

## USFS – Mendocino 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.

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.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

### General Evaluation Criteria

- #5 – Applicant must verify response.

Ground Operations – FY 2017	G15-02-10-G01
<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 – GRD – OHV/REC Tech Overtime (line 22), GRD – REC Tech GS-6 Overtime (line 28)- Line items appear duplicative. Applicant must provide further information.</li> <li>• Contracts – ULRD – Trails Unlimited – Maintena (line 3)- Applicant must provide details on how cost was determined.</li> <li>• Contracts – GRD – Trail Maintenance (line 9)- Applicant must identify contractor and provide details on how cost was determined.</li> <li>• Contracts – CDC Hand Crew (line 10), ULRD CDC Hand Crew (line 11)- Applicant must explain how significant match cost is derived. Program can only include actual costs that are directly related to this Ground Operations project.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies – All line items- Some listed supplies such as batteries are now an Indirect Cost. Applicant must adjust line items accordingly.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies – ULRD Welding Supplies (line 19)- Gates to “prevent OHV intrusion onto private property and areas where OHV is not authorized” is a Restoration category activity.</li> <li>• Materials and Supplies – Crabtree Hot Springs Signs (line 20)- Signs to “detour motorized traffic away from the 17N04 road...that has incurred illegal intrusion” is a Restoration category activity.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4 –Applicant must explain how the participants of the stakeholders meeting(s) are stakeholders to the project.</li> <li>• #5 – Partner activities doing “restoration of unauthorized trails” is not an eligible activity for a Ground Operations project.</li> <li>• #8 – Project Description only supports “Camping” selection.</li> </ul>	

Restoration Planning – Route 17N78	G15-02-10-R01
<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>• Contracts- “CDC- Crew”, Applicant must include an explanation detailing how the match cost was derived from total contract expense.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – Narrative does not support “Domestic Water supply...” it is unclear if the failure to fund this project will impact a domestic water supply. Additional details are needed to justify this selection.</li> <li>• #2 – Narrative does not support “Archeological and historical resources ...” The archaeological sites and cultural resources are not identified and it is not clear if the archeological sites and cultural resources referenced are identified in the California Register of Historic Resources or the National Register of Historic Places.</li> <li>• #2- Sensitive Areas- It is unclear, based on project description and narrative, how if failure to fund the project will result in adverse effects to chaparral and grasslands.</li> <li>• #2 – Narrative does not support “Threatened or Endangered....”, Western Pond Turtle is not considered a threatened or endangered species within California.</li> <li>• #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project.</li> </ul>	

Restoration – Leech Lake Road Decommissioning	G15-02-10-R02
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is unclear how the removal of two ponds and two debris dams with their associated fill are related to OHV recreation or how OHV recreation caused the damage. Additional details are needed to justify nexus.</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “District Ranger”, the duties listed are considered indirect activities. Applicant must move this cost to the Indirect category.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses– “4x4 Vehicle”, the cost of \$289.34 per vehicle per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost.</li> <li>• Equipment Use Expenses– “4x4 Vehicle”, the cost of \$686 per month is excessive. Additional details are needed to justify the cost.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 – “Sensitive areas”, based on applicant’s selection, at least two sensitive areas must be identified in the narrative.</li> <li>• #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project.</li> <li>• #11 – The project description does not support more than 10 acres of sensitive habitat will be restored within the Project Area.</li> </ul>	