(s)...”. – Applicant must identify the date of the “Conference call(s). This must be a separate meeting than the meeting(s) with stakeholders. Additionally, applicant must identify the interested parties.</li> </ul>

Education and Safety -	G12-02-15-S01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – Other-Asst Rec Officer – There are two line items with the same information. Applicant must explain the difference between these two positions outside of one being Grant Request and one being Match.</li> <li>• Staff – Other-Fire Prevention FPO – There are 5 positions that are all GS-7 level staff. They all have different rates of pay. If they are all the same level, applicant must explain the differences. In addition, applicant must provide additional information for the last FPO for the Kern River line item.</li> <li>• Staff – Other-WD GS-5 – Applicant must provide additional information regarding this position.</li> <li>• Staff – Other-SO – Assistant Forest Recreation Of – This is an indirect cost.</li> <li>• Staff – Other-Fire Prevention Battalion Chief – This appears to be an indirect cost. Applicant must provide additional details as to why an additional supervisor is needed.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – Other-Tread Lightly Decals – Applicant must explain the difference in prices for decals for the Hume Lake District and the Kern River District.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – Other-HL Volunteer shirts – Applicant must provide additional information regarding how this line item is related to the project and why they are needed for the successful completion of this project.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – Applicant must list all vehicles associated with the project.</li> </ul>	

## Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Maps are not a part of this project. Friends of Jawbone and California Trail Users Coalition are not partners in the project.
- #6 – Narrative does not support “Conference call(s)...”. – Applicant must identify the date of the “Conference call(s). This must be a separate meeting than the meeting(s) with stakeholders. Additionally, applicant must identify the interested parties.
- #7 – Narrative does not support Evaluation selection – The narrative appears to have been cut off.
- #9 – Narrative and project do not support selection.
- #10 – Narrative does not support Hands on learning or CD’s/DVD’s selections.