

## 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.

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

- #1 – #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must match the land manager's responses.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #7a,b,c – Applicant must match the land manager's responses.
- #8a – Applicant must match the land manager's responses.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify responses.
- #13 – This question is to address the Applicant's OHV outreach efforts, not the land manager's efforts. It is unclear if applicant's selections represent their own efforts.

Ground Operations – Multi-Sub Regions	G14-04-11-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – Applicant must ensure and verify that the Project deliverables are not duplicated in any other grant application.</li> </ul>	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Grant Request appears excessive compared to previous year’s request and to Land Managers with comparable projects. While the WEMO decision will increase some duties, there is not enough information provided within the Project Description or the notes in the Cost Estimate to justify the significant increase in grant request from last year.</li> <li>• Staff – All line items – Due to the recent audit it has been determined that all staff are actually under contract. Applicant must move all staff items to one contract under the Contracts section of the Cost Estimate. Applicant must provide the name of the Contractor.</li> <li>• Staff – Visitor Center Worker – This cost is excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify why this cost has increased to two full time employees.</li> <li>• Staff – Archeologist/Biologist – Some duties described, “...potential restoration sites” and “...will inspect incursions (illegal OHV routes)...” are Restoration deliverables and are not eligible under Ground Operations. Applicant must adjust line item accordingly.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – Brown Posts – This cost appears excessive in comparison to line items from last year. Applicant must provide additional details and explain the increase in cost for signs.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – Red Signs – Placing red signs is a Restoration activity and is not eligible under Ground Operations.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – Vehicle Maintenance &amp; Repairs – This cost appears excessive in comparison to the same line item from last year. Applicant must provide additional details and explain the increase in cost.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – Fuel/Gas for Equipment - This cost appears excessive in comparison to the same line item from last year. Applicant must provide additional details and explain the increase in cost.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – 3 pickup Trucks – The notes for this line item do not correlate to the item. In addition, this cost appears excessive in comparison to the same line item from last year. Applicant must provide additional details and explain the increase in cost.</li> <li>• Equipment Purchases – Road Groom &amp; Compartmented Recycle Trailer – All Equipment purchases must be referenced in the Project Description.</li> </ul>	

Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – Narrative does not support “Potential trespass” selection.</li> <li>• #3 – Project Description does not support “Installing or repairing...” or “Maintaining multi use” selections.</li> <li>• #4 – Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project.</li> <li>• #5 – Partner activities are not related to this project.</li> <li>• #6 – Narrative does not support “Protecting water quality” selection.</li> <li>• #7 – Project Description does not support “Barrier materials...”, “Erosion control features...” or “Other products...” selections.</li> </ul>

Restoration – EM Sub Regions	G14-04-11-R01
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Project Description
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment</li> </ul>
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Project Cost Estimate
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff - The “restoration workers” and the “heavy equipment operator”, as determined by a recent audit, are considered a contract therefore, applicant must move these items to the contract category.</li> <li>• Staff – “Archeologist” is a contract. Applicant to move this item to the contract category.</li> <li>• Staff – “Project Coordinator”, the duties listed identify ground operations projects not restoration activities. Applicant to revise accordingly.</li> </ul>
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Evaluation Criteria
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – “Stream or other watercourse”, applicant must identify the stream or watercourse that will be severely impacted if the project is not funded.</li> <li>• #2 – “Sensitive areas”, the narrative only listed one sensitive area. Based on applicant’s selection, two sensitive areas must be identified.</li> <li>• #2 – “Other special-status species”, is not listed. Based on applicant’s selection, two special-status species must be identified.</li> <li>• #7 – Narrative does not support the selections made. Applicant must identify if the meetings on January 4, 2015 and February 18, 2015 were advertised to the public and if so, how. Additionally, applicant must identify the participants of the stakeholder meetings and how the participants are stakeholders to the project.</li> <li>• #8 – Applicant must identify, separately, how each partner organization will participate in the project.</li> <li>• #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application.</li> <li>• #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project area.</li> </ul>
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Education and Safety – Young Riders	G14-04-11-S01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project activities appear to mirror and duplicate that of similar OHV education project(s) being proposed by other applicant(s) in the same area. Applicant must verify the proposed activities are not duplicative of other requests.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No comment</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#4 – Activities do not appear related to the project. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation how it and its partners will work together on its proposed project.</li> <li>#5 – Selections are not addressed in the Project Description; Motorcycle, 4x4, Dune buggy, rail”. Applicant must provide additional information substantiating the selections.</li> <li>#6 – Narrative does not support the response. Applicant did not explain how the stakeholders they list are actual stakeholders for this project.</li> <li>#7 – Narrative does not support selection; “Evaluation and feedback of the process”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable, elements to substantiate this selection.</li> <li>#8 – Narrative does not support selection; “Social media”, Applicant must identify the social media being utilized for this OHV education project.</li> </ul>	