

Ground Operations (FINAL)

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1. Project Description

A. Statement of GO Activity

OHV/OSV recreation is a major element of the Plumas National Forest recreation program. The forest is within a two hour drive from Reno, NV, Sacramento, Yuba City, Marysville, Chico and Susanville, CA. The Plumas provides a unique OSV/OHV riding opportunity with adventure, discovery, solitude, and beauty at every turn. OSV/OHV recreation contributes to the economic sustainability of Plumas and Sierra counties. Frequently, OHV/OSV use is combined with other activities for an expanded experience, such as hunting, geocaching, camping, or scenic touring/driving. Our snow grooming is one of the top programs in California, and we plan to expand the opportunities for additional groomed trails and developed scenic tours in the next few years. The forest has developed OHV/OSV multiple use areas for recreationists for both winter and summer activities. The Plumas also has developed 4X4 campgrounds that are located in semi-isolated portions of the forest, where jeeps, SUV's, ATV's, or other high clearance vehicles have access

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5. 1 electric motorcycle

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Trail maintenance we will use hand crews, road crews, recreation personnel, and volunteers to complete tread maintenance, evaluation, trail monitoring, and patrols.

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All water hydrants use low flow fixtures, all paint used on building is low volatile organic compound.

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B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Forest has developed OHV/OSV multiple use areas for recreationist for both winter and summer activities. As well as 4X4 campgrounds that are located in semi-isolated portions of the forest, where jeeps, SUV's, ATV's or other high clearance vehicles have access. All areas and facilities, whether remote or along routes, require regular signing, and patrols. Regular maintenance, even if only minor, is essential to the longevity of the investments and facilities. The forest is currently working on replacing outdated infrastructure to sustain long term OHV/OSV use.

C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles

The Plumas NF maintains over 185 miles of winter OSV groomed snowmobile trails, 866 miles of un-groomed trails, and 4960 miles of OHV summer routes. The Plumas NF has 350,000 acres of riding available during winter. There is no open riding on the Plumas during summer, the routes that are designated for OHV use were analyzed through the Travel Management effort.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

The purpose of this project is to perform on-going maintenance of 185 miles of winter OSV groomed snowmobile trails, there are 3 OSV staging areas, La Porte, Lakes Basin, and Bucks Lake, 866 miles of un-groomed trails which covers area on the forest. The most popular un-groomed areas are Lake Davis and Frenchman Lake, currently the forest is adding a staging area at Frenchman and is looking at expanding the Lake Davis area. There are 4690 miles of OHV summer routes located throughout the forest. This project is for trail maintenance to OHV trails only and is intended to sustain the OHV/OSV recreation that is occurring on the Plumas NF.

Each year we see a rise in the use in both summer and winter activities. Evidence of increased use is demonstrated by the number of contacts that the Plumas National Forest Employees record. The Lake Basin Area is adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest which provides additional miles of groomed trails during the winter months, and also provide additional OHV use. OHV/OSV recreation is becoming a major element of the Plumas National Forest recreation program. The forest is within a two hour drive from Reno, NV, Sacramento, Yuba City, Marysville, Chico and Susanville, CA. The Plumas National Forest is an ideal place to ride, with adventure, discovery, solitude, and beauty at every turn. Frequently, OHV/OSV use is combined with other activities for an expanded experience, such as hunting, geocaching, camping, or

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2. Rerouting Requirements

Rerouting

- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? Yes No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

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1. Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)

Attachments:

[Facility Operation and Maintenance Timeline](#)

2. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)

3. Project-Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Bucks Lake](#)

[Lake Basin](#)

[La Porte](#)

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Plumas National Forest		
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-02-13-G01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Forest PSS	43.000	500.000	DAY	0.00	21,500.00	21,500.00
	Other-District Ranger	38.000	500.000	DAY	0.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
	Other-Dist PSS	60.000	400.000	DAY	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
	Other-Roads	20.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00

