

USFS – Eldorado 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)(1-5) 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.

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 Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response.
- #5 – Applicant must verify response.
- #8a – Narrative does not support “Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices”. It is unclear what information is provided to the public.
- #8b –The narrative does not support “5 to 19 times per year”. Only onsite education efforts are eligible for credit.
- #8c – Narrative does not support “Daily”. It is unclear if staff is available daily at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations.
- #9 – Applicant must verify response.
- #12a,b – The response to both questions are incomplete. The responses appear cut off.
- #14 – The narrative does not support “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities”. Applicant must identify more than one agency that manages OHV Opportunities.

Ground Operations	G12-02-03-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Some activities listed (“...cut branches would be placed to discourage vehicle travel.”) appear to be restoration activities and are not eligible under a Ground Operations project. Applicant must move all Restoration activities and adjust costs accordingly. • A – Recreation Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program and the applicant may not be awarded funding during the performance period of this project. Applicant must identify how they will proceed with this project if RTP funding is not awarded. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-Forest Rec Staff GS-12” is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Staff – “Other-District Resource Officers GS-11” appears to be a second level supervisor which would be an Indirect Cost. Applicant must clarify the activities this staff will perform that are directly related to the project. • Staff – “Other-District OHV Managers GS-9” – Applicant must provide additional information about the direct project related activities this staff will perform. • Staff – “Other-Bios/Hydro/Archs/Wild GS-11” – Applicant must provide additional information about the direct project related activities this staff will perform. • Staff – “Other-Equipment Operator WG-8” – Applicant must provide additional information about the direct project related activities this staff will perform. • Staff – “Other-OHV Manager GS-11” – This staff appears the same as “Other-District Resource Officers GS-11”. Applicant must clarify the activities this staff will perform are not duplicate of the “Other-District Resource Officers GS-11”. • Contracts – “Other-CA Conservation Crew” – Applicant must clarify the Unit of Measure (UOM) is correct. • Contracts – “Other-Updated and printing Travel Oppurt” – Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is a competitive grant program and the applicant may not be awarded funding during the performance period of this project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. • Contracts – “Other-Barrett Trail Mdw. Repair” – This line item was not mentioned in the Project Description. – Applicant must provide more specifics/detail about this line item. • Materials / Supplies – “Other-Georgetown RD wooden bridge Trail” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. • Materials / Supplies – “Other-Georgetown RD bridge approach pave” – Applicant must provide additional information about this line item. • Equipment Use Expenses – “Other-Vehicle mileage” – Applicant must provide the type(s) and number of vehicle(s) included in this line item. Additionally, applicant must provide explain how they arrived at the quantity amount of 51,000. • Equipment Purchases – “Other-Trail Tractor & Trailer” – RTP is a competitive grant program and the applicant may not be awarded funding during the performance period of this project. Applicant must adjust the cost estimate accordingly. 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #6 – Narrative does not support “Providing bridges instead of wet crossings...”. • #8 – Narrative does not support substantial use of sustainable technologies. 	

Development – Elkins Flat Reroute	G12-02-03-D02
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Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A, C – The project contains Restoration activities which are not appropriate for a Development grant project. Applicant must move all Restoration activities adjust all costs accordingly. 	

Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must adjust line items in the cost estimate to remove all restoration-related activities. • Staff – Trail Construction Inspection- Applicant must provide additional information on this position. • Contracts Other-Trail Restore – This contract is restoration related and not appropriate for a Development project. 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2b. c – Reference Document – A narrative is not a reference document and does not support the selection. • #4 – Identify Plan – The narrative does not identify the publicly reviewed and adopted plan that specifically supports the need for the project. • #6 – Response does not explain how project utilizes as least 50% use of sustainable technologies. • #9 – Narrative does not support meetings for this Development project. • #12 – Narrative does not support the response. • #13 – Reference Document- A narrative is not a reference document and does not support the selection. 	

Development – Wentworth Springs CG Improvement	G12-02-03-D03
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Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	

Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Other Contract Inspector and administrator- This position is an Indirect Cost. • Equipment Use Expenses – Other mileage on FS vehicles – Applicant must list the vehicles to be used on the project. 	

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #3 – Campground improvement projects do not provide for diversified OHV use. • #6 – Response does not explain how the project utilizes as least 50% use of sustainable technologies. • #8 – The scope of this project does not support selections other than camping. • #9 – Narrative does not support specific selections, provide additional detail. • #11 – Narrative and selection conflicts with the history of funding through the grant program; applicant has received substantial funding from the OHV Trust Fund. 	

