

**USFS – Sierra National Forest**

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

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 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #5 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #9 – The applicant needs to verify response.
- #14 – The narrative does not address the selective items with regard to “Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies...”.

**Ground Operations – Forestwide**

G11-02-17-G01

**Project Description**

- The applicant needs to identify if the Heritage Resources is related to the Site Stewardship Program and if so, how will this differ from the USFS Pacific Southwest Education and Safety Site Steward project.

**Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff – BL OHV Rec Mgr– This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – BL VIS – This position does not appear to be related to the project.
- Staff – HS OHV Program Mgr – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – HS OHV/Rec Tech – This appears to be a duplicate item.
- Staff – Other – OSV Manager and Other – Winter Trail Maintenance/Facilities – Any activities that are eligible under the OHMVR OSV Program are not eligible under the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program. Please verify these costs and adjust accordingly.
- Staff – Heavy Equipment Operator – Need further details on this position and how it relates to the project.

- Staff – Maintenance Worker – Need further details on this position and how it relates to the project.
- Staff – OHV Program Mgr/Mitigation – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – OHV Asst Project Mgr/Mitigation – This is an Indirect Cost.
- Staff – Archeologist Stewardship Project – Need further details on this position and how it relates to the project.
- Staff – Archeologist / Monitoring – This position appears to be a duplicate.
- Staff – Aquatics monitoring – This position appears to be a duplicate.
- Staff – Botanic monitoring – This position appears to be a duplicate.
- Staff – Hydrology monitoring – This position appears to be a duplicate.
- Contracts – HS Engineering Specialist – Need further details on this position and how it relates to the project.
- Contracts – Mitigation Contract – This appears to be a duplicate of the mitigation staff.
- Materials/Supplies – BL Rock Barriers – Need further details on this item and how it relates to the project.
- Materials/Supplies – BL Volunteer Supplies – Need further details on this item and how it relates to the project.
- Materials/Supplies – Barriers / Mitigation – Need further details on this item and how it relates to the project.
- Material/Supplies – Route Signs/ Mitigation – Need further details on this item and how it relates to the project.
- Materials/Supplies – HS Barriers/barricades – This item does not appear to be eligible under this project type.
- Materials/Supplies – BL Education Materials – This item does not appear to be eligible under this project type.
- Materials/Supplies – BL Monitoring Camera – Need further details on this item and how it relates to the project.
- Materials/Supplies – HS Trail monitoring cameras – This item does not appear to be eligible under this project type.

#### Evaluation Criteria

- #4 – The applicant needs to identify the date of the stakeholder meetings.
- #5 – The applicant needs to identify how each partner will participate in the project.
- #6 – The project description does not support “Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate”. “Site design precludes the need for the above measures” is not an eligible selection for this project.
- #7 – Project description/activities do not contain trail maps.
- #8 – The narrative does not support a “Yes” response.

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| Development – Base Camp Toilet Development                      | G11-02-17-D01 |
| Project Description   |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul> |               |

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| <b>Project Cost Estimate</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – OHV / Rec Specialist – This is an Indirect Cost.</li> <li>• Materials / Supplies – “Signs” to help educate the Public on rules/regulations, camping and OHV are not related to the project.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Evaluation Criteria</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2b – The applicant needs to provide a reference document with date.</li> <li>• #2c – The applicant needs to provide a reference document with date.</li> <li>• #3 – The narrative does not support the items checked. Installation of a double vault toilet would not provide for diversified OHV use. It appears the area already provides for OHV use for those items checked.</li> <li>• #4 – The plan is not clearly identified. The applicant needs to provide a date for the plan.</li> <li>• #7 – The project description does not support the response</li> <li>• #9 – The narrative does support “Meetings with stakeholders” - Narrative indicates “...meeting was held in order to include stakeholders in <u>future</u> grant requests.”</li> <li>• #10 – The narrative does not support the response.</li> <li>• #11 – The narrative does not support the response.</li> <li>• #13 – The applicant needs to provide a reference document with date.</li> </ul> |  |

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| Restoration – Planning for Decommissioning   | G11-02-17-R01 |
| <b>Project Description</b>   |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• F – Not applicable. This section only applies for scientific and cultural studies.</li> </ul>   |               |
| <b>Project Cost Estimate</b>   |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – Contract Coordinator – This is an Indirect Cost.</li> <li>• Contracts – Inventory of non-system tracks – The applicant needs to provide more details regarding this contract.</li> <li>• Contracts – Other – Environmental Analysis – The applicant needs to provide more details regarding this contract. The applicant must explain how the cost was determined.</li> </ul> |               |
| <b>Evaluation Criteria</b>   |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #3 – The applicant needs to identify a dated reference document that supports the need for project.</li> <li>• #5 – The applicant needs to provide a date for the plan.</li> <li>• #7 – The applicant needs to identify the stakeholders as well as the date(s) of the meetings.</li> <li>• #10 – The narrative does not support the response.</li> </ul>                             |               |

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| Education and Safety – Land Ethics Education  | G11-02-17-S01 |
| <b>Project Description</b>  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment.</li> </ul>   |               |
| <b>Project Cost Estimate</b>  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – Public Affairs Officer, OHV Manager, Front Desk – these are Indirect Costs.</li> <li>• Materials Supplies – Brochures – cost appears excessive, the applicant needs to break this down into individual line items.</li> <li>• Materials Supplies – Other Volunteer Reimbursement – the applicant needs to verify the UOM. This line item also belongs in Other category. The applicant needs to break this down into individual line items.</li> </ul>                 |               |
| <b>Evaluation Criteria</b>  |               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – The applicant needs to verify response.</li> <li>• #4 – The applicant must discuss “partners” individually and describe activities associated with the project.</li> <li>• #6 – The applicant needs to identify the stakeholders.</li> <li>• #7 – The narrative does not address the selective items with regard to “Objectives” and “Plan to implement...”.</li> <li>• #10 – The narrative does not address the selective items with regard to “Advertising”.</li> </ul> |               |