

### **ITEM 1. Proposed Project**

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Currently the OHV enforcement program is limited by the available equipment enforcements officers have access to. All OHV currently occurs from standard 4x4 patrol vehicles, along suitable trails and at staging areas, with more specialized equipment (ATVs, Dirt Bikes etc.) enforcement unable to effectively patrol remote areas and trails not suitable for larger vehicles. Additional funding would allow Bakersfield's OHV enforcement program to purchase much needed equipment, dedicate additional work months for rangers to address OHV enforcement needs, and cover some of the operational costs of the program.

### **ITEM 2. Project Coverage**

Bakersfield OHV enforcement program covers approximately 257,437 acres of public land where OHV activity occurs on designated existing trails and routes. The field office currently contains no designated open areas. This total acreage is spread between 8 counties; Kern, Kings, Fresno, Tulare, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbra and Ventura, and often occurs in isolated parcels. Keyevilles SRMA (approximately 7,000 acres) represents the field offices most developed OHV recreation area, allowing dispersed camping and providing restroom and trash services along with signed and mapped trails. Other areas include a region of the Temblor mountain range north of the City of Taft and several small areas near rural communities. The Bakersfield OHV enforcement program also provides support within the National Forests, to those Counties mentioned above and to neighboring field offices, as needed.

### **ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols**

Patrols occur frequently, often combined with other law enforcement duties, as personnel is available to travel to some of the further reaches within the administrative boundary. Patrol time normally consist of ten hour duties days for four days a week. Additional patrol time is provided for holiday weekends, the busier seasons of use, special operations and as needed or requested by resource specialists.

### **ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel**

Three (3) BLM Law Enforcement Rangers are routinely assigned to the OHV enforcement program, divided between activities in the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains, San Joaquin Valley and coastal region. In addition, two Park Ranger positions have been created to provide support to law enforcement, making patrols, visitor contacts, and public education. Occasional short details are provided by the Office to supplement field personnel during busy periods and holiday weekends in the summer season.

It is estimated that each of the three law Enforcement Officers will work for four work months exclusively on the OHV

enforcement program over the course of a year, to provide annual coverage of the program. The periods and locations of this commitment will vary with visitor use and the needs of the Field Office.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The field office has several areas with high priority law enforcement needs, these include but are not limited to; Keyesville Special Recreation Management area, South Lake and Cyrus Canyon areas around Lake Isabella, OHV trespass on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, a highly active OHV area in the Temblor Range north of the City of Taft and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. These areas are a considered a high priority due to concerns over public safety: proximity to Abandoned Mine Lands and possible user conflicts, and the potential for impacts to sensitive cultural, historic, wildlife and botanical resources.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Additional funding for the OHV enforcement program will greatly increase the BLM Law Enforcement Rangers ability to conduct highly visible patrols, which will ultimately deter potential law violations and allow enforcement officers greater access to the recreating public to provide proactive education. In addition to regular patrols the project will equip the Field Offices Rangers with the skills and tools to effectively enforce rules and regulations and minimize conflicts between both users and resources.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The BLM Bakersfield field office cooperates with many different law enforcing agencies in the course of the running the OHV enforcement program. This includes other BLM field offices, the United States Forest Service and National Park Service, along with each of the Counties within the administrative boundary. Currently formal Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with regard to OHV and other law enforcement issues are in place with Kern and Fresno counties. A MOU is in the final stages of development with San Luis Obispo and informal cooperation occurs with the each of the other Counties.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

BLM Special Recreation Permits are subject to Cost Recovery and are explained in detail at the following link. <http://www.blm.gov/ca/dir/pdfs/2008/im/CAIM2008-001.pdf>. No such permits for privately sponsored OHV events are current requested of, or issued by the Bakersfield Field Office.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations?  Yes  No  
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The OHV enforcement program incorporates about 80 hours annual for training for Law Enforcement Officers. The lead Law Enforcement Office is also a Field Training Officer for the BLMs Law Enforcement Ranger program, providing field experience for new BLM rangers entering into service. Formal training and field experience specifically address the OHV enforcement program and the general protection of the environment though many different methods. Personnel are educated and expected to become familiar with applicable local, state and federal laws. Training also includes developing additional skills, including; OHV safety and riding skill, noise regulation testing, green-sticker compliance and DUI enforcement with specific regard to OHV activities.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:  
Operation and maintenance needs for OHV recreation facilities are directly managed by the Bakersfield Field Office. These needs are met through deferred maintenance, general operations funds and recreation grants that provide facilities for multiple uses, from OHV activity to dispersed camping and river access.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No)  Yes  No

