

**USFS - Sequoia National Forest**

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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)(1-4) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Please note: 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.

**General Application Requirements**

- #2 – Applicant may want to verify that maps indicate the relative difficulty of each OHV Trail.
- #8d – The narrative does not support 8b and conflicts with 8d. Applicant may want to provide additional details.

Development

G09-02-15-D01

**Project Description**

- No comment.

**Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff – The cost items appear excessive for the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.
- Equipment Use Expenses – Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV project can be charged on a use basis. The Grantee may not charge a use fee for vehicles or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance costs.
- Equipment Use Expenses – The rate listed appears high. Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV Project shall be charged on a use basis in accordance with the Applicant’s local fair market rental rates but shall never exceed the Grantee’s actual costs.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Vehicle” - Listed twice for 10,000 miles each. Costs appear excessive for the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.
- Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Dump Truck” - UOM is missing.

Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – The items checked do not appear to be directly related to the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• #7 – The item checked does not appear to be directly related to the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• #8 – The items checked do not appear to be directly related to the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• #11 – The narrative does not support the item checked. Applicant may wish to provide more detail. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> </ul>

Ground Operations	G09-02-15-G01
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Project Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>

Project Cost Estimate
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – The cost items under this category appear excessive. There are multiple layers of supervision and administration. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – Costs under this category appear excessive, appear to be duplicated and show different rates (i.e. Janitorial, Hume trash bags - \$39/package; Kern River trash bags - \$45/package; Hume directional signs - \$20 each; Kern River directional signs - \$75 each). Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Other-Digital Camera w/case” - The cost item does not appear to be directly related to the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV project can be charged on a use basis. The Grantee <u>may not</u> charge a use fee for vehicles or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance costs.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – The rate listed appears high. Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV Project shall be charged on a use basis in accordance with the Applicant’s local fair market rental rates but shall never exceed the Grantee’s actual costs.</li> <li>• Others – “Other-Remote (Qtrs.)” - The cost item appears excessive for the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> </ul>
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Evaluation Criteria
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>
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Restoration	G09-02-15-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – Rerouting (and any associated costs) is not an appropriate Restoration project activity. Applicant may want to verify and adjust as necessary.</li> <li>• F – Section should be blank, this section applies only to scientific and cultural studies.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – The cost items under this category appear excessive for the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Contracts – “ Other-Trail Crew Operator”, “Other-Trail Technician”, “Other-Equipment” - Costs do not appear to be directly related to the project and/or appear excessive. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV project can be charged on a use basis. The Grantee <u>may not</u> charge a use fee for vehicles or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance costs.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses – The rate listed appears high. Costs associated with Equipment acquired with Grantee’s funds and used for an OHV Project shall be charged on a use basis in accordance with the Applicant’s local fair market rental rates but shall never exceed the Grantee’s actual costs.</li> <li>• Equipment Purchases – “Other-Tractor Trailer” - The cost item appears excessive for the activities identified in the project description. UOM is “DAY”. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Others – “Other-Training” - Costs do not appear to be directly related to project and/or appear excessive. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – The narrative does not support response for “Archeological and...” Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• #4 – The narrative does not support response for “...alternate OHV routes...” response. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• #9 – Section should be blank, this section applies only to scientific and cultural studies.</li> </ul>	

Education and Safety	G09-02-15-S01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – As stated by applicant “...free giveaways...” are not a reimbursable expense.</li> <li>• A – “...the OHV Volunteers will be trail patrol...” does not appear to be directly related to the project. Applicant may want to provide additional details</li> <li>• A – “...CPR/First Aid training for 15 field staff.” and “...First Aid/CPR training for 15 field going FPOs “ does not appear to be directly related to the project. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• E – The narrative appears to be more appropriate for #1D. Applicant may want to consider a more appropriate response.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “Other” staff costs items appear excessive. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Contracts – “Other-Map Print Order” - The cost item does not appear to be directly related to the activities identified in the project description. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Other-Hume: Volunteer Vests &amp; Shirts” - Costs appear to be excessive. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Other-Hume: Bendix-King hand held radios” - The cost item appears excessive. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Others – “Training, Notes: First Aid/CPR Training” - The cost items do not appear to be directly related to the project. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> <li>• Others – “Training, Notes: Hume: Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course” - The cost item does not appear to be related to the project. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #5 – Snowmobile and Other appear to be the same. Applicant may wish to provide more details.</li> <li>• #9 – The item checked does not appear to be supported by the project description.</li> <li>• #11 – The selected response appears inappropriate. The training in the narrative is for forest employees, not public education. Applicant may want to provide additional details.</li> </ul>	