

## Six Rivers National Forest

From: Ray McCray [<mailto:rmccray@fs.fed.us>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 12:26 PM  
To: OHVINFO  
Subject: Six Rivers NF 06-07 Trail Maint Score Adjustment

Larry, I am submitting the Six Rivers NF 06-07 Trail Maintenance score adjustment (see below) in PDF format per your request of information for the December OHMVR Commission Meeting. The score adjustment is based on clarification of the information, with its location identified, within the Six Rivers NF cooperative agreement application submitted earlier. Thank you. Ray

(See attached file: SR 06-07 OHV Trial Maint Score Adjustment Request.pdf)

## RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO CRITERIA SCORING

This document presents recommendations on changes to the Six Rivers National Forest Trail Maintenance proposal criteria scoring for your consideration. The following are the State OHMVR Division's project scores and factual findings. The Forest's recommended scoring and rationale are expressed in bold italic print.

[56 out of 100]

**Recommend Total [63 out of 100]**

### **OR-2-SR-35 USFS-Six Rivers NF Trail Maintenance 07** (Pgs 481-482 of 484)

1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:

[19 out of 40]

**Recommend [25 out of 40]**

a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)

*Funding is critical to the District's ability to meet environmental standards and carry out monitoring requirements. [6]*

**Also, monitoring indicates maintenance needs (pg. 11 1a).**

**Recommend a 7 for this criterion.**

b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]*

**Prior to last year, supplemental funding provided by the OHMVR Division had helped maintain the designated trails in the Pilot Creek area in the "Green" condition rating (trail maintenance schedules were identified in the Trail Maintenance Plan – pgs. 18-21). It was inevitable that the trail condition ratings could deteriorate without full funding for trail maintenance (trails now in the yellow condition rating were identified in the Soil Conservation Program – pg. 31). Although the Forest has been highly dependent upon State OHV funding assistance to provide quality OHV opportunities and sound resource protection, efforts continue to seek out alternative funding sources and workforces to accomplish OHV related objectives (pg. 11 1b).**

**Recommend a 4 for this criterion.**

c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)

*The applicant will fill in ruts, install safety signing, remove downed trees and brush trails to improve visibility. [6]*

**Further, fallen tree removal and tread work is related to safety or ease of passage, and grooming in order to provide safe riding conditions to motorized recreational users (pg. 11 1c).**

**Recommend a 7 for this criterion.**

d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)

*A well maintained and identifiable trail system will discourage unauthorized use. In addition, the Pilot Creek OHV area is far removed from designated wilderness areas. [7]*

2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

[26 out of 30]

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials

*Use of site materials and forest debris is an efficient use of materials. The applicant also mentioned use of efficient design features.*

b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*CCC provided 670 hours of volunteer time and provided \$2,106 in matching funds*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$21,166.*

d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*Volunteers include the Far West Motorcycle Club and Lost Coast 4X4 club. 2,832 hours were provided and volunteer hours are expected to increase. The use of CCC as low cost labor is also mentioned.*

e. Avoiding or reducing future costs

*Use of on-site materials to construct design features.*

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

[11 out of 30]

**Recommend [12 out of 30]**

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

*The applicant cited projects OR-2-SR-18, OR-2-SR-19 and OR-2-SR-27 and stated that all funded projects, have been completed within the timeframe provided. However, two of these projects required time extension. [4]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)

*The applicant cited project OR-2-SR-27 and said that all payment requests for this project were provided in a timely manner and that audit reports have found no discrepancies with this project. [5]*

c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)

*All qualified staff but the OHV technicians are located on the Forest. [2]*

***All qualified staff identified in the project costs and deliverable (OHV Specialist, and Trails Engineer) for this trail maintenance proposal are located on Forest with the exception of the temporary OHV Technician/Forest Protection Officer and California Conservation Corps (CCC) hand crew. The temporary OHV Technician position if funded would provide oversight to the CCC performing trail maintenance. This position spread among this applications trail maintenance, conservation, and law enforcement proposals would be funded through the primary use season to conduct trail maintenance and monitoring and patrol across the District (pg. 14 3c).***

***Recommend a 3 for this criterion.***

## San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Barstow Station

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 12:47

**To:** Pelonio, John; OHVINFO

**Cc:** Torres, Rod; Clark, Lance; Ferguson, Barbara

**Subject:** RE: BARSTOW STATION GRANT SCORE ADJUSTMENT JUSTIFICATION

Attached is a PDF File of revised score justification for the Barstow Station Enforcement and Equipment grants for your review. Grant numbers: OR 797 OR818

Thank you

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Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:</p>	<p>[19 out of 35]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score revision [35 out of 35]</b></p>
<p>a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, contacts enforcement action and education.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, contacts enforcement action and education. <b>Staff have reduced complaints in Wilderness areas along with trespass issues by 50% (P17 / PAR P36-41)</b></p>
<p>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, contacts, enforcement action and education to reduce intrusions into wilderness into wilderness and trespass complaint.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, contacts enforcement action and education. <b>Staff have reduced complaints in Wilderness areas along with trespass issues by 50% ( PAR P36-41)</b></p>
<p>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.</p>	<p>The application states that proactive patrols have helped reduce complaints about OHV use from landowners.</p>	<p><b>PAR information (P40)</b> Sheriff's Crime Analysis has provided statistics to indicate reduction in calls for service during 2005-2006 related to trespass issues onto private property and nuisance calls.</p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</p>	<p>[22 out of 30]</p>	<p>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score [22 out of 30]</p>
<p>a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes</p>	<p>The applicant would use patrol, enforcement action, to enforce the CVC and other OHV related codes. Details on the codes to be enforced are provided.</p>	<p>The applicant would use patrol, enforcement action, to enforce the CVC and other OHV related codes. Details on the codes to be enforced are provided. During 2005-2006, Barstow OHV staff made 5,077 contacts an issued 39 citations. 430 warnings were given related to CVC OHV codes. (PAR P41).</p>
<p>b. Emergency response.</p>	<p>The applicant responds to emergencies with a variety of other agencies.</p>	<p>The applicant responds to emergencies with a variety of other agencies. Management of areas in collective effort with other agencies with 10,000 square mile jurisdiction (P17-18)</p>
<p>c. Search and Rescue.</p>	<p>The applicant uses volunteers for S&amp;R.</p>	<p>The applicant uses volunteers for S&amp;R.</p>
<p>d. Education / Outreach.</p>	<p>The applicant uses brochures, equipment inspections, and events for education and outreach.</p>	<p>The applicant uses brochures, equipment inspections, and events for education and outreach. Multiple events year round (P43-45)</p>
<p>e. Other proactive measures (e.g. patrol, signing, barriers)</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, signs, barriers and public demonstration.</p>	<p>The applicant uses patrol, signs, barriers and public demonstration.</p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</p>	<p>[15 out of 20]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score [17 out of 20]</b></p>
<p>a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds.</p>	<p>The applicant works with BLM, CHP, County Fire, Mercy Air Ambulance, Sheriff's Aviation and County Roads. In addition, the Barstow efforts have expanded to remote river location with funding from Boating Grants (P40)</p>	<p>The applicant works with BLM, CHP, County Fire, Mercy Air Ambulance, Sheriff's Aviation and County Roads. In addition, the Barstow efforts have expanded to remote river location with funding from Boating Grants (P40)</p>
<p>b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</p>	<p>The applicant gets support from the county roads department for signing in remote areas. The applicant has received equipment and labor donations.</p>	<p>The applicant gets support from the county roads department for signing in remote areas. The applicant has received equipment and labor donations. Repairs to equipment and safety equipment donations from manufacturers.</p>
<p>c. Use of Volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor</p>	<p>The applicant uses volunteer citizen patrols, S&amp;R volunteers, reserve deputies, and Aero Squadron volunteers.</p>	<p>The applicant uses volunteer citizen patrols, S&amp;R volunteers, reserve deputies, and Aero Squadron volunteers. <b>Multiple little or no cost resources (P19)</b> Volunteers used with a value of \$75,000.00 (PAR P38)</p>
<p>d. Reducing future costs.</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>Clear description of continuing efforts to reduce future costs by ongoing efforts of volunteers and soliciting donations (P36-41)</p>
<p>e. Appropriate use of equipment.</p>	<p>The applicant uses alcohol breath testing equipment and aircraft. Other equipment is not provided.</p>	<p>Clear outline of long standing appropriate use of equipment with positive results that have been included as regular use equipment during operations (P36-41 / P40) Equipment is dedicated entirely to OHV enforcement and scheduled annually in detailed operation plans.</p>
<p>4. The project demonstrates applicants history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application must address the applicant's:</p>	<p>[7 out of 15]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score revision [15 out of 15]</b></p>

OR-797 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF (BARSTOW) LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)</p>	<p>The applicant references annual grants for five years. The application states "...clearly demonstrates Barstow's ability to achieve its goals and satisfy its grant obligations within the timeframe provided." (3)</p>	<p>Long standing proven ability to complete multiple projects within timeframe (5) (P20) Barstow Station has completed State Parks Grant projects OR 453, OR634, OR635, OR681, and is currently in OR760. Each of these projects has been managed to effectively exhaust over 240,000.00 in funding within time limit and match requirements well exceeding required 25% (New Information)</p>
<p>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)</p>	<p>The application states; "The dedicated recordkeeping of the enforcement team coordinators combined with the expertise and support provided by Sheriff's Bureau of Administration has proven that the management of funds associated with the project will be accurate, responsible and efficient (2)</p>	<p>Significant efforts outlined to establish proven accountability with similar projects (5) (P39) Barstow Station has completed State Parks Grant projects OR 453, OR634, OR635, OR681, and is currently in OR760. Each of these projects has been managed to effectively exhaust over 240,000.00 in funding within time limit and match requirements well exceeding required 25% (New Information)</p>
<p>c. Commitment of staff to OHV Program (5)</p>	<p>The application refers to the commitment of the commander. The project Costs/Deliverables show \$63,302 in personnel costs including \$21, 102 in matching costs (2)</p>	<p>Information contained in PAR and Project Description clearly show commitment to OHV program with no cost staff in addition to over 1,500 hours of full time staff commitment (5) (P13 / P36-41) Minimum staffing: (SHERIFF'S SERGEANT - 350 HRS) (DEPUTY SHERIFF-550 HOURS) (RESERVE DEPUTY- 650 HOURS) SHERIFFS MECHANIC-45 HOURS) Dumont Dunes deployment includes 1 Sgt, 6 Sheriff's Deputies, 3-4 Reserve Deputies (one an EMT), 2 Volunteers (Dispatch Operation), Aviation support, Patrol coverage from Baker Sub-Station as needed. (New Information)</p>
	<p><b>Assigned Score 63/100</b></p>	<p><b>Barstow Recommended Score 89/100</b></p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the following:</p>	<p>[20 out of 40]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score revision [35 out of 40]</b></p>
<p>a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with the use of equipment.</p>	<p>The applicant has a very structured equipment maintenance plan and conducts regular maintenance on all equipment</p>	<p>The applicant has a very structured equipment maintenance plan and conducts regular maintenance on all equipment. <b>Per listed rationale, application would appear to meet standard set forth in question.</b> Equipment is serviced and repaired via Sheriff's Automotive provisions. Operational costs are included with Barstow Station's annual automotive budget of \$190,000.00. (New Information)</p>
<p>b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds.</p>	<p>The applicant is committed to provide staffing without relying on OHV Funds. Staffing includes deputies and volunteers.</p>	<p>The applicant is committed to provide staffing without relying on OHV Funds. Staffing includes deputies and volunteers. <b>Per listed rationale, application would appear to meet standard set forth in question.</b></p>