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	BLM - Bakersfield Field Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bakersfield Field Office is requesting funds to enhance its Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) enforcement program for the fiscal year of 2009/2010. The funding received from the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, will allow BLM Law Enforcement Officers to more effectively patrol OHV recreation areas within the administrative boundary and provide continued support for neighboring field offices. The OHV enforcement program focuses on providing guidance to the recreating public on California OHV regulations and specific management allocations of the BLM in order to provide a safe and positive recreational experience that benefits both the individuals involved in OHV activities, the community, local economy and environment as a whole.</p> <p>The Bakersfield Field Office OHV enforcement program focuses on OHV activities on designated routes and trails across the Field Office, as provide for in the 1997 Caliente Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the 1984 Hollister RMP for lands that have since been adjusted into the Bakersfield administrative area. The Field Office manages a total of approximately 609,268 acres; this includes approximately 246,852 acres managed as the Carrizo National Monument. Of the total acreage, 257,437 acres are available to "limited" use of OHVs. These available areas include: Keyesville Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), several areas of OHV activity on existing trails south of Lake Isabella reservoir, a large tract of dispersed OHV activities north of the City of Taft and several small areas of activity on isolated parcel of public land around local communities. The Bakersfield Office Law Enforcement Officers also provides OHV related support to neighboring field offices, the United States Forest Service and the Counties that fall within the administrative boundary.</p> <p>Currently the OHV enforcement program is limited by the available equipment enforcements officers have access to. All OHV currently occurs from standard 4x4 patrol vehicles, along suitable trails and at staging areas, with more specialized equipment (ATVs, Dirt Bikes etc.) enforcement unable to effectively patrol remote areas and trails not suitable for larger vehicles. Additional funding would allow Bakersfield's OHV enforcement program to purchase much needed equipment, dedicate additional work months for rangers to address OHV enforcement needs, and cover some of the operational costs of the program.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Law Enforcement Officers	4.000	5327.500	MOS	6,000.00	15,310.00	21,310.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	3.000	6110.750	MOS	6,000.00	12,332.00	18,332.00
	Law Enforcement Officers	5.000	4023.500	MOS	9,600.00	10,518.00	20,118.00

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	<b>Total for Staff</b>				21,600.00	38,160.00	59,760.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for three Law Enforcement Rangers, including, riding helmets, gloves, eye protection, footwear etc.	3.000	1500.000	EA	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00
	Other-ATV Outfitting Notes : Costs incurred with outfitting ATV for Law Enforcement use, including addition of lights, siren and associated enforcement equipment.	2.000	1200.000	EA	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				6,900.00	0.00	6,900.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : BLM patrol vehicle mileage (GSA rate 0.58 cent/mile) for an average of 5,000 miles for each Officer, over the work month commitment while engaged in OHV enforcement issues.	15000.00 0	0.580	MI	0.00	8,700.00	8,700.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Other-ATV	2.000	9000.000	EA	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
	Other-ATV Trailer	1.000	4000.000	EA	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Other-LE GPS Units Notes : Pocket PC Style GPS unit (e.g. Trimble Recon).	2.000	1500.000		3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Purchases</b>				25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Training	3.000	1500.000	EA	2,000.00	2,500.00	4,500.00

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7	<b>Administrative Costs</b>						
	Administrative Costs-Program Operation	1.000	10000.000	EA	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					55,500.00	59,360.00	114,860.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					55,500.00	59,360.00	114,860.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>55,500.00</b>	<b>59,360.00</b>	<b>114,860.00</b>

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<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	21,600.00	38,160.00	59,760.00	Bakersfield OHV Enforcement Program consists of three Law Enforcement Rangers, providing a combined total of twelve work months of coverage to the program. Rangers range from LE Scale GS7-GS11.
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	6,900.00	0.00	6,900.00	Currently all OHV enforcement is done via Patrol Vehicle. In order to provide greater coverage the program requires safety equipment for each of the Officers and equipment fitted to each ATV to assist in their function (Lights, Siren etc.).
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	8,700.00	8,700.00	Due to the dispersed nature of public lands within the Field Office, the OHV enforcement program requires Officers to frequently travel to outlying areas to perform the functions of the program. This travel has been best estimated to approximate 5,000 miles per Patrol Vehicle over the course of a year.
5	Equipment Purchases	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	Currently all OHV enforcement is achieved via checkpoints and in Patrol Vehicles. To more effectively deliver OHV enforcement the Field Office requires ATV's to patrol backcountry and OHV recreation areas. In order to transport these OHV a trailer would also be required.  LE GPS units (Trimble Recon or similar style) would greatly assist Law Enforcement Officers in

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					determining trail locations, marking incident sports, addressing public safety hazards and sharing this information with other resources.
6	Others	2,000.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	BLM Policy requires that all personnel operating ATV and Off-road equipment complete several online and in-the-field training session. This requirement also applies to Law Enforcement Officers.  Training of all three officers may require travel to a training location or setup of training in the local area.
7	Administrative Costs	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	Program administration costs include, grant applications, use of resource specialists for assistance with OHV enforcement issues, creation of GIS maps and data sets for Law Enforcement use, in addition to costs involved with general program administration, citation processing and potential court appointments.
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		<b>55,500.00</b>	<b>59,360.00</b>	<b>114,860.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		<b>55,500.00</b>	<b>59,360.00</b>	<b>114,860.00</b>	
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**ITEM 1 and ITEM 2**

**ITEM 1**

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?       Yes       No  
(Please select Yes or No)

**ITEM 2**

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?       Yes       No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA.       Yes       No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

**ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands**

**ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project**

**ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts**

**ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

**ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)?       Yes       No  
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

**ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources?       Yes       No  
(Please select Yes or No)

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

**ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**