

USFS Stanislaus

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 on project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1c – Reference document must support the responses to questions 1a and 1b. It appears the dates of the documents do not match the data period.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must provide name and date of reference document.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #12a&b– Applicant must verify responses.

Ground Operations – Stanislaus National Forest Ground Operations	G14-02-19-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – OHV Volunteers – This hourly rate is excessive in comparison to other similar projects. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the rate of pay. Staff – Prevention Technician – Applicant must provide more details regarding this line item. Equipment Purchases – OHV Equipment Transport Trailer – Applicant received a trailer as a part of last year’s grant application. Applicant must provide additional details as to why another is necessary. Equipment Purchases – Dual Sport Motorcycle w/accessories – Applicant has a number of Dual Sport Motorcycles in their existing equipment inventory. Applicant must provide additional details as to why another is necessary. Others – Motorcycle Operator Training – This is an indirect cost. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #4 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 in this project. #5 – Individual OHV volunteers and Hull Creek Campground host are not organizations and are not eligible partners. #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting cultural site(s)” or “Providing an alternative...” selections. 	

Development – Mi-Wok Lower Dodge Ridge Development	G14-02-19-D01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A – Project is for conducting of NEPA only for a future Development project and not a two phase project. Applicant must move all activities to a separate Planning project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	

Restoration – Sierra Nevada Red Fox Management Study	G14-02-19-R01
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Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A - This project may not be eligible for funding pursuant to the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Regulations, Section 4979.09(b)(10) The project appears to be a requirement of the OSV program and therefore should be funded through that program. Applicant must explain clearly why this project is needed. F. Applicant must address the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Goals, objectives, and methodologies to be employed, and (ii) Peer reviews conducted by at least three (3) qualified experts from the scientific discipline or field related to the proposed. 	

Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “OHV Recreation Technician”, applicant must provide detailed duties of activities to be performed for this project. Contracts – “UC Davis challenge cost share with”, the cost appears excessive. Additional details are needed to support the costs and what the match costs consist of. Only actual costs are eligible for either reimbursement or match. Materials/Supplies – “Batteries”, the need for this item is unclear. Additional details are needed. 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #2 - Applicant must enter a number of sensitive areas and identify in the narrative box the type and severity of impact that might occur. #2 - Applicant must enter the number of threatened and endangered listed species and identify in the narrative box the type and severity of impact that might occur. #4 – Narrative does not support “Site monitoring...”. Additional details are needed. #4 – Narrative does not support “Educational signage”. Additional details are needed. #5 – Applicant must provide a name and date of plan. #6 – Narrative does not support “Applicant’s or Land Manager’s operational budget”. How can the applicant guarantee funding will be available for future operational costs? #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify the date of the meeting, the participants of the stakeholder meeting and how the participants are stakeholders to the project. #8 – Applicant must identify, separately, how each partner organization will 	

participate in the project. Additionally, applicant must identify the volunteer group (individual volunteers do not qualify as a partner organization) and spell out the nonprofit's name, CSERC.

- #9 – Narrative does not support items selected. Applicant is to provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked.
- #10 – The project does not involve restoration. This question is not applicable and should be left blank.

Restoration – Mi-Wok	G14-02-19-R02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Comment 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – “Sensitive areas”, based on applicant’s selection, at least three sensitive areas must be identified. • #2 – “Other special-status species”, based on applicant’s selection, at least one special-status species must be identified. • #4 – Narrative does not support “Identification of alternate OHV routes...” • #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify the dates of the meetings, the participants of the stakeholder meetings and how the participants are stakeholders to the project. • #8 – Applicant must identify, separately, how each partner organization will participate in the project. • #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application. • #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project Area. 	

Restoration – Summit Long Valley	G14-02-19-R03
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A - Applicant must explain if this is a two-phase project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support site is actively eroding. • #2 – Narrative does not support “Archeological and historical resources ...” The archaeological sites are not identified and it is not clear if the archeological sites referenced are identified in the California Register of Historic Resources or the National Register of Historic Places. • #2 – “Sensitive areas”, the narrative only listed two sensitive areas. Based on applicant’s selection, three sensitive areas must be identified. • #3 – Date of reference document must be provided. • #4 – Narrative does not support “Use of native plants” or “identification of alternate OHV routes”. • #5 - Date of plan must be provided. • #7 – The narrative does not support publicly noticed meetings. Applicant must provide the meeting date, the location, and how the public was notified of the meeting. • #8 – Applicant must identify, separately, how each partner organization will participate in the project. Additionally, applicant must spell out “CSERC”. • #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application. • #11 – Selection made conflicts with the Project Description, Item C. 	

Education and Safety – Stanislaus National Forest Safety and Education	G14-02-19-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training personnel is not an allowable cost under an OHV education project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All line items – Applicant must provide job duty descriptors for all line items. • Equipment Use Expenses – “1. Vehicle Use Mileage”, Applicant must identify the make and model for the vehicle being supported by this expense. • Others – “1. Training”, this is not an allowable expense under an OHV education project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #6 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must identify the date and location of the meeting. • #10 – Narrative does not support the response, “1 hour to 2 hours (3 points)”. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation substantiating the selection 	