OR-818 SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF (BARSTOW) EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds in one or more of the following areas.</p>	<p>[16 out of 20]</p>	<p>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score [18 out of 20]</p>
<p>a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails, and areas.</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item. Overall efforts and long standing accomplishments as outlined in application would reduce costs associated with maintenance through enforcement efforts.</p>
<p>b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds.</p>	<p>Partnerships include those with BLM, CHP, NPS, and local merchants</p>	<p>Partnerships include those with BLM, CHP, NPS, and local merchants</p>
<p>c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</p>	<p>The applicant cited donated services of a local welder to repair a trailer at no cost and a local merchant provided helium for a blimp used for public information</p>	<p>The applicant cited donated services of a local welder to repair a trailer at no cost and a local merchant provided helium for a blimp used for public information</p>
<p>d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative.</p>	<p>The ability to obtain additional/replacement equipment will lower maintenance costs.</p>	<p>The ability to obtain additional/replacement equipment will lower maintenance costs.</p>
<p>e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor</p>	<p>Volunteers include Explorer Scouts, search and rescue members, Citizens on Patrol, who have donated in excess of 2,000 hours.</p>	<p>Volunteers include Explorer Scouts, search and rescue members, Citizens on Patrol, who have donated in excess of 2,000 hours. Volunteers dedicate a total value of over \$75,000.00 annually (PAR P36-41)</p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>3. The applicant demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:</p>	<p>[13 out of 30]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score revision [25 out of 30]</b></p>
<p>a. The amount of existing recreational use.</p>	<p>There are seven OHV recreation areas.</p>	<p>There are seven OHV recreation areas. To include a coverage responsibility of over 10,000 square miles (P11)</p>
<p>b. The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity</p>	<p>There was a marked rise in OHV use over the past several years</p>	<p>There was a marked rise in OHV use over the past several years. Over 40,000 visitors to Dumont Dunes OHV on holiday weekends (PAR P36-41)</p>
<p>c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas.</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item</p>	<p>The applicant did not address this item. Staff have reduced complaints in Wilderness areas along with trespass issues by 50% (PAR P36-41)</p>
<p>d. Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions.</p>	<p>Most of the area is desert and rural mountain terrain.</p>	<p>Most of the area is desert and rural mountain terrain to include a coverage responsibility of over 10,000 square miles (P7)</p>

Question	Score/Rationale	Suggested Score
<p>4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested.</p>	<p>[6 out of 10]</p>	<p><b>Barstow Sheriff's proposed score revision [10 out of 10]</b></p>
	<p>Each member has successfully completed a certified OHV Safety course. Staff receives recurrent training. Staff includes 1 sergeant, 4 deputies, 4 reserve deputies, 2 citizen volunteers and 2 scouts. Applicant indicated there is staffing adequate to use and maintain requested equipment.</p>	<p>Each member has successfully completed a certified OHV Safety course. Staff receives recurrent training. Staff includes 1 sergeant, 4 deputies, 4 reserve deputies, 2 citizen volunteers and 2 scouts. Applicant indicated there is staffing adequate to use and maintain requested equipment. (PAR P36-41 / P12) Minimum staffing: (SHERIFF'S SERGEANT -350 HRS) (DEPUTY SHERIFF-550 HOURS) (RESERVE DEPUTY- 650 HOURS) SHERIFFS MECHANIC-45 HOURS) Dumont Dunes deployment includes 1 Sgt, 6 Sheriff's Deputies, 3-4 Reserve Deputies (one an EMT), 2 Volunteers (Dispatch Operation), Aviation support, Patrol coverage from Baker Sub-Station as needed. (New Information)</p>
	<p><b>Assigned Score 55/100</b></p>	<p><b>Barstow Recommended Score 88/100</b></p>

## Inyo National Forest

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Subject: OHV grants rescore

Hello: Attached are four (4) PDF documents rescoring the Inyo National Forest OSV LE grant, the Inyo Mnts. Restoration and Monache Restoratation grants and the trail maintenance grant.

Note: We submitted thirteen (13) copies of the OSV LE grant, the Inyo Mnts. Restoration and Monache Restoration grants at the Southern California sub-committee meeting on Nov. 9 to the OHV division and commission.  
Thanks. Todd(See attached file: Criteria\_Inyo\_mnts.pdf)(See attached file: Criteria\_monache\_mnts.pdf)(See attached file: Inyo Trail Maint Rescore OR-2-1-79.pdf)(See attached file: OSV\_LE\_grant\_rescore.pdf)

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**TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECT – Inyo National Forest – OR-2-1-79**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Initial Points Given</b>	<b>Rescore</b>
<p><b>1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:</b></p> <p>a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage... and avoid future closure of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)</p> <p>b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10) (7)</p> <p>c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10) (6)</p> <p>d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10) (9)</p>	40	24	<b>30</b>
<p><b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p>a. Use of innovative or efficient materials</p> <p>b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</p> <p>c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)</p> <p>d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor</p> <p>e. Avoiding or reducing future costs</p>	30	19	<b>25</b>
<p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p> <p>a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10) (8)</p> <p>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants/projects (10) (6)</p> <p>c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)</p>	30	17	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>76</b>

**Rescore Total of 76**

- 1. Recommend: 30: b)** Page 12 describes how maintaining the Coyote road now will avoid future higher maintenance costs and a possible shift in use as an example of how continue maintenance is necessary to ensure deferred maintenance costs are not incurred. **c** ) Page 12 describes how the Forest with Trail maintenance in conjunction with other OHV funds provides for safe riding conditions. **d)** Pages 11 and 12 describe how the Forest maintains OHV recreation on authorized roads and trails by having clearly defined trails with directional and regulatory signing.
- 2. Recommend: 25:** Page 12 describes how trail maintenance dollars are used to maintain the system to reduce future costs. The Coyote road is used as an example of how maintenance will reduce the likelihood of an expensive, multi-year project to rebuild the

road. Page 11 describes how the Forest uses trail maintenance funds to prevent incursions into sensitive plant populations that could lead to complete road closures.

3. **Recommend: 21** **a)** Page 13 describes that the Forest has received OHMVR grant monies for about 20 years and cited three recent grants that were successfully completed.  
**b)** Pages 13 and 14 state that the Forest keeps adequate records for billing and auditing purposes and that we stay within the allocated budget or makes the necessary adjustments if monies are overspent.

## OR-2-1-76 Inyo N.F. Monache Restoration Project

Criteria	Points Possible	Points received	Rescore
<p><b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p>a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat  b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species  c. Cultural resources  d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area</p>	40	24	39
<p><b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p>a. The project is designed to avoid need for future maintenance and LE costs  b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs  c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor  d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds  e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees</p>	15	10	14
<p><b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b></p> <p><b>a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:</b></p> <p>i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted  ii. Application identifies why alternatives would not address resource issue  iii. Use of appropriate LE and/or traffic control devices to protect restoration area</p> <p><b>b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:</b></p> <p>i. Identifies measures to prevent recurrence of illegal activity</p> <p><b>c. Closure due to management action:</b></p> <p>i. Identifies measures to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary</p>	20	8	18
<p><b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b></p>	10	9	10
<p><b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b></p> <p>a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)  b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)  c. Proven track record of addressing problems in timely manner to avoid closure(5)</p>	15	11	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>95</b>

### Recommended Scoring Change: 95

1. **Recommend: 39:** The application details how this project would protect critical natural, cultural and wilderness resources. Pages 7 and 9 describe how the project would help restore soil + water quality, improving riparian vegetation and wildlife habitat with an overall improvement to watershed function. Page 9 describes how the project would benefit a wet meadow area (environmentally sensitive) by relocating a route out of it. Page 22 describes protection of heritage sites during implementation.

2. **Recommend: 14:** The PC/D on page 5 displays the use of Student Conservation Association (SCA's). SCA's receive grant funding from the National Forest Foundation (NFF), and private donations. In addition, lodging for SCA's on the Inyo is provided free of charge by Mammoth Mnt. The PC/D and page 10 of the grant display the use of volunteers to complete this project. The PC/D on page 5 displays that approximately 6 volunteers would be used for 4 days to help complete this project.
3. **Recommend: 18:** Page 7 addresses alternatives attempted and why they didn't completely address the resource issues. Page 10 of the grant discusses the use of barriers, signs and additional OHV ranger patrol to prevent recurrence of illegal activity. The PC/D on page 5 outlines days requested for additional patrol funding specific to the restoration project.
4. **Recommend: 10:** Page 14 contains a detailed monitoring plan that outlines 4 success criteria and measures which will be used to monitor the restoration treatments. Specific measurable outcomes are outlined on page 14. Page 8 of the grant addresses that monitoring will take place and corrective action implemented, if needed.
5. **Recommend: 14:** Pages 8 and 9 of the grant discuss projects that the Inyo has completed within the allotted timeframe. These pages also discuss how the Inyo addresses problems in a timely manner to avoid closure collaboratively with volunteers throughout the community. The volunteers help repair degraded stream crossings and rake out illegal tracks to ensure OHV opportunities are maintained.

