

## Friends of El Mirage

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.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #10 – Narrative does not support sound testing occurs "On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends". Applicant should verify with the land manager.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses. The website references a different agency.

Ground Operations - El Mirage/BLM Barstow Trail Maintenance-Lakebed- Signing	G13-04-11-G01
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### Project Description

- A – Task 2 – Conflict between "7 days/week Maintenance worker positions..." and "These positions are established for weekends only..." Applicant must confirm which statement is correct.

- A – Task 5 – “...closing trails...” are considered Restoration activities and are not eligible under a Ground Operations project.

### Project Cost Estimate

- Total Grant Request appears excessive compared to previous year’s request and to Land Managers with comparable projects. Applicant must explain significant increase in grant request from last year.
- Staff – “Park Maintenance Worker” – Activities “...will make contact with visitors and discuss items of interest with the visitors...” are not appropriate activities and appears duplicate to visitor personnel activities. Applicant must adjust this line item appropriately.
- Staff – “Lake Bed Maintenance Crew” – Applicant must explain the increase in ‘Rate’ to 28.81 from prior year’s amount (‘Rate’ was 24.00).
- Staff – “Visitor Center Personnel” – Appears excessive compared to other similar projects. Applicant must explain the increase from last year’s project for ‘Qty’ to 2912 (from 2080) and ‘Rate’ to 26.02 (from 16.02).
- Staff – “Auger Operator” – Applicant must explain the increase in ‘Rate’ to 28.81 from prior year’s amount (‘Rate’ was 19.98).
- Staff – “Heavy Equipment Operator” – Applicant must explain the increase in ‘Rate’ to 39.86 from prior year’s (‘Rate’ was 33.00).
- Staff – “Staff Project Coordinator” – Restoration activities are not eligible. Applicant must adjust the Project Cost Estimate accordingly. Additionally, ‘Rate’ appears excessive for the activities performed compared to last year’s, Applicant must explain the increase in ‘Rate’.
- Staff – “Park Maintenance Worker” – Applicant must explain the increase in ‘Rate’ to 28.81 from prior year’s amount (‘Rate’ was 24.00).
- Materials / Supplies – “fencing materials” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide more detail about costs. Additionally, the ‘Qty’ 13.5 conflicts with the quantity of 1.5 indicated in the ‘Notes’. Applicant must clarify the correct quantity. Note, the same was requested in last year’s project. Applicant must explain the need.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Use of auger”, “Water Truck”, “2 WD Toyota trucks”, “4x4 Toyota truck”, and “Equipment Rental” are not eligible for equipment use expenses if these items were purchased with OHV Trust Funds. Applicant must remove these line items if purchased with OHV Trust Funds.
- Equipment Purchases – “Lakebed Maintenance Dump Trailer” – ‘Notes’ indicate the purchase of a ‘truck’ which conflicts with the title of the line item which indicates ‘trailer’. Applicant must clarify if this line item is for the purchase of a truck or trailer.
- Equipment Purchases – “4x4 Toyota Truck” – Applicant must explain the need for another truck since a truck was requested in last year’s project.

### Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must explain how the project activities will result in the items checked for “Negative impact...”, “Damage to special-status species...”, and “Potential trespass”.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – “Installing or repairing erosion...” is not supported in the Project Description.</li> <li>• #4 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is different date than publicly noticed meeting(s)</li> <li>• How the public/stakeholders meeting(s) were notified and where the meeting(s) were held</li> <li>• Names of the stakeholders and how they are stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> <li>• #5 – Partner activities provided are not related to this project.</li> <li>• #6 – Explanation does not support the checked items “Protecting water quality” and “Providing sanitary facilities” for this project.</li> <li>• #7 – “Erosion control features...” and “Paper used for trail maps...” are not supported in the Project Description.</li> </ul>	
Restoration - Edwards Bowl	G13-04-11-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C – Applicant must describe the actual size of Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “Operators/Maintenance” – The activities provided are not eligible under a Restoration project.</li> <li>• Staff – “Project Coordinator” – Applicant must provide detailed information showing how duties identified are directly related to the Restoration project.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – “Fuel for vehicles/Equipment” – Applicant must identify the type(s) of heavy equipment, type(s) of auger equipment, and vehicle(s) being used. Additionally, applicant must provide detailed information on why vehicles are stored at Jawbone Station Shop.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – “Truck mounted Auger System” – Applicant must provide detailed information on how the daily use rate was determined.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – “Water Truck” – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must provide detailed information on how the daily use rate was determined.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – “Equipment Rental Skip Loader” – Applicant must provide detailed information on how the daily use rate was determined.</li> <li>• Equipment Purchases – “one each two man auger” – Applicant must provide detailed information about this line item and identify the need.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – Narrative does not support the selections: “Stream or other watercourse”, “Threatened and Endangered (T&amp;E) listed species”, and “Other special-status species”.</li> <li>• #3 – Applicant must provide the name and date of the reference document.</li> <li>• #4 – Narrative does not support the selection “identification of alternate OHV routes...”</li> <li>• #7 – Applicant must provide the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date(s) of meeting(s) and indicate if stakeholder meeting(s) is</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- 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
- #10 – Narrative does not support the selection; the underlying problem has not been effectively addressed and resolved prior to the application.