Development – East Rock Creek Trail	G12-02-03-D04
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Other District Resource Officer – Applicant must provide additional details on this position and how it is directly related to the project. • Contracts – Other Trail Construction Contract – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must verify response and provide additional details. • Materials/Supplies – Other Newspaper notices are in Indirect Cost. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Identify Plan – The narrative does not identify the publicly reviewed and adopted plan that specifically supports the need for the project. • #6 – Response does not explain how the project utilizes as least 50% use of sustainable technologies. 	

Development – Canyon Creek Area Trail	G12-02-03-D05
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – The project appears to overlap the scope of the previous active Development project G10-02-03-D03. Applicant must show how the two projects differ. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Other District Resource Officer – Applicant must provide additional details on this position and how it is directly related to the project. • Staff Other Resource Survey Crews – Applicant must provide additional information. • Staff – Applicant must verify how volunteers, Trail Technicians, and OHV Manager staff positions that work on trail reroutes does not conflict with the scope of the Trail Construction Contract. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts – Other Trail Construction Contract – Cost appears excessive. Applicant must verify response and provide additional details. • Materials Supplies – It appears that listed lines items would be included in the Trail Construction Contract. Applicant must clarify. • Others – It appears that listed lines items would be included in the Trail Construction Contract. Applicant must clarify.
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Evaluation Criteria

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2c – Reference documents narrative is contradictory. • #13 – Bridges are not part of this project.
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Development – Gold Note Staging Area	G12-02-03-D06
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Project Description

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Restoration activities are not appropriate for a Development grant project. Applicant must move all Restoration activities and adjust all costs accordingly.
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Project Cost Estimate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must adjust line items in the cost estimate to remove all restoration-related activities. • Staff – Other Project Overhead – This line item is an Indirect Cost.

Evaluation Criteria

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #5 – Narrative does not support the selection. • #6 – Response does not explain how the project utilizes as least 50% use of sustainable technologies. • #10 – Narrative does not support the selection.
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Planning – Rock Creek Decision Review	G12-02-03-P01
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Project Description

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project description is poorly written and difficult to understand. Applicant must rewrite to provide clearer detail and clearly defined objectives of this project. It is unclear whether or not this project is eligible.
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Project Cost Estimate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All line items. Provide additional details and breakdown for each position. It is unclear how they relate to the project based upon the Project Description. • Materials Supplies – Misc Supplies are office supplies which are an Indirect Cost. • Equipment Use Expenses – Provide additional details and a list of vehicles. • Others – Other NEPA related training is not a planning project activity.

Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2b – Narrative conflicts with the Project Description. • #3 – Selections are not related to the scope of the planning project. • #4 – Narrative does not support Meetings with Stakeholders selection. • #6 – Narrative is unclear on how identified partner would participate in this planning project. • #7 – Selections are contradictory to the Project Description. • #9 – Narrative references are not related to this planning project. 	

Planning – Strawberry 4WD Trail Meadow Mitigation.	G12-02-03-P02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Other TEAMS crew – 10% for contract preparation is an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust accordingly. • Materials Supplies – Other Public Notices and GIS Supplies – List GIS supplies, public notice expense is an Indirect Cost. • Equipment Use Expense – Provide a list of vehicles to be utilized on the project. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #5 – Narrative does not explain how each partner would provide substantial input to the project. • #6 – Narrative explains future activity and not how current partners would provide support for the project. • #7 – Project does not support the last two selections. 	

Planning – Meadow Corrective Action	G12-02-03-P03
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials Supplies – Other Public notices and publications are Indirect Costs. • Materials Supplies – Other Field equipment and replacement – Applicant must list field equipment and items to be replaced. • Equipment Use Expense – Applicant must provide a list of vehicles to be utilized on the project. 	

Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2b – Narrative does not support “trail issues...” selection. • #5 – Narrative does not explain the substantial role of stakeholders in this project. • #6 – Narrative does not support the selection, partners have not yet been identified. • #7 – Narrative does not support any of the selections.

Restoration – Placerville and Georgetown Route	G12-02-03-R01
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Project Description

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – Applicant should provide the actual area to be restored during the project.

Project Cost Estimate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “Other-Recreation Officer”, are indirect costs. • Contracts – “Restoration Crew”, applicant must provide more detail identifying how costs were determined.
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Evaluation Criteria

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Narrative does not support selected items, “Stream or other watercourse”, “Sensitive areas” and “Other special-status species”. • #7 – Narrative does not support meeting(s) with stakeholders. It is unclear which listed meeting dates are associated with stakeholders. • #8 – Narrative does not support response. The Student Conservation Association does not qualify as a partner as they will be contracted to work on the project. The applicant must show how the El Dorado Chapter of the California Native Plant Society will participate in the project.