## OR-2-1-81 Inyo N.F. Inyo Mnts. Restoration Project

Criteria	Points Possible	Points received	Rescore
<b>1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:</b> a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species c. Cultural resources d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area	40	17	37
<b>2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:</b> a. The project is designed to avoid need for future maintenance and LE costs b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to educe costs c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees	15	10	13
<b>3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:</b> <b>a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:</b> i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted ii. Application identifies why alternatives would not address resource issue iii. Use of appropriate LE and/or traffic control devices to protect restoration area <b>b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:</b> i. Identifies measures to prevent recurrence of illegal activity <b>c. Closure due to management action:</b> i. Identifies measures to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary	20	11	18
<b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b>	10	9	10
<b>5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:</b> a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5) b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5) c. Proven track record of addressing problems in timely manner to avoid closure(5)	15	10	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>92</b>

## Recommended Scoring Change: 92

1. **Recommend: 37:** The application details how this project would protect critical natural, cultural and wilderness resources. Page 6 details how hydrologic function and riparian habitat would be restored. It also details how heritage resource sites would be better protected as vehicles would no longer drive adjacent to sites. Page 19 of the grant discusses that there is habitat for sensitive plant species in the project area.

2. **Recommend: 13:** The PC/D on page 4 displays the use of Student Conservation Association (SCA's). SCA's receive grant funding from the National Forest Foundation (NFF), and private donations. In addition, lodging for SCA's on the Inyo is provided free of charge by Mammoth Mnt. The PC/D and page 7 of the grant display the use of volunteers to complete this project.
3. **Recommend: 18:** Page 7 addresses that the project is mostly designed to keep illegal incursions out of the wilderness. No effort was made to maintain routes through maintenance or conservation practices. Page 7 also discusses how the Forest is committed to patrolling this area to ensure the closure and restoration efforts stay in place. The PC/D on page 4 displays a request for additional patrol funding.
4. **Recommend: 10:** Page 14 contains a detailed monitoring plan that outlines 4 success criteria and measures which will be used to monitor the restoration treatments. Specific measurable outcomes are outlined on page 14. Page 8 of the grant addresses that monitoring will take place and corrective action implemented, if needed.
5. **Recommend: 14:** Pages 8 and 9 of the grant discuss projects that the Inyo has completed within the allotted timeframe. These pages also discuss how the Inyo addresses problems in a timely manner to avoid closure collaboratively with volunteers throughout the community. The volunteers help repair degraded stream crossings and rake out illegal tracks to ensure OHV opportunities are maintained.

Criteria	Points Possible	Awarded	Rescore
<b>1. The project demonstrates LE efforts will sustain long-term OHV Recreation</b> a. Proactive/educational efforts b. Wilderness or closed area intrusion c. Recreation conflicts	35	23	<b>30</b>
<b>2. The project demonstrates how LE efforts will address public safety:</b> a. Laws/Regulations b. Emergency Response c. Search & Rescue d. Education/Outreach e. Proactive measures	30	21	<b>25</b>
<b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds (must include at least one of the following):</b> a. Partnerships b. Additional funding (grants, sponsors, use fees, etc) c. Volunteers, low cost labor d. Future reductions e. Equipment use	20	18	<b>20</b>
<b>4. History of successful implementation of similar projects:</b> a. Meeting timeframes b. Fiscal Accountability c. Commitment of staff to OHV program	15	9	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>87</b>

**Considerations in adjusting scores:**

In addition to the commission’s comments in evaluating the score, the following information is also described in the grant:

**Item #1:** The forest (and partners) distributes high quality informational recreation maps with OHV/OSV and non-motorized precautions and ethics information. Shows closed areas, wilderness boundaries, etc (Pgs 4, 6). Clear signing of routes and wilderness/closed area boundaries, as well as Nordic patrols and volunteers reduces intrusions and conflicts (Pgs 4, 5, 6). Funding of snowmobile in this grant will improve ability to make OSV contacts and patrol outlying areas and boundaries (pg 3)

**Item #2:** Nordic patrols and volunteers with radios provides added public safety and emergency response (pg 6). The Forest provides key S&R support through interagency dispatch center (Pg 6). Maps provide safety, recreation, and regulatory information (pg 6). Extensive signage of OSV and non-motorized trails reduces conflicts and safety issues (pg 6).

**Item #3:** The Forest coordinates and combines its winter overflights with neighboring Forests [Stanislaus, Humboldt-Toiyabe, Eldorado, Tahoe Basin] for increase efficiency (pg 3). Forest authorizes Special Use Permits with two operators to provide additional OSV opportunities, grooming, safety in the OSV areas (Pg 3).

**Item #4:** The Forest has a 20 year history of successfully meeting timelines and providing high quality products through a wide range of grants (pg 8). Includes separate grooming grants which have consistently received favorable reviews (pg 8). Forest has responded positively and implement rapidly when State of California reviewers offered recommendations (pg 8).





**File Code:**

**Date:** November 15, 2006

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Dear Chairman Brissenden,

After reviewing the law enforcement and restoration score received from the California Parks and Recreation OHV Division of our grant proposal (OR-2-HT-16 and OR-2-HT-17), we feel the OHV Division Staff missed several key points listed in our application criteria.

This resulted in a low score (71 and 27) respectively, and placed us below the cut-off line for funding. We have taken several important steps this year, to improve our application and delivery of services. We are asking you to consider removing our application from the consent calendar so that we may defend our position.

We have provided a summary on the following pages, demonstrating where we provided appropriate answers, meeting the scoring criteria and provided new information as requested. Included with these answers are the suggested scores for each category, which cumulatively total (86 points) for Law Enforcement and (85 points) for Restoration.

Thank you for the opportunity to address our concerns.

David Reis  
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Asst. Recreation and Wilderness Prg. Mgr.



## **OR-2-HT-16 Humboldt-Toiyabe NF Law Enforcement 07**

### **1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:**

- a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “the project would use education, law enforcement, and field contacts to prevent resource damage”.

#### INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

- Forest Service engineers and soil scientists are used to design and designate use areas.
- Resource damage has been reduced by consulting with Forest Service soils and fisheries specialists to determine the season of use and seasonal closure of the West Hoover Snowmobile Travel Management Area.
- Law enforcement and Forest Protection Officers work with OHV volunteer groups to assist in education of user groups on proper riding etiquette and awareness of resource concerns.

- b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness areas.

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “The project would include wilderness boundary patrol by snowmobile.”

#### INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

- The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF), in concert with the Inyo and Stanislaus National Forests, has conducted periodic fixed-wing over flights that coordinate with on-the-ground snowmobile patrols.
- Law enforcement officers conducted joint snowmobile patrols with Mono and Alpine County Sheriff’s.
- Law enforcement officers conducted four joint snowmobile patrols with Amador Ranger District from the Eldorado National Forest.
- The HTNF purchased one mountain snowmobile and enclosed trailer for the Bridgeport law enforcement officer.
- In the past year the forest hired a full-time law enforcement officer for the Carson Ranger District with specific winter duties of winter recreation enforcement including wilderness boundary patrol.
- The HTNF will be purchasing another mountain snowmobile for this officer in FY 2007, also with Forest Service funds.

#### NEW INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

- The three over flights completed during the 2006 winter season resulted in a total of one wilderness incursion observation.
- Over flights will continue throughout the 2007 winter season.

*c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests:*

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “The applicant collects information and opinions to be used in determining the need for forest order to address conflicts. Applicant attends special interest meetings and monitors use patterns”.

INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

HTNF and FS law enforcement officer worked with special interest groups to establish the boundary of the recently established West Hoover Snowmobile Management Area located on the Bridgeport Ranger District.

- Bridgeport Ranger District developed a map using this information which was posted on area bulletin boards, at several local Bridgeport businesses and made available as a handout at the trailheads.

RECOMMENDATION: The review panel initially gave this criterion a score of 21 out of 35. Based on additional information noted in our application, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest believes an **additional 9 points is warranted for a total score of 30 points.**

**2. *The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues.***

*a. Enforce laws and regulation at a minimum in CVC or OHV related codes.*

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “The project would include enforcement of both state CVC federal OHV regulations”.

INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

- Law enforcement has increased enforcement efforts by hiring one additional law enforcement officer.
- The numbers of Notices of Violations and warnings have increased significantly over the last two years.
- Number of Notices of Violations issued by Law Enforcement Officers increased from two in 2005 to eighteen during the 2006 winter season. Notices were issued for violation of closure special orders.
- Law enforcement is proactive, working with Federal District Court and magistrates to increase fine amounts to enhance enforcement effectiveness.
- Law enforcement officers coordinate with State officers and County sheriffs to stay current on state and county laws and regulations.

NEW INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

- The forest increased patrol time over the past two years to 80 days this pastwinter.
  - Law Enforcement Officers and Forest Protection Officers patrolled the West Hoover Snowmobile Management Area a total of 105 days.
  - During the 2005-2006 seasons, Law Enforcement and Forest Protection Officers contacted approximately 300 riders in the West Hoover Snowmobile Travel Management Area. Of those;
    - 2 citations and 6 warnings were issued for closure violations.
    - 2 citations were issued for operating motorized vehicles on the Pacific Crest Trail.
    - 2 citations and 12 warnings were issued for filming without a permit.
    - 9 citations and 10 warnings were issued for Green Sticker Violations.
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- b. *Emergency Response and c. Search and rescue.*

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “Law enforcement Officers continue to work closely with State and County Officials during emergency responses and search and rescue efforts”.

INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

- Last year Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers participated in three avalanche rescues and one fatality recovery.
- 210 days of sign installation and patrol duties.

RECOMMENDATION: The review panel initially gave this criterion a score of 21 out of 30. Based on the additional information noted in our application, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest believes an additional 4 points is warranted for a total score of 25 points.

### 3. *Applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV funds.*

- a. *Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV trust funds.*

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: “The application mentions working with snowmobile and wilderness groups and patrolling with county officers and Law Enforcement Officers from other forests”.

INFORMATION NOT CONSIDERED:

- Law Enforcement has purchased 2 snowmobiles out of Forest Service appropriated program funds.

NEW INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Law enforcement has purchased an enclosed snowmobile trailer.
- Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts have a full time OHV Coordinator, fully funded from appropriated dollars.

- The forest hired a full time LEO for the Carson Ranger District.
- Law enforcement will be purchasing a mountain-class snowmobile and trailer for the Carson Ranger District Law Enforcement Officer in FY 2007.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The review panel initially gave this criterion a score of 16 out of 20. Based on the additional information noted in our application, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest believes an **additional 2 points is warranted for a total score of 18 points.**

### ***OR-2-HT-16 Humboldt-Toiyabe NF Restoration 07***

1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage.

a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat

**REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY:**

*The project would use rock barriers, gates, log barriers and trail delineation to keep vehicles on designated routes and prevent erosion.*

**NEW INFORMATION:**

- Restoration in this area will reduce erosion that has occurred on a utility pipeline and provide for public safety.
- Soil compaction under the tree canopy will be reduced and understory vegetation will be restored.

c. Cultural resources

**REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY:** *The project would protect the Emigrant Trail.*

**NEW INFORMATION:**

- Restoring Summit One will also eliminate further degradation to an existing archeological site aside from the Emigrant trail.
- A new staging area is located at a previously used timber landing and has been cleared for cultural resources.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon new information be believe the score should increase from 10 to a total of 25 points.