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	Other-Asst Res. Officer	85.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	29,750.00	29,750.00
	Other-Resource Specialist	125.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	37,500.00	37,500.00
	Other-Asst Res Ofc	5.000	300.000	DAY	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Other-Rec Tech	500.000	350.000	DAY	175,000.00	0.00	175,000.00
	Other-Temp Rec Tech	429.000	200.000	DAY	60,000.00	25,800.00	85,800.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator	60.000	350.000	DAY	10,000.00	11,000.00	21,000.00
	Other-Information Recep	120.000	200.000	DAY	0.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
	Other-OT Holiday/Weekends	1.000	5000.000	YR	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	Total for Staff				251,500.00	198,550.00	450,050.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Toilet Pumping	19.000	740.000	EA	14,060.00	0.00	14,060.00
	Other-Picnic Table	7.000	500.000	EA	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
	Other-ADA Fire Rings	3.000	500.000	EA	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Total for Contracts				19,060.00	0.00	19,060.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Misc Supplies	3.000	3200.000	EA	9,500.00	100.00	9,600.00
	Other-Signs	3.000	3700.000	EA	9,000.00	2,100.00	11,100.00
	Other-Rocks/Barriers	3.000	1666.000	EA	4,998.00	0.00	4,998.00
	Other-Snowmobile Mtn/Fuel	1.000	6000.000	YR	5,000.00	1,000.00	6,000.00
	Other-OHV Boat Mtn	1.000	500.000	YR	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-Motocycle Mtn	1.000	2000.000	YR	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				30,998.00	3,200.00	34,198.00

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4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Other-Summer Vehicle Mileage	1.000	8000.000	EA	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Other-Winter Vehicle Mileage	1.000	4000.000	EA	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-ATV Mileage	1.000	500.000	EA	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Motorcycle	3.000	8000.000	EA	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
	Other-ATV	3.000	8000.000	EA	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
	Other-Electric Motorcycle	1.000	10000.000	EA	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Other-Motorcycle Trailer	3.000	4000.000	EA	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	Other-ATV Trailer	2.000	4000.000	EA	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
	Other-Snowmobiles	2.000	10000.000	EA	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Other-Cargo Sled	2.000	500.000	EA	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total for Equipment Purchases				99,000.00	0.00	99,000.00
6	Others						
	Other-Volunteer	145.000	15.000	DAY	0.00	2,175.00	2,175.00
	Other-FPO Training	9.000	250.000	DAY	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
	Total for Others				0.00	4,425.00	4,425.00
7	Indirect Costs						
	Total Program Expenses				400,558.00	218,675.00	619,233.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				400,558.00	218,675.00	619,233.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				400,558.00	218,675.00	619,233.00

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4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	99,000.00	0.00	99,000.00	
6	Others	0.00	4,425.00	4,425.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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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. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. 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. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
- e. 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 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The Forest has not identified areas of cumulative impacts where managed OHV activities have occurred in the same place over the years due to OHV use or maintenance.

Maintenance of OHV routes using State and Federal funds includes maintenance by the use of all types of equipment or hand tools. Drainage devices such as water bars and rolling dips will be installed on 4x4 trails and will be maintained, generally by Forest Service and volunteers through the Adopt-A-Trail program. All routes will be patrolled, and drainage devices with a noticeable need for maintenance will be maintained. No cumulative impacts are expected from doing routine maintenance. However, not conducting this maintenance may result in soil erosion. Not conducting maintenance will likely result in fewer OHV routes being in compliance with soil loss standards, and eventually result in the closure of routes.

Widening of trails is not a concern, as the majority of OHV routes are located on level II roads, and trails are maintained to designated width. Signing and vehicle barriers are used to keep vehicle travel on the trail, and to prevent trail widening.

