

USFS Inyo 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.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3 a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #12a&b– Applicant must verify responses.

Ground Operations – Repairs and Maintenance

G14-02-05-G01

Project Description

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – OHV Patrollers and Laborers – Applicant must ensure that all monitoring activities are for trail maintenance only. • Staff – Forest OHV Coordinator – This position appears to be indirect. Applicant must explain how this position is directly related to the project. • Staff – Volunteers – Applicant must change the Unit of Measure to an hourly rate. • Equipment Use Expenses – Engineering Maintenance Equip. & T – Applicant must explain the difference in the costs for what appear to be the same types of equipment (i.e. Heavy-Duty Pickup) • Equipment Use Expenses – District OHV/OSV Mileage – Some of vehicles listed in this line item appear to be duplicates of vehicles listed in the Engineering line item which already include mileage. Applicant must provide additional details and ensure that the same vehicles are not listed twice. • Equipment Purchases – OHV Trailer – All Equipment Purchases must be referenced in the Project Description. • Others - Per Diem – Applicant must provide additional information regarding this line item.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project. In addition, applicant must state the date of the stakeholders meeting(s). • #7 – Project Description does not support “Erosion control features...” selection.

Planning – OHV Water Crossings Stabilization	G14-02-05-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, Recreation Specialist, Asst Forest Planner – Applicant must add details and the duties of each position as related to this planning project. • Contracts, Trout Unlimited – Applicant must combine line items into one contract with notes as to what contract includes, clarify match contributor. Administrative duties are an Indirect Cost. • Others, Travel – Applicant must provide additional details including who is traveling and how travel is related to this planning project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2a/b – Project description and narrative does not support the last three selections. • #3 – A planning project for analysis of riparian and stream channel conditions adjacent to OHV routes does not support selections. • #4 –Meetings with Stakeholders – Narrative does not support selection, does not 	

identify multiple distinct stakeholders or indicate how the stakeholders are actual stakeholders in this project. Stakeholder meeting does not appear to be hosted by the applicant.

- #5 – Narrative does not provide a detailed explanation of how each stakeholder will provide substantial input in this planning project. Trout Unlimited is a paid participant and not an eligible stakeholder in this project.
- #6 – Narrative does not list each partner organization separately. Trout Unlimited is a paid participant and not an eligible partner in this project.
- #7 – Narrative does not support “project supports development of OHV opportunities within 60 miles of population center” selection.

Restoration – Enhancement and Improvements	G14-02-05-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff— “Engineer”, “Permanent heavy equipment operator”, and “GIS Specialist”, applicant must provide a narrative for each regarding their specific roles for project implementation. • Contracts – “Restoration Crew”, the cost appears excessive. Additional details are needed to support the costs and what the match costs consist of. • Contracts – “Propagation specialist”, stipends for this position is unclear. Stipends are normally allocated for spiking out. Applicant must identify the purpose of the stipends. • Others – “Field per diem”, is it unclear the need for this line item. Additional details are needed. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – The identification of alternative OHV routes are not identified as part of this project. • #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify the how the participants are stakeholders to the project. • #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application. 	

Law Enforcement - Needs Assessment	G14-02-39-L01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Law Enforcement Certification	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.
Project Cost Estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No comment.

Education and Safety – Snowmobile Avalanche Safety and Advisories	G14-02-05-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment Use Expenses – “1. Vehicle for forecster, Monthly Co”, Applicant must provide detailed information substantiating this expense. Equipment Use Expenses – “1. Vehicle for forecster, Mileage”, Applicant must identify make and model of vehicle being supported by this expense. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #4 – Applicant must list each partner organization(s) separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner(s) will participate in the project. #5 – Selections are not addressed in the Project Description. Applicant must provide detailed information substantiating the selections. #6 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant did not publicly notice the meeting and did not explain how the stakeholders they list are actual stakeholders. #8 – It appears the Applicant may have confused, “Outreach booths/Exhibits” with “CD’s/DVD’s”. Narrative does not support, “Outreach booths/Exhibits”. 	