

USFS Tahoe 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

- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #11b – Narrative does not support "5 to 19 times per year" of onsite education efforts.
- #11d – Narrative does not support "4 -17 times per year". Applicant should identify how many MSF training classes were provided to the public last year.

Ground Operations	G15-02-20-G01
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"> • #4 –Applicant must explain how the participants of the stakeholders meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project. • #8 – Project Description only supports “Camping” selection. 	

Planning – ARRD Development	G14-02-20-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Trails Specialist and TNF OHV Grants Manager/Trails Specialist- Duties appear duplicative. Applicant must provide additional details on how duties differ and why pay rates differ. • Equipment Purchases – Trimble GPS Units- Applicant must discuss in the Project Description provide additional information on the line item. • Others – Volunteers- This match line item must be moved to Staff match category. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Project description does not support the selections. • #4 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must explain how the public was notified, where the meeting(s) were held, and must explain how the participants of the stakeholders meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project. • #6 – Narrative does not list each partner separately or explain how the listed partners will participate in this Planning project. • #7 – Narrative and project does not support the third selection. The project area already has OHV opportunity. 	

Planning – YRRD Packer Saddle	G15-02-20-P03
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – TNF Grants Manager- Grant administration duties are an Indirect Cost. Applicant must provide additional information. • Contracts – Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship- Contractors cannot contribute match. Applicant must clarify. • Contracts – Volunteers-Volunteer match is not a contract and must be moved to Staff match category. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Project description does not support the selections. • #4 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must explain how the public was notified and must explain how the participants of the stakeholders 	

- meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project.
- #6 – Narrative only supports one partner. SBTS is a contractor and paid participant. Applicant must provide additional details on last two listed partners on how they will contribute to this Planning project.
- #7 – Narrative does not support the third selection as the project area already has OHV opportunity.

Planning – YRRD Washington Feasibility Study	G15-02-20-P04
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – TNF Grants Manager- Grant administration duties are an Indirect Cost. Applicant must provide additional information. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2a, b – Narrative does not support selections or provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked. Selections do not appear to be all related to the project. • #4 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must explain how the public was notified and must explain how the participants of the stakeholders meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project. • #5 – Narrative does not support the selection or explain how identified stakeholders will provide substantial input in this Planning project. • #6 – Narrative does not provide a detailed explanation of how the listed partners will participate in this Planning project. • #7 – Narrative does not support the second selection. 	

Planning – East Side OHV Connectivity	G15-02-20-P05
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Trails Specialist and TNF OHV Program Manager- Duties appear duplicative. Applicant must provide additional details on how duties differ and why pay rates differ. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Project description only supports Camping selection. • #4 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant must explain how the public was notified and must explain how the participants of the stakeholders meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project. • #6 – Narrative does not list each partner separately or explain how the listed partners will participate in this Planning project. • #7 – Narrative does not support the third selection. 	

Restoration Planning – ARRD	G15-02-20-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is unclear how the analyses of the effects from a fence installed along Forest Service Road (FSR) 10-6 are related to OHV recreation or how OHV recreation caused the damage. Additional details are needed to justify nexus. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Trail Specialist”, “Nepa Writer/Editor”, “Asst Trails Specialist”, “Public Services Officer”, “Archeologist”, “Wildlife Biologist”, “Ecologist” and “Soil Scientist”, the duties listed for each staff item are not identified in the project description or cost estimate. Additional details are needed to justify expense. Additionally, applicant must explain if this is a two-phase project. • Staff – “Volunteers”, Additional details are needed such as what duties they will perform. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2- Project Description does not support the following selected items: “Domestic Water supply...”, “Stream or other watercourse”, and “Soils- Site actively eroding”. • #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project. • #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project Area. 	

Education and Safety – TNF OHV Hotspots	G15-02-20-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C. Signage is generally a Ground Operations or a Restoration function and may not be eligible under an Education project. Applicant must explain how this directly relates to this Education project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “EZ OHV manager”, training staff is an Indirect Cost portion of the project. Applicant must provide additional detail as toward how this directly relates to the project or move costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Safety Equipment – “Safety Equipment” for staff is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. • Materials/Supplies – “Uniforms” are an Indirect Cost. Applicant must move costs to the Indirect Costs category. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #4 – Western States Trail Association, Tevis Cup Organization, and Riders of the Son are not listed separately, nor is it clear how they are partners to this OHV Education project. • #4 – Campground hosts are not an organization and thus not eligible to be claimed as a partner to the project. • #5 – Selections are not addressed in the Project Description. Applicant must provide additional information substantiating all selections made. • #6 – Open house meeting date is not clear. Also, narrative does not explain how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the project. • #8 – Narrative does not support the selections; “Hands on learning” and “Formal class setting”. Applicant must provide additional information explaining how the sections will be utilized for OHV education in the project. Also note, the question applies to the public, not staff. • #11 – The selection is not supported by the Project Description. 	