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds.

a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs.

**REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY:** *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- Barriers and directional signs will assist to maintain the restored area by directing OHV users to the new staging area.
- A new staging area will provide OHV users access to a loop route on Forest System Roads
- Sierra County and Forest Service personnel frequently patrol this area (2 days per week) ensuring the restored area will remain closed.

b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The project would use native materials for barriers.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- Materials (telephone poles) will be donated at no cost.

c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- The Hills Angels will coordinate the donation of telephone poles at no cost.
- The Dust Devils will monitor restored area, once every 2 weeks.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon new information we believe the score should increase from 6 to a total of 15 points.

3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:

a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:

i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- Bulletin boards (3) have been destroyed which displayed authorized travel routes.
- Carsonites and public contact has been used to detour use in the area.

ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- Barrier work and signage will guide OHV use to the designated staging area.

iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area.

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The restoration area would be protected with signs, barriers and gates.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- OHV Ranger and law enforcement will patrol this area once every 2 weeks.
- Telephone poles provide a significant barrier.
- Signs will direct OHV users to the designated trailhead.
- Restoration sign will provide education about the area.

b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent reoccurrence of the illegal activity

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The restoration area would be protected with signs, barriers and gates. Item lacks further detail.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- Signs will be posted behind telephone pole barrier, providing linear containment.
- Gates will be installed with steel posts, anchored 3 feet below ground.
- Signs will be easy to read and will direct OHV user to the new staging area.
- Engineering, Education and Enforcement, all 3 criteria will be used to achieve a successful project. Engineering is the barrier and gate, Education include signs and public contact and Enforcement is done with assistance from Sierra county and Forest OHV and Law Enforcement.

c. Closure due to management action:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- A current Forest Order is in place and violations can be immediately written
- Designated trailhead will provide legal OHV recreation
- Barrier work and signs will serve to provide.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon new information be believe the score should increase from 7 to a total of 20 points.

4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *Project would have monthly law enforcement patrols and annual site visits by resource specialists. Details were not provided.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- The project will be completed and signed within a 2 week period. The new trailhead and enforcement will provide immediate accessibility to OHV use

- Restoration project will be posted on website and news release, explaining why we are doing the restoration.
- Discuss at OHV clubs and post on Hills Angels website

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon new information we believe the score should increase from 4 to a total of 10 points.

5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:

a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- This table of past projects was provided in the Law Enforcement grant under the original application.

*Table 1:* Chart showing fiscal accountability, timely project completion and commitment of OHV staff for the five most recent cooperative agreements between California State Parks and Nevada State Parks.

Project Name, #	Description	Amount	Completion Date	Completed on-time?	Project staffed	Comments
OR-2-HT-12	CA/ HTNF: Law Enforcement	50,000	11-1-04	Yes	Yes	Bill sent 4-13-06, all funds expended
OR-2-HT-05	CA/ HTNF: 2 Snowmobiles for Law Enforcement	13,800	10-17-03	Extension	Yes	Bill sent 5-4-04, all funds expended
OR-2-HT-07	CA/ HTNF: Law Enforcement/ M&O	60,000	7-31-04	Yes	Yes	Bills sent 7-31-06, all funds expended
FY-2002-12	NV/ HTNF: Travel Sign Maintenance	55,029	9-30-06	Yes	Yes	Bill sent 9-7-04, all funds expended
FY-2002-13	NV/ HTNF: Travel Sign and Route Maintenance	42,000	9-30-02	Yes	Yes	Bill sent 10-30-02, all funds expended.

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- We are currently being audited by California State Parks.
- Previous grants with Nevada State Parks have been audited, 100% of funding has been received. All audits have resulted in no funds being returned for insufficient documentation. Field inspections have been completed and are successful.

c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure

REVIEW PANEL SUMMARY: *The applicant did not address this item.*

NEW INFORMATION:

- An example of addressing problems before major incidents occur is Wilson canyon. The Forest Service worked with local land owners and Friends of Wilson Canyon (motorized and non-motorized groups) to close several hill climbs and establish a staging area to mitigate and reroute OHV use.
- The Peavine travel plan established new staging areas and re-located a road away from nearby residents. Ten (10) trailheads have been re-located away from private residences. At a minimum at least (2) public meetings were held prior to implementing the decision.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Based upon new information we believe the score should increase from 0 to a total of 15 points.

In Summary, based upon additional information provided in the Law Enforcement Grant we believe the score can be increased from 71 points to a total of 86 points and the Restoration Grant score can be increased from 27 points to a total of 85 points.

We appreciate this opportunity to include more information in these grants and your time to review and consider this information.

If you have any questions or desire further clarification, please contact David Reis, California OHV Grants Coordinator at (775) 352-1267.

cc: Daphne Greene, Judith Anderson, Paul Spiltler, Harold Thomas, Mark McMillin, Michael Prizmitch, Gary Willard

## Los Padres National Forest

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Subject: Los Padres National Forest OHV Grant Application Adjustment Request  
Importance: High

Dear OHV Commission:

Please consider the attached OHV Grant application adjustment for the Los Padres National Forest Grant 2006-2007 application.

This request and document is being sent to you as directed in the November 13, 2006 memo from Martha Ibarra,

If you have questions please contact myself, Jeff Bensen at 805-961-5744 (e-mail [jbensen@fs.fed.us](mailto:jbensen@fs.fed.us)) or Karen McKinley at 661-245-3731 ext 232 (e-mail at [kmckinley@fs.fed.us](mailto:kmckinley@fs.fed.us)).

Thank You,

(See attached file: Los Padres National Forest 2006-2007 OHV Grant Adjustment Request- 11-14-06.pdf)

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## Los Padres National Forest

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Subject: OR-2-LP-NF Law Enforcement Grant Rescore  
Importance: High

Marty Stallcop,  
As per our phone conversation today, please accept this new grant information and attach it to the OR-2-LP-103 Los Padres NF Law Enforcement Grant Rescore information which was e-mailed to your office on 11-15-2006.

Sincerely,

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(See attached file: OR-2-LP-103 Los Padres NF Law Enforcement Grant Rescore.pdf)



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SUBJECT: OR-2-LP-103 Los Padres NF Law Enforcement Grant Rescore

Dear Ms. Ibarra:

The following is respectfully submitted in support of an increased score and/or funding for the subject grant application currently under review by OHMVR Division Staff, and the OHV Commission.

Recent wildfires on the Los Padres National Forest make our subject grant request even more urgent. Both the Scott Fire (751 acres) and the Day Fire (162,702 acres) have impacted the OHV opportunity on the Forest, and in particular on the Mount Pinos Ranger District. Both fire areas will remain closed through the winter to allow the watershed resources to recover, and protect the public from hazards relative to fire impacts (i.e. falling trees/limbs, mudslides, flash flooding, stump holes). The closure areas will be reviewed in the spring of 2007 to determine viability and additional protective measures needed to facilitate safe opening of the areas.

Approximately 50 miles of four wheel drive, motorcycle, and ATV routes lie within the fire closure areas. The funding requested in June **will additionally support** 1) patrol of the closure areas, 2) patrol within the closure areas where necessary to prevent/deter illegal riding, 3) increase presence at other nearby OHV areas and routes on adjacent districts that are now being impacted by the decreased opportunity in the fire closure areas, and 4) patrol of the fire impacted areas, once they are reopened, to prevent off route travel due to the loss of vegetative barriers/screening.

Please feel free to contact Karen McKinley, Mount Pinos Ranger District Recreation Officer, at (661) 245-3731, ext 232 for further information.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.  
Sincerely,

/s/BRUCE EMMENS  
for: GLORIA D. BROWN  
Forest Supervisor



<b>OR-2-LP-102 Los Padres NF Conservation 07</b>	Possible Score 100	Current Score 73	Revised Score 83
<p><b>1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:</b></p> <p><b>c. Monitor use for potential effects to resources and prevent future damage</b> <i>The application describes monitoring. <u>Detail is lacking on the type of monitoring to be done.</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring details are outlined in general (p32), and then in detail on pages 33-34. Monitoring will be conducted using the State wildlife checklists, stream crossing checklists, and soil conditions survey protocols annually.</li> <li>Staff analyze collected monitoring data to identify trends or problem areas. The results are used to schedule maintenance, priority routes for future year monitoring, and to identify any areas that may need more detailed review or focused study (p32-34).</li> </ul>	50	40	45  <b>+5</b>
<p><b>2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p>	30	25	25
<p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p> <p><b>a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)</b> <i>The application referenced what would be done with this project. The applicant did not address prior projects. [0]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application addresses similar projects that were completed on time (pg35) - SCCS, LMP, and OHV route designation (currently in process). Additionally, by inference, the ongoing work accomplished in support of the OHV grant application process and monitoring documentation (WHPP, Soil conservation program) were completed in a timely manner in order to meet grant application deadlines over the last 20+ years.</li> <li>Specific grant numbers were not requested in the grant application instructions - with only a couple exceptions, <u>all LPNF OHV grants</u> have been completed within the timeframe provided and/or approved.</li> </ul>	15	8	13  <b>+5</b>

<b>OR-2-LP-103 Los Padres NF Law Enforcement 07</b>	Possible Score 100	Current Score 66	Revised Score 82
<p><b>1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long term OHV recreation by:</b></p> <p><b>a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.</b>  <i>The project would use patrol, enforcement action, education, barriers, and signs to protect resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Environmental Documentation (pages 81,85-88,90,92) describes how law enforcement patrols and field presence is needed to reduce potential resource impacts. The application also describes proactive enforcement by providing public education (p46-48), working with OHV clubs for education and cooperative repair of damage(p47-48).</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property</b>  <i>The project would use patrol, enforcement action, barriers, and signs to reduce wilderness intrusions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application addresses law enforcement activities focusing patrols on weekends, high use periods, and areas of concern (Section V, p43-51); improving and maintaining wilderness boundaries (p46-48); providing public education (p47); and field presence would assist in defining scope of intrusion (p47).</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests</b>  <i>The applicant uses increased Law Enforcement presence to reduce conflicts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application describes more than LE presence to reduce conflicts. Additionally, the use of barriers and fences during hunting season (p46); control of excessive noise by exhaust sound monitoring and enforcement (p47); working with user groups to control and reduce recreation conflicts (p47-48); responsible OHV use through educational displays and materials; working with user OHV clubs and contacts with local riders for education and to assist in repair of damage (p48).</li> <li>• LE presence will redirect OHV use from West Camino Cielo resulting in reduced conflicts with other users (p100).</li> </ul>	35	24	30