No direct cumulative impacts have been documented or noted in our current Land Management plan as related to noise, increased traffic or dust etc.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Where managed OHV use occurs, no significant effect on the environment is caused due to unusual circumstances such as steep slopes or erodible soils. The Forests has re-routed trails to avoid these types of situations or accomplished trail maintenance, which is repeated as necessary. Currently there is no cross country travel on the Plumas NF, all OHV use must occur on existing roads and trails.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

No damage to the scenic resources has been documented through our monitoring efforts. While a state scenic highway traverse the Plumas NF, (St. Rte. 70) no impacts to the scenic viewshed have occurred to this highway from OHV activities. OHV routes are not in the immediate vicinity of HWY 70 and cannot be seen from HWY 70.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

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ITEM 8 - 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)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes 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 9 - 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? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

Trail maintenance will cause no substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

No potential exists for the project to cause indirect significant impacts by causing user groups to go elsewhere, or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the project. Trail maintenance will enhance and sustain the OHV opportunity Forest wide.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Categorical Exclusion](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- 76% or more (10 points)
 51% - 75% (5 points)
 26% - 50% (3 points)
 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)
 Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)
 Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)
 Potential trespass (2 points)
 Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Plumas has competed for State OHV/OSV funding for the last several years with varying degrees of success. When the funding has been granted the OHV/OSV programs have been supported more successfully than when this funding was not available. Forest Service appropriated funding has been used to implement these programs, but without assistance from the State and reduced federal budgets, these services will be greatly reduced, almost to non-existence. Without additional funding, project operations are reduced and OHV/OSV opportunities are lost, including necessary trail clearing, signing, erosion control, brushing, etc., for maintenance of these routes. Potential trespass issues could occur if road/trail markers and signs are not adequately available or posted to inform the public on what are valid roads/trails/play areas. Wilderness intrusions will increase. Without funding to allow for patrol and educational signing of OHV/OSV routes the potential for additional damage to Facilities increases. The curre

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 13

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)
 Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)
 Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)
 Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)
 Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

With grant funding the Plumas would be able to use the Forest Service road maintenance crew and OHV technicians to maintain trail or road tread with a variety of equipment such as backhoe, chainsaw, shovels, etc. Water bars or erosion control ditches are used and designed to move water off of trails/roads in the most efficient manner. Direction markers and signs provide the public with an understanding of their location and appropriate uses.

The Plumas has 4960 miles of roads/routes that offer 4 wheel drive opportunities, single track motorcycle routes, and 185 miles of snowmobile routes, and playareas. Skill level varies from easy (single lane dirt road) to difficult (4 wheel drive recommended).

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Several meetings were held in 2008 with representatives of the La Porte Snowmobile Club to discuss the snow grooming program and its continued operation. The Forest held public meetings in January 2009 at three separate locations across the forest to discuss the OHV Route Designation Public Motorized Travel Management Project. These meetings were well attended and the public is actively involved with Forest staff to establish the nationally mandated travel management plan for National Forest System lands. Conference calls are held with interested parties on an as needed basis, or whenever interested parties contact the Forest. During the travel management process these calls are ongoing.

5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 4 or more (4 points)
- 2 to 3 (2 points)
- 1 (1 point)
- None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

La Porte Snowmobile Club, Bucks Lake Snowdrifters, Sierra Buttes Snowbusters, Ophir Gophers, Sierra Treasure Hunters, High Sierra ATV Tours, Paradise Ridge Riders, Feather River Rock Crawlers, Sierra Access Coalition, Friends of the High Lakes, and Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship.

6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 7

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)
- Protecting water quality (1 point)
- Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
- Protecting special-status species (1 point)
- Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)
- Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)
- Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
- Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Plumas National Forest (PNF) has continued to demonstrate a strong commitment to natural and cultural resource protection while providing exceptional OHV recreational opportunities that are consistent with PNF Land, Resource Management Plan and the vision of the State OHV grant program. Funding assistance will assure a trained, competent staff consisting of technicians able to monitor and identify direct and indirect OHV impacts and prescribe and implement the most effective protective actions. Pro-active preventative measures used on the PNF include:

For the winter OSV program all snowmobile routes are groomed on designated trails, which are existing roads and trails. The wilderness boundary is heavily signed, patrolled on the staging area side, and also on the west side boundary where the most use occurs. During heavy use weekends extra patrols are added to ensure compliance with wilderness boundary. For the summer OHV program, barriers, rock and signing are used to prevent intrusion into areas that

7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
- Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)
- Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)
- Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)
- Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point) [Bulletin Boards]

8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- No (No points) Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

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9. Motorized Access - Q 9.

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- Camping
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Other (Specify) [Hunting, and Firewood]
- Birding
- Equestrian trails
- Rock Climbing