

USFS - Cleveland 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.

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.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities, Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response and provide a cost of their OHV program for the most recent complete fiscal year.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11a – It is unclear if the information provided to visitors and the kiosks and signboards at the major OHV gathering points contain information describing safe and responsible OHV Recreation.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses.

Ground Operations - North

G13-02-02-G01

Project Description

- A – "Wildfire hazard reduction" activities are not eligible.

Project Cost Estimate

- Contracts – “Trail Maintenance” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide more details for this line item.

Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – Applicant must provide the following information:
 - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)
 - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held
 - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders
- #5 – Trabuco Ranger District Off-Highway Vehicle Volunteer Program is not an organization and is not eligible.
- #5 – Provide more information about the “Concept guidance” activity CORVA will perform for this project and how it is related to this project.

Ground Operations - South	G13-02-02-G02
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Project Description

- A – “Electronic security system monitoring at the Corral Canyon Admin site...” is not eligible.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – “District Fire Patrol Unit” – Activities “Extinguish unattended fires...”, “Educate OHV area users on fire safety”, Provide official presence ...”, “Provide public safety...”, “Provide current fire...”, and “Provide local insight...” are not related to a Ground Operations project and are not eligible.
- Staff – “Los Pinos Lookouts” – Activities are not related to a Ground Operations project and are not eligible.
- Materials / Supplies – “Janitorial” – Applicant must provide more detail about this line item.
- Materials / Supplies – “Admin Site Security System” is not eligible.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Explanation does not support how failure to complete the project would result in “Damage to special-status species...” and “Additional damage...”.
- #4 – Applicant must provide the following information:
 - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)
 - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held
 - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders
- #6 – Explanation does not support the checked items “Providing an alternative...” and “Re-routing trails...” for this project

- #7 – “Barrier materials...” and “Paper used for trail maps...”, are not supported in the Project Description.

Restoration - Unauthorized Routes	G13-02-02-R01
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Project Description

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – Applicant must provide detailed information of duties being performed for each separate line item in this category.
- Staff – “Project Manager” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide detailed information on how it determined costs for this line item.
- Contracts – Applicant must provide detailed information of duties being performed for each separate line item in this category.
- Contracts – “Heavy Equipment Operator” – Cost is excessive. Applicant must provide detailed information on how it determined costs for this line item.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “4x4 vehicle’ – Applicant must identify the type of vehicle being used.

Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Narrative does not support the selections, “Domestic Water supply”, “Archeological and historical...”, and “Sensitive areas”. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation regarding the type and severity of impacts that will occur relative to each selection that was checked.
- #7 – Applicant must provide the following information:
 - Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)
 - How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held.
 - Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders
- #8 – Applicant cannot partner with itself
- #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant has not resolved the underlying problem prior to this application.