<p><b>2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:</b></p> <p><b>a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes</b>  <i>The project would include enforcement of both state and federal OHV laws</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application describes that FPO and LEO employees will enforcement of CVC section 38000, and Code of federal Regulations 36 CFR (p48). OHV enforcement will focus on excessive sound, spark arrestors, alcohol, helmet laws, and multiple passengers, use of illegal routes, and resource damage (p48, 49). Education of public on OHV laws are conducted at trade shows (p49), personnel distribution of Leave No Trace information (p49).</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Emergency response</b>  <i>The applicant works with other agencies for emergency response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency response is provided through the field presence of Forest Service law enforcement and fire (p46) personnel who have CPR and basic first aid and who have communications equipment to notify emergency medical responders (p48). In addition the Forest Service works closely with the Ventura, Kern, and County Sheriff departments; CHP, BLM, Cal Dept Fish and Game (p50) as well as county SAR units (p49) in response to emergencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Search and rescue</b>  <i>The applicant participates in training exercises and works with county agencies for SAR</i></p> <p><b>d. Education/outreach</b> <i>The applicant uses signs, public contact, maps, trade shows, and local festivals for education and outreach. Leave No Trace materials are used.</i></p> <p><b>e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)</b>  <i>The applicant uses sound testing, patrol, and signs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additionally, developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Central California Motorcycle Association for concession type management of OHV routes (p50).</li> </ul>	30	21	24
<p><b>3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:</b></p> <p><b>a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds</b>  <i>- The applicant works with Bureau of Land Management,</i></p>	20	14	16



*are extremely committed to ensuring the ongoing success of the OHV program...” Personnel available for the OHV program are described. [3]*

- Previous grant dollars on the Santa Lucia District to supplement the recreation budget and allowed the OHV program to add staff to the purpose of patrolling the district (p50)
- The Ojai District has qualified staff on-hand that is available to implement the project. Most of the contributed labor comes from permanent employees (p50).
- The Mount Pinos Ranger District focused efforts on hiring FPO qualified personnel and utilizing other district FPOs and LEOs to meet obligations (p50). The district currently has on LEO, four FPOs in the OHV/Recreation Program, and 3 FPOs in reserve to complete grant enforcement activities with in the grant implementation period (p50)



**2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:**

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**a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs**

*The application states; "With the construction of a substantial barrier system it is anticipated that the need for continuous Law Enforcement would diminish."*

- The Decision Memo (Section VI page 97) and the body of the Restoration Grant (Section V page 59) describes how the project site is located primarily on a ridge top and the installation of 1100 feet of barriers will close of 6.5 miles of illegal OHV use which is creating erosion and disturbing wildlife and habitat.

**b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs** *The project would use cable and steel barriers, signs, rice straw mulch, and water diversion structures. delete*

- Deliverables (pages 23-24) and the project description (pages 59-62) describe the efficient use of funding and the project articulate the existing condition and how 1100 feet of durable low maintenance steel barrier will close off approximately 6.5 miles of illegal OHV use.
- Project will also use straw waddles and hay bail check dams for water diversions and control (p98).

**3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:**

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**a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:**

**i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted** *The application states; "Limited efforts to control the illegal use with barricades and signs have provided some success." It also states, "Past attempts to eliminate the illegal OHV activity along the West Camino Cielo Road has been a mixture of hit-and-miss law enforcement, signing, and wire fencing."*

- Application addressed (page 59) in detail how and why previous efforts and alternatives to control the illegal use was not successful. The body of the grant (page 61) describes how the steel barriers and increased law enforcement patrols and appropriate signing will be used to protect the restoration area.

<p><b>4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.</b></p> <p><i>The application states; “The measure of success would be the responsibility of the District Recreation Officer through the evaluation of the monthly monitoring reports maintained by the OHV Monitoring Tech/FPO. The FPO would maintain a monthly log, along with monthly photographs from predetermined photo points, as part of the record keeping process. The most obvious measure of success would be ability to keep the barriers in place and well maintained in order to allow for native vegetation to reestablish in the barren areas. An additional measure of success would be the redirection of the current illegal OHV activities from restoration project area to the recognized and established OHV area of Divide Peak.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application (pate 60) address in detail the measures of success through FPO monitoring and maintenance of barriers. Application also addresses involvement of OHV users for education and redirection of use to local designated OHV routes.</li> </ul>	10	Page 156 of 412	9
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**c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)** *Maintenance will improve trail conditions and ensure safety, while at the same time maintain the designated characteristics associated with trail degree of difficulty levels. [5]*

- To promote safety and prevent resource damage, high use trails and trails in need of maintenance are targeted for 2006/2007(p68).
- Immediate attention to the opening of the (trail) system prevents rider bypass of unsafe trail conditions and thereby reducing and/or eliminating off-route resource damage (p70).
- The performance of annual maintenance also helps maintain safe riding conditions. In 2006, grant funding helped support an OHV field ranger who was able to detect unsafe conditions along several OHV routes (p70).

**d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)**

*The applicant states that maintenance of the existing OHV routes tends to minimize the amount of illegal OHV use that occurs. [4]*

- All (application) activities will minimize off-route travel by maintaining the identified routes to trail standards that encourage route riding rather than off route bypass (p69).
- Immediate attention to the opening of the (trail) system prevents rider bypass of unsafe trail conditions and thereby reducing and/or eliminating off-route resource damage (p70).

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**2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following: 19 out of 30]**

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**c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)**

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$186,830.*

- Receipts of the Adventure Pass program have been applied to funding a fulltime FPO who performs law enforcement in the District's OHV areas (p73).

**d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor** *Volunteers include Central Coast Motorcycle Association, Cal Poly Penguins and the Gold Coast 4X4 Club.*

- Staff scoring of this item appears to concentrate on only

<p>one district description (Santa Lucia RD pg 38) - further review of the entire section indicates that funding the maintenance and operation of the the recreation sites prevents degradation to natural resources, decreases long term or "higher cost" maintenance items, and provides a quality recreation experience for the user.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of route maintenance activities with local OHV clubs and other volunteers will be integrated into the program. This will allow beneficial participation, support, and “ownership” in the OHV system by the using public. Such partnerships leverage both grant and appropriated funds to everyone’s benefit while providing opportunities for OHV users to get involved with route maintenance through schedule club workdays (p67).</li> <li>• Volunteers from both the Ventura and Santa Barbara Motorcycle Clubs will then work in the fall to re-establish overside drains in this damaged area (p72).</li> </ul>			
<p><b>3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p> <p><b>a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)</b>  <i>In each case, projects have been completed in the timeframe provided. [2]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific prior OHV grant information was not requested in the application manual.</li> </ul> <p><b>b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)</b>  <i>Fiscal accountability of grants has been taken seriously. Proper documentation is always retained in files. [2]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specific prior OHV grant information was not requested in the application manual.</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Other pertinent information, such as qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage (10)</b>  <i>Staff includes an OHV program manager with seventeen years of experience, three trail technicians and equipment operators. The applicant also has an off-Forest trail crew and a region trail crew. [5]</i></p> <p>OHV Managers, and technicians are available for completion of work outlined in this application. They are highly qualified and experienced in recreation management including OHV recreation.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>19</p> <p>+3</p> <p>+5</p> <p>+2</p>

OR-2-LP-100 Los Padres NF FO&M 07	Possible Score 100	Current Score 62	Revised Score 82
<p><b>1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p><b>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</b></p> <p><i>The applicant states that without funding, no toilet pumping or trash hauling would occur, latrines would overflow, resulting in accumulation of litter and human waste. The applicant did not provide details as to how these problems would be addressed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff scoring of this item appears to concentrate on only one district description (Santa Lucia RD pg 38) - further review of the entire section indicates that funding the maintenance and operation of the the recreation sites prevents degradation to natural resources, decreases long term or "higher cost" maintenance items, and provides a quality recreation experience for the user.</li> <li>• Toilet pumping, providing toilets and dumpsters, and litter pickup at all the sites contributes greatly to reduced degradation of habitat, soils, water and other valuable natural resources (p39).</li> <li>• Maintenance, and operations tasks (i.e. graffiti removal, trash pickup, site visits) increase the capability to provide a visible presence, which is know to reduce negative behaviors by the public (p38).</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation</b></p> <p><i>The applicant did not address this item.</i></p> <p>FOM funding request is for OHV predominant facilities - therefore this item is NA.</p> <p><b>c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage</b></p> <p><i>The applicant did not address this item.</i></p> <p>FOM funding request is for OHV predominant facilities that are not adjacent to private property - therefore this item is NA.</p>	40	30	35



REA funds (section 2 page 41) to support the OHV program is another indicator of fiscal accountability due to the restrictive nature of the REA funds.

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**c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (10)** *The applicant states that they have a fully qualified staff with a twenty year average experience. [5]*

- OHV Managers, and technicians are available for completion of work outlined in this application. They are highly qualified and experienced in recreation management including OHV recreation.

<b>OR-2-LP-104 Los Padres NF OHV Safety and/or Education 07</b>	<b>Possible Score 100</b>	<b>Current Score 55</b>	<b>Revised Score 81</b>
<p><b>1. The project's curriculum or services lead to the enhancement or protection of existing OHV opportunity or natural resources. The project must address one or more of the following:</b></p> <p><b>a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict, or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application</b>  <i>Ensure responsible riding through education of children. Education would include distribution of posters, handouts, trading cards and other items. Education presentations would be done with assistance of volunteers.</i></p> <p><b>b. Protecting residents, private property and landowners adjacent to OHV recreation from noise, trespass and property damage</b>  <i>Funding would greatly enhance the District and communities ability to prevent off-route travel, protect residents, private property and landowners from noise, trespass and property damage through a combination of partnership development, field contacts and educational presentations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A strategy of bridge building/collaboration has been identified as most successful for correcting problems of soil erosion/trampling, four wheelers going off trail, OHVs going too fast, soil erosion/compactions, lack of safety wear, and litter or trash on roads or trails. The application utilizes personal contacts as the primary delivery mechanism for the proposed OHV education outreach program (p54).</li> </ul> <p><b>c. Protecting habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)</b>  <i>The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing funding would greatly enhance the applicant's ability to prevent off route travel, private property, protect residents from noise, trespass and property damage (pg 54-55). Prevention of off route travel through education will result in the protection of habitat including soil, water, cultural resources, and wildlife.</li> <li>• Until someone is taught that what they are doing is having a negative impact, they do not know. This grant will allow us to educate younger users about staying on the trail and therefore protect habitat and resources.</li> </ul>	35	22	27

**d. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass** *Funding would greatly enhance the District and communities ability to prevent off-route travel, protect residents, private property and landowners from noise, trespass and property damage through a combination of partnership development, field contacts and educational presentations.*

**e. Preventing off-route travel** *Funding would greatly enhance the District and communities ability to prevent off-route travel, protect residents, private property and landowners from noise, trespass and property damage through a combination of partnership development, field contacts and educational presentations.*

- O’Neil Canyon is currently a focal point, there are other areas that are similarly impacted by young riders riding unsafely creating “motocross” tracks, and riding off designated routes. The proposal...will greatly assist in alleviating some of the conflicts through an educational approach directed at the age group of offending riders. (p54).

