

USFS Inyo

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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 to verify response.
- #4 – Applicant to verify response.
- #5 – Applicant to verify response.
- #9 – Applicant to verify response.
- #14 – The narrative does not support “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies...”.

Ground Operations – Maintenance, Operations, and Mitigations

G11-02-05-G03

Project Description

- Applicant must keep Ground Operation activities separate from Restoration activities. Need to adjust cost estimate accordingly.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff – OHV Program Assistant – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – Volunteer Nordic Patrol – Restoration activities are not project related. Need to revise.
- Staff – Fire Prevention Patrol – Restoration and law enforcement activities are not project related. Need to revise.
- Staff – Asst. Forest Engineer – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – Forest OHV Coordinator – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – Public Affairs Officer – This is an Indirect Cost.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – Public Affairs Specialist – This is an indirect cost. • Equipment Use Expense – Fire Prevention Patrol Vehicles – Need to identify how these vehicles are project related.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment.

Development – OHV Campground Improvements	G11-02-05-D01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials/Supplies – “ADA Fire rings” indicates “MATCH will be generated from past and future CG donation collections, (GBGIFT or FDDS)”...Note, all costs, including ‘match’ items must occur within the project performance period. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2b – Need reference document with date. • #2c – Need reference document with date. • #3 – Narrative does not support the items checked. Installation of fire rings and bear boxes would not provide for diversified OHV use. It appears the area already provides for OHV use for those items checked. • #7 – Project description does not support response. • #9 – Need date(s) for “Meeting(s) with stakeholders”. • #10 – “Individual volunteers” do not qualify as a partner organization. Additionally, the narrative did not identify how the partners will participate in the project. • #11 – Narrative does not adequately explain the primary funding source for future operational costs. • #13 – The checked items are not supported in the project description. Additionally, a reference document with date is needed 	

Planning – Travel Management Improvements	G11-02-05-P01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	

Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “District Recreation Officer”, “Forest Planner”, and “District OHV Supervisor” are Indirect Costs. • Staff – “GIS Specialist” appears excessive. Appears the activities identified would already have been developed/created. • Materials / Supplies – Provide more detail for “Misc Supplies, gear, safety equip”. This appears to be equipment that would already be available for staff. • Equipment Purchases – “GPS Units” cost appears high. Need additional information. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #4 – Identify stakeholders. • #8 – Narrative and reference document do not support response. 	

Restoration – Sierra Front Planning and Monitoring/Repair	G11-02-05-R02
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – Applicant needs to clarify the actual area to be restored during the project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “OHV Program Assistant” appears to be an Indirect Cost. Explain role of “OHV Program Assistant” and how it directly relates to the project. • Equipment Purchases – “Other–GPS Unit” appears excessive. Explain role and cost. • Indirect – Total Indirect Costs may not exceed 15% of grant request. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – When responding to “Sensitive areas”, “Threatened and endangered species” and “Other special-status species” applicant needs to indicate numbers rather than names. The indicated areas or species need to be identified in the narrative. • #3 – Narrative does not support response. • #4 – Narrative does not support “Educational signage”. • #7 – Narrative does not support response. Applicant should identify meeting dates and identify stakeholders. • #8 – Narrative does not support response. Participation of the Student Conservation Association is not addressed in the project description and/or cost estimate. • #10 – Narrative does not support response. 	

- #11 – Project description does not identify the size of sensitive habitats to be restored by the project.

Education and Safety – Eastern Sierra Community-Based Campaign	G11-02-05-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No comment. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – FS Visitor Information Specialists, BC Information Specialists appear to be unrelated to the project. • Contracts – Certified Brochure Distributor, more information needed. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 – Applicant must verify response. • #4 – Identify specific USFS and BLM offices involved in the project. • #7 – Narrative does not support Objectives, Testing process, Plan to Implement, Evaluation and feedback selections. • #10 – Narrative does not support interpretive talks, social media selections. • #11 – ATI training is not part of the project nor offered to the public. 	