**f. Promoting safe and responsible OHV use**  
*Ensure safe and responsible riding through education of children.*

**2. The project will address OHV-related safety and/or education issues. Examples may include one or more of the following:**

- This section's criteria did not **require** that each of the following listed items be addressed. It appears that Staff's scoring approach requires that each be addressed. This application does not include a request to fund all these activities but more than adequately covers items d and e on the list using proven methods to reach underage users in a proactive fashion.
- Full points should be available to the **applicable** category of education/safety that is being requested.

**a. Inspection stations (e.g. noise compliance, vehicle safety)**  
*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item - NA - funding for inspection stations is not requested.*

**b. Search and rescue**  
*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. - NA - funding for search and rescue is not requested.*

**c. Volunteer Trail patrol**  
*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address*

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<p><i>this item. - NA - funding for volunteer trail patrol is not requested.</i></p> <p><b>d. Education/outreach (e.g. handbooks, public service announcements)</b> <i>Funding will provide for handout materials for festivals, field contacts and youth group opportunities. Posters will be posted at schools and other information locations.</i></p> <p><b>e. Other proactive measures</b> <i>Funding would enable the district to partner and emulate the successful OHV education outreach program currently run by the San Bernardino National Forest Association.</i></p>			
<p><b>3. The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. At a minimum, the application must address:</b></p> <p><b>a. Cost effectiveness (cost vs. numbers of students or general public) (5)</b> <i>The applicant stated that they have 20,000 opportunities per year, which will result in a cost-effectiveness of \$3.41 per contact. [4]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds by utilizing previously funded curriculum products such as <i>On the Right Trail</i> and partnering with the SBNFA OHV education Outreach Program to benefit from their lessons learned.(p53)</li> </ul> <p><b>b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds) (5)</b> <i>The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$21,025. [4]</i></p> <p><b>c. Use of partnerships, volunteers, or appropriate use of equipment such as computerized training to reduce the OHV funds needed for the project (5)</b> <i>Partnerships include those with the Sierra Club and O'Neil Canyon residents and San Bernardino National Forest Association. Sponsors include Tread Lightly and the National OHV Conservation Council. [4]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes extensive utilization of local schools, teachers, and administrators in support of program delivery.</li> </ul>	<p>15</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>+1</p>
<p><b>4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The phrase "similar project" was interpreted literally. The district has never implemented an ohv education project of</li> </ul>	<p>15</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>11</p>

this caliber in the local school systems - therefore, there was not a similar project to discuss. However, the forest and the district have a successful record of implementing numerous grants (including 20 years + of OHV grants).

**a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (5)**

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]*

- A specific safety/education grant has not been implemented before. However, pg 56 of the application specifically discussed completion of a variety of grants over the past 20 years that have been completed in a timely manner.

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**b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)** *The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0]*

- A specific safety/education grant has not been implemented before. However, pg 56 of the application specifically discussed completion of a variety of grants over the past 20 years - including fiscal accountability - that have been completed in a timely manner.

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**c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)** *Staff includes an outreach coordinator with 16 of recreation program management experience, a volunteer specialist, recreation technician and interpretive specialists. [3]*

- The Program manager referred to has 16 years experience including implementation of similar land based educational programs in local schools, and development of the initial San Bernardino NF OHV Safety and Education grant. If funded, personnel will be dedicated (as funded) entirely to the successful implementation of this project.

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## Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2006 16:45

**To:** Pelonio, John

**Cc:** Roach, Kelly; Christian Elliott; Lisa Killough; Mike Bacon; Mike Ruhstorfer; Jim O'Connor; Jerry Anderson; Ken Silveira

**Subject:** RE: Requesting an adjustment to your scores

Please find attached information you requested for the December meeting. We request that this information be shared with the OHV Commissioners.

Thank you,

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Request for Adjustment of Scoring for OR 808  
Trail Maintenance Grant  
Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation

As noted in the OHV Commission meeting held in Sacramento November 3, 2006, the County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department is requesting adjustments to the scores received on its grant/cooperative agreement application for Trail Maintenance Projects.

The information below is clarification of information originally submitted:

For questions in number 1 of the evaluation criteria - "*The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:*

- b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10 points)*

The County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive response in our application that included a 13-point description of routine maintenance projects performed on a regular basis at the park, as well as a trail maintenance plan detailing the type of maintenance work to be performed and the maintenance schedule for each type of maintenance work. The trail maintenance plan presents factual information showing that the majority of the trails within the park receive maintenance on a weekly or monthly basis. The remaining trails receive maintenance on a yearly basis (due to weather and soil moisture factors). These facts presented in the response clearly indicate the Department is committed to routine (weekly, monthly and in some cases yearly) maintenance of the trails within the park. As recorded in the application, the fact that the Department performs these maintenance activities at the level of frequency noted in our responses, avoids unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance. Additionally, the Department noted it had purchased a \$45,000 WD tractor without OHV Trust funds to routinely maintain park trails and that it had increased maintenance staff presence by having full time-staff dedicated to the park.

The Department is requesting an increased score of 8 points out of 10. The original scoring was 2 points out of 10.

- c. Maintain Safe Riding Conditions (10 points)*

The County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive response in our application that included discussion of daily or weekly maintenance activities as noted above in 1. b. The Department noted the fact that maintaining trails

at this frequency provides for safe riding conditions. Additionally, the Department noted it had purchased a \$45,000 WD tractor without OHV Trust funds to routinely maintain park trails and that it had increased maintenance staff presence by having full time-staff dedicated to the park. These factual actions also contribute to maintain safe riding conditions.

The Department is requesting an increased score of 8 points out of 10. The original scoring was 2 points out of 10.

For questions in number 3 of the evaluation criteria – *"The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:*

*a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (10 points)*

The County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive response in our application that included the fact that it had completed all of its prior OHV grant fund projects within the grant performance periods originally granted, with no extensions requested. For example, the past three OHV grants, numbers OR698, OR620, and OR580 all were completed on time. The Department believes this fact clearly indicates its ability to complete projects in a timely manner and that this fulfills the criteria noted in the question. The Department is not certain how we could be timelier in completion of our projects.

The Department is requesting an increased score of 10 points out of 10. The original scoring was 5 points out of 10.

*b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10 points)*

The County of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department provided a comprehensive response in our application that included the fact that audits of grant funds have never revealed exceptions requiring the return of grant funds. For example, OHV grants OR341, OR372, OR371, OR372, OR384 revealed no exceptions. No other grant the Department has received in the past 10 years has revealed any exceptions. The Department believes these facts clearly indicate its fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects.

The Department is requesting an increased score of 10 points out of 10. The original scoring was 3 points out of 10.

The total increase in scoring points requested would be 24 for a recalculated score of 70 out of 100.

## Plumas National Forest

From: Deb Schoenberg [<mailto:dschoenberg@fs.fed.us>]

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Subject: Plumas grant scores as PDF

Importance: High

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~~[68 out of 100]~~ 86 out of 100**OR-2-P-81 Plumas NF Conservation 07**

1. The project will protect and conserve ecological conditions to sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The project must address how the project will:

**[36 out of 50]**

a. Reduce erosion and meet established soil conservation standards

*The project would reduce erosion and help applicant meet established soil conservation standards. [16]*

b. Protect critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, rare, threatened and endangered species, cultural, etc.) and meet wildlife habitat protection program requirements (WHPP)

*The project would protect soil, water, vegetation and wildlife. The application did not address WHPP. [4]*

c. Monitor use for potential effects to resources and prevent future damage

*The application describes monitoring by staff, the public and annual inspections. [16]*

2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[27 out of 35] 35 of 35**

a. Use of innovative, efficient and/or effective materials or methods to reduce costs

*The project would use education, boulders, signs, logs and ballards. [7]*

b. How the project will reduce maintenance costs

*The project would repair storm damage and conduct monitoring to reduce future maintenance costs.*

*The application states that the extent of the damage and threat to the environment is severe, but without heavy maintenance work, the roads and trails will deteriorate to a level where closure and major reconstruction is necessary. [7]*

c. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*The application mentions the use of volunteers, CCC, and fire crews. Volunteer duties are described. Number and cost value of volunteers is not addressed.*

*Numbers of volunteers and CCC crews will be dependent upon funding, weather and the availability of staff, therefore this application does not predict their numbers and associated costs. [ 7]*

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The application mentions working with CCC and fire crews*  
*The application details partnerships employed by the forest – both internal and external partners, namely engineering roads crews, fire and resource personnel, CCC and volunteers. [7]*

- e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The Project Costs/Deliverables shows an agency contribution of \$57,425.*  
*PCD shows forest service contribution of \$57, 425 but does not show ERFO funding which was unknown at the time of the application. [7]*

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[5 out of 15]15 of 15**

- a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. {0}*  
*The Plumas application states that similar projects types have been successfully completed at Lake Davis, Frenchman Lake, in Meadow Valley, and on the So. Fork Feather River. [5]*

- b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The application states “The Plumas has been acknowledged by members of the public and Division staff for the high levels of professionalism, accomplishments and accountability with OHV funded programs and projects.” No further details were provided. {2}*  
*Same as a. above [5]*

- c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)

*The application states “The Plumas has been acknowledged by members of the public and Division staff for the high levels of professionalism, accomplishments and accountability with OHV funded programs and projects.” No further details were provided. {3}*  
*The application and PCD states that work will be accomplished by engineering road maintenance crews, CCC crews, fire and resource crews,volunteer stewards,that are currently staffed and committed to completing this work, etc. [5]*

~~[35 out of 100]~~ **96 of 100****OR-2-P-82 Plumas NF Law Enforcement 07**

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1. The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain longterm OHV recreation by:

~~[15 out of 35]~~ **35 of 35**

a. Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

*The project would use patrol, signs, education, and barriers to protect resources. The application demonstrates collaborative work with various law enforcement agencies, response by forest LEO/FPO to notifications provided by the public, active issuance of citations, informal education, active patrols by LEO/FPO, signage and use of barriers & barricades. [7]*

b. Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property

*The project would use patrol, signs, barriers and buffers to reduce intrusions in the Bucks Lake Wilderness and other closed areas. The application also states that increased patrols, cooperation with other law enforcement agencies and the use of volunteers will assist with this concern. [7]*

c. Reducing conflict between various recreation interests

*The applicant states that education is used to reduce conflicts. The application demonstrates that signage, informal education, presence and citations work to limit conflicts that occur, mostly at developed recreation sites. [7]*

2. The project demonstrates how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:

~~[12 out of 30]~~ **30 of 30**

a. Enforce laws and regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV related codes

*Some "typical offenses" are listed, but little detail is provided. The application provides detail about how patrols will be increased, trailheads signed, maps provided and the plans for a more formal cooperative effort will be developed with other law enforcement agencies, particularly to enforce the new temporary forest order prepared under Route Designation, and the continuance of typical and routine violation citations. [6]*

b. Emergency response

*The applicant works with Butte, Plumas and Sierra counties for emergency response.[6]*

c. Search and rescue

*The applicant works with other agencies for SAR.[6]*

d. Education/outreach

*The project would use brochures, a website, maps, and information kiosks for education. The application states that patrol personnel educate the public during stops and visits, about riding regulations, particularly near wilderness and closure areas, and in developed recreation sites. Additionally, the forest has three public meetings planned for early December to educate the public about the temporary forest orders and their regulations for OHV riding, as it pertains to the Plumas's commitment to complete route designation. [6]*

e. Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers)

*The project would use patrol, signing, and barriers.*

*The application states that the forest will conduct increased patrols by fire personnel, volunteers, recreation staff, and forest LEO/FPO's as well as use signs, barriers, barricades, etc. [6]*

3. The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds.

Project must include one or more of the following:

**~~[5 out of 20]~~ 16 of 20**

a. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant works with fire departments, and three county sheriff's departments. No further details were provided. [4]*

b. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant's Project Cost Deliverables pages show an Agency contribution of \$37,800.*

*The value of cooperating agencies, volunteers and other forest staff has not been considered in the review of the application. [4]*

c. Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

*The application mentions volunteers, but provides little detail.*

*The application describes volunteers as being the "forest eyes and ears" to provide alerts to situations on the ground. The application also discusses the cooperation between various law enforcement agencies and staff areas on the forest. [4]*

d. Reducing future costs

*The applicant did not address this item.*

e. Appropriate use of equipment

*The applicant did not address this item.*

*The application stated that patrols continue both winter and summer, citations are issued for illegal use of equipment by riders. [4]*

4. The project demonstrates applicant's history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects or activities, the application

must address the applicant's:

~~[3 out of 15]~~ 15 of 15

a. Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

*The application states that law enforcement efforts have been stepped up on the forest with the increase in new personnel and that law enforcement efforts is an on-going process. [5]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

*The Plumas did not receive law enforcement funding last year, but had demonstrated fiscal accountability in all project grants received over the years, and is recognized and commended in writing for successful and professional work products. [5]*

c. Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)

*The application states; "OHV patrols on the ground all year long..." The Project Costs/Deliverables shows \$123,450 in personnel costs with \$31,000 in agency contribution. [3]*

*The application states that whether funded by this request or not, law enforcement efforts will continue year round. Further, the PCD demonstrates \$155,780 in personnel costs with an agency contribution of \$30,330 toward those costs, not the total project costs, which is greater than that. [5]*

[42 out of 100] 73 of 100**OR-2-P-80 Plumas NF Restoration 07**

1. The project benefits critical environmental resources and/or addresses resource damage. The project must address one or more of the following:

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## a. Soil, water, wildlife, or habitat

*The project would reduce soil erosion to protect aquatic habitat and fisheries. The proposed projects will benefit critical riparian and aquatic habitats through the elimination of erosion, sediment transport, destruction of stream banks, disturbances to wet meadows and sensitive plant habitats. The application further explains the improvements to watershed health. [10]*

## b. Rare, threatened, and endangered species

*Ram Creek is mentioned as critical habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog. The application addresses the impacts to Red Legged Frog habitat in Ram Creek, but also the elimination of impacts to sensitive plant habitats in the Empire Vegetation Management project area. [10]*

## c. Cultural resources

*Cultural resources are not addressed. This application states that the Empire Vegetation Management project will benefit protected cultural resources within the project area, by obliterating unnecessary roads. [10]*

## d. Wilderness or other environmentally sensitive area

*The project would involve protection of Rhinehart Meadow, but no further details are provided. Aquatic, riparian, wet meadow and sensitive plant species habitats have been addressed in this application. Damage to stream banks, water quality, fish and amphibian habitats, and erosive soils have been discussed in this application, along with the consequences of no action. [10]*

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

[10 out of 15] 15 of 15

## a. The project is designed to avoid the need for future maintenance and law enforcement costs

*Barriers and obliteration of illegal trails would reduce future law enforcement costs. Removal of culverts and restoring natural slopes would reduce future maintenance costs.*

The French Creek restoration project application describes the need to act quickly before the entire road prism is lost. The loss of the road will require considerable funding for even more extensive maintenance or reconstruction. [3]

b. Use of innovative, efficient and effective materials or methods to reduce costs

*The project would use an excavator and/or backhoe. Rocks and a “split rail concrete fence” would be used as barriers. The project would use water bars, erosion control fabric, mulching, re-vegetation and seeding. [3]*

c. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*The project would use agency personnel at a lower cost than contract labor. The application states that the applicant would seek volunteer labor from OHV groups and 4H clubs. The application also mentions contract labor as a cost savings. [3]*

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant did not address this item. Contracted specialists will be hired only as necessary versus contracting all the restoration work, however, 4H clubs, volunteers and members of riding clubs will be involved in the reroute of the French Creek trail and to assist with planting and miscellaneous work on Rhinehart Meadow. [3]*

e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The Project Costs/Deliverables pages show \$23,475 in agency contributions. [3]*

3. Application must address criteria in one of the following three categories:

**~~[0 out of 20]~~ 8 of 20**

a. Application identifies how available maintenance or conservation practices were exhausted:

i. Application identifies alternatives considered and/or attempted

*The applicant did not address this item. The applicant did not specifically address the evaluation criteria. [0]*

ii. Application identifies why those alternatives would not address resource issue

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

iii. Application demonstrates the use of appropriate law enforcement and/or traffic control devices to protect the restoration area

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

b. Repair of illegal OHV activity:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to prevent recurrence of the illegal activity

*The applicant did not address this item. The application states that the use of barriers, fencing, and obliteration combined with camouflage will be used to prevent re-occurrence. [4]*

c. Closure due to management action:

i. Application identifies the measures that will be implemented to maintain the closure and prevent illegal OHV recreation, or explain why such measures are not necessary

*The applicant did not address this item. The application discussed that the road closures and reroutes will have no detrimental effect of riding opportunities. Barriers, fencing, recontouring and camouflage of obliterated spur roads will prevent illegal riding, but there are sufficient routes in proximity to the project areas for continued riding. [4]*

4. Application demonstrates the site will be monitored and can be adequately maintained until the restoration process is successful.

**~~[5 out of 10]~~ 10 of 10**

*The monitoring program is described as continuing for up to five years, however, the frequency of monitoring is not addressed. The application states that sites will be regularly monitored for a period of 2-5 years and measured for success against the mimic of natural conditions as compared to before-after photos. The ERDS provides specific monitoring protocol for these projects. Additional law enforcement efforts, signage, patrols and citation will be used to enforce the closure and report any trespass activities, as stated in the project application. [10]*

5. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the application must address the applicant's:

**[0 out of 15]**

a. Completion of prior project(s) within timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]*

c. Applicant has a proven track record of addressing problem areas in a timely manner so as to avoid closure (5)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0] the Plumas National Forest received \$700,00 to restore 77 miles of roads, of which we've completed 76 miles of road closures to date.*

**OR-2-P-84 Plumas NF Development 07**

1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity and/or prevents or reduces the need for conservation activities or closures due to environmental damage. The project must address at least one of the following:

~~[31 out of 40]~~ **33 of 40**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*This project will upgrade outdated facilities and provide toilets several miles from the Summit staging area. The application discusses that the new toilet at Conklin Park CG will eliminate costly annual maintenance, potential environmental damage to the nearby stream as a result of human waste, provide universal access to a sanitary facility and eliminate law enforcement issues resulting from improper waste disposal.*

*The Bucks Kiosk toilet provides universally accessible sanitation several miles from the winter staging area, and adjacent forest riding areas, outside a developed recreation area. The damage to the structure if not replaced, will ultimately compromise the steel reinforcing, create a potential for structural failure and require continued painting and monitoring for public safety. [6]*

b. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. Neither site is located adjacent private property as demonstrated in the application maps and site plans. This concern does not apply to the application. [3]*

c. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. The application did not specifically discuss this item, because these issues do not affect the development of the toilet buildings. This concern does not apply to the application. [3]*

d. Preventing off-route travel

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. This concern does not apply to this application. [3]*

e. Protecting public health and safety

*The runoff of human waste into the creek is a public health hazard. New restrooms will help solve this problem. The proposed toilet buildings benefit and protect public health and safety by eliminating hazardous structures, providing modern sanitation facilities that are universally accessible with reduced odor, insects and standard of cleanliness. A photo of the damaged structure was included with the application package. [6]*

f. Avoiding the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities or closures due to environmental damage

*Installing new restrooms will eliminate closure of the campground due to runoff of human waste into the creek. In addition this will also reduce operating and maintenance costs. Replacement of both toilets eliminates costly annual maintenance and/or reconstruction, namely annual painting, repair of siding and roofs, monitoring of steel reinforcing. The new structures will alleviate any concerns of building collapse, or the consequences of improper disposal of human waste. [6]*

g. Providing infrastructure and/or services that meet public needs

*This project will provide up to date facilities. The new toilets will provide universally accessible opportunities for recreation. According the law, all structures, whether new or newly remodeled, must be universally accessible to all members of the public. The proposed structure at Conklin Park CG will meet this standard, provide necessary sanitation facilities for the recreating public in accordance with the Forest Accessibility Transition Plan, and eliminate possible resource damage. [6]*

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[17 out of 30] 25 of 30**

a. Project will reduce maintenance costs

*The applicant states that with improvements to the campground new toilets will reduce maintenance and operating costs- New structures reduce expensive maintenance costs and reduce travel costs associated with that maintenance. The new structures will require minimal annual maintenance other than pumping, and easier, less costly cleaning operations. [5]*

b. Project implements energy saving features

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. The new structures will require less annual maintenance, and are easier to clean, resulting in fewer travel trips, which saves money and energy. [5]*

c. Building new vs. modification of existing facilities with the aim of reducing development costs

*Rather than continuing on-going painting, patching and miscellaneous repairs, it makes better financial sense to replace the unit. Replacement is the most cost effective solution for both structures. They both exist in undesirable states presently – one requires constant annual maintenance, and the other will require future heavy maintenance. The installation of new structures will reduce this need, and provide a manufacturers warranty as well.*

*Both structures will be replaced in the same location. The Bucks Kiosk structure will be lifted off the concrete vault as one piece and a new prefabricated unit set on top. The*

Conlin Park CG toilet will be demolished in place by forest service personnel, a new concrete vault installed by the same personnel and a pre-fabricated unit set on top. The new structures can be in place in a matter of days, versus weeks with conventional construction. [5]

d. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. The application states that new fees will be proposed with the replacment structure. Updated facilities, that are fee eligible generally attract partnerships. The Bucks Kiosk is already part of a larger program effort support by partnerships from both PGE and Bucks snowdrifters club. [5]

e. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

The applicant will provide an agency contribution in the amount of \$4,000. In addition, the campground will begin the process of becoming a fee site. Forest Service engineering and facilities maintenance staff will use agency staff and equipment to complete the projects. The prices for the structures have already been pre-negotiated with a national contract. [2.5]

f. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. The PCD explains that forest service staff will perform the demolition and installation instead of contracting with an outside contractor. [2.5]

3. The applicant demonstrates the ability to staff and maintain the proposed facility. At a minimum, the application must address:

~~[11 out of 15]~~ **15 of 15**

a. Ability to cover future operational costs

The applicant states that the campground will become a fee site. Per the application, Conklin Park CG will become a fee site, but both facilities, are now and will continue to be funded for maintenance and operations through agency appropriated dollars.

b. Ability to provide staffing adequate for operations without reliance on State OHV Funds

The applicant will continue maintenance whether this project is funded or not. The forest presently maintains both structures and facilities, and will continue to do so with agency staff, funded through agency appropriated dollars.

4. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

~~[2 out of 15]~~ **15 of 15**

a. Completion of prior projects within the timeframe provided (5)

*The applicant has received funds for past projects which have been completed on time. [2] The forest has completed numerous development projects, namely, the LaPorte Staging Area Warming Hut, Grooming Sheds, and the Lakes Basin Xcountry ski trail. Additionally, the forest has completed restoration grants from the 2004 grant cycle, and we have successfully implemented the winter snowmobile programs for 04-05, 05-06. The forest has a demonstrated history in accomplishing work on the ground and in accordance with the project agreements. [5]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0] The forest has been commended in writing by the division and in written program reviews for professional, accurate and timely accounting processes, namely billings, backup materials and audits. [5]*

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (5)

*The applicant did not provide detail as to how they would address this item. [0] The application explained that there would be rapid turn around for the replacement of the structures, in large part for OHV user convenience. The engineering staff that will be used, is detailed on the PCD. [5]*

~~[41 out of 100]~~ **90 of 100****OR-2-P-86 Plumas NF Equipment 07**

1. The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the:

~~[20 out of 40]~~ **40 of 40**

a. Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment

*The Forest uses both internal maintenance personnel from fleet maintenance and the skills of local mechanics to keep all equipment in good operating order.*

*These expenses are paid through the variety of Forest Service appropriated means. [20]*

b. Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds

*The applicant does not address this item. Staffing is not a part of this request. All repair costs discussed in the application are paid through forest appropriated funds. [20]*

2. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas:

~~[10 out of 20]~~ **20 of 20**

a. Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas

*The applicant did not address this item. The application states that tools, i.e. equipment is essential for patrols, law enforcement, monitoring, etc. for the long term maintenance of OHV opportunities and to ensure protection of natural resources. [4]*

b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The use of partners on the Forest is mentioned but not details are given as to who these partners are. Partners listed in the application include volunteers, internal partners, i.e. miscellaneous fire and resource crews, recreation program staff and OHV/OSV clubs, etc. [4]*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant provided an agency contribution in the amount of \$3,000. The agency will match with \$3000 of appropriated funds and will either sell or trade in the used equipment to offset the purchase price. Additionally, the forest gains approximately \$90,000 in overall contributed labor from the volunteer groups, and an unquantified figure from fire, timber, fisheries, watershed and other forest resource staff areas. The application discussed the ways we leverage these contributions for a successful program. [4]*

d. The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative

*The applicant did not address this item. The Equipment table supports the recommendaion of division staff for full replacement of the equipment on the basis of age, made during annual OHV inspections. [4]*

e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*Volunteers include the Bucks Lake Snowdrifters Club, La Porte Snowmobile club, CA-NV Snowmobile Association, Cal 4WDrive association, and Blue Ribbon Coalition.[4]*

3. The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following:

**~~[9 out of 30]~~ 20 of 30**

a. The amount of existing recreational use

*The applicant did not address this item. No use figures are available for the forest OHV/OSV program.*

b. The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity

*The applicant states there is pressure for increased OHV service statewide. The application states there is increased demand of use statewide, and on the forest, but actual counts have not been collected. [5]*

c. The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails and areas

*The applicant did not address this item. The application states that tools for staff are necessary to extend the life of the OHV/OSV system and riding opportunity. This is accomplished through integrated patrols by either volunteers, LEO, forest staff, etc. for the purpose of law enforcement, environmental protection and monitoring. [8]*

d. Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions

*Hidden archaeological treasures have been discovered. The Forest consists of rugged terrain, watersheds, previous mining use, and relatively secluded areas. Other particular projects within this collection of applications have discussed the presence of highly erodible soils, threatened and endangered species and pristine watersheds. The proper tools for the job, will enable the forest to continue protection of these various resources. [7]*

4. The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested.

**~~[2 out of 10]~~ 10 of 10**

*There will be some use of internal maintenance personnel. General mechanical expenses are paid through a variety of federally appropriated means, as discussed in the application.*

[35 out of 100] 90 of 90

**OR-2-P-79 Plumas NF FO&M 07**

1. The project enhances or protects existing OHV opportunity or provides new opportunity or protects resources. The project must address one or more of the following:

[13 out of 40] 30 of 30

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*The applicant's highly developed recreation sites need regular maintenance. They use materials such as concrete picnic tables and metal face plates to minimize maintenance. The application further described patrolling activities, signing and general maintenance of existing OHV camps and warming huts as a part of the proposed activities within this proposal request. [5]*

b. Reducing or avoiding conflicts with non-motorized recreation

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. This application, as well as the law enforcement application discuss the use of patrols, physical presence, informal education, signs and maps as tools to reduce and/or avoid conflicts with non-motorized recreating public. [3]*

c. Protecting residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespass, and property damage

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. Due to the nature of the Plumas, i.e. a forest with little or no urban interfaces, this is not usually a concern.*

d. Insuring compliance to protect habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.) and/or closures due to environmental damage

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. The application describes the use of LE patrols, groups of volunteer riders and other forest service employees to keep an eye on protection of critical resources. [3]*

e. Eliminating illegal riding/trespass

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. Illegal riding/trespass is eliminated through the use of signs, patrols, barriers, education, etc. as detailed in other project applications within this package. [3]*

f. Preventing off-route travel

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. This application specifically requested funding for signs, patrols, miscellaneous materials and staff time to manage a program in which we will be present and visible for ensure that illegal offroad travel does not occur, in conjunction with our law enforcement efforts. [3]*

## g. Protecting public health and safety

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. This application discusses the need for new GPS units, picnic tables, propane and other miscellaneous expenses in direct support of OHV recreation. The funds will be used to provide sanitation, toilet pumping, safe campground equipment and other items essential to a safe program. Additionally, the equipment will help support an active volunteer group whose members risk their own safety and comfort to support this program. Essentially all items discussed in this application demonstrate the need to protect the health and safety, not only of the recreating public, but the forest employees and volunteers as well. [5]*

## h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. The requests for storage containers, concrete picnic tables, and asphalt overlay at the staging area, as examples of maintenance activities that will prevent the need to major expenditures in the future. Simple, regular maintenance and replacement offsets the costs of reconstruction, or repurchase of equipment and supplies, or extends the life of materials and equipment used for management of the program. [5]*

2. The proposed project is designed for efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

**~~[20 out of 30]~~ 30 of 30**

## a. Use of innovative or efficient materials to reduce FO&amp;M costs

*Use of concrete picnic tables, carsonite sign posts, metal face plates and recycled plastic provide a long life with minimal maintenance. The application discussed the use of alternative materials, routine maintenance to extend the useful life of the investment. [6]*

## b. The project will contribute to reduced maintenance costs through preventive maintenance

*The parking lot overlay will protect the base courses from rupture, cracking, potholing or disintegration as a result of frozen moisture in the substrata. The application discussed the use of concrete, plastic and metal to reduce the amount of maintenance necessary, extend the useful life of the product. Further regular maintenance, such as painting, toilet pumping, etc, extend the life of these features as well. [6]*

## c. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant did not address this item. The application explained that the forest uses internal and external partnerships to manage the OHV program. A well established volunteer corps contributes to the winter and summer OHV/OSV program. Fire and resource crews contribute time for maintenance operations, patrols, signing, etc. [6]*

## d. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

The applicant will provide an agency contribution of \$17,445. The forest PCD proposed a match of \$58260 from agency appropriated funding and obtains approximately \$90,000 work of volunteer labor annually. [6]

e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

Volunteer groups include but are not limited to the Bucks Lake Snow Drifters Club, International Mountain Bike Association, and other groups. [6]

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[2 out of 30] 30 of 30**

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. [0] The forest delivers and completes projects within the timeframe mandated in the project agreements, including past FOM contracts, restoration/obliteration projects, the 04-05, 05-06 winter program contracts, cross country ski trail development and annual trails maintenance. [10]

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)

The applicant states that their accounting processes are thorough and accurate. They state that they have demonstrated professionalism and accountability to the highest levels. [2] The forest demonstrates fiscal responsibility through timely and accurate billings – their always on time! Also the bills always have full backup. The division uses the Plumas as an example of HOW to do this activity well. [10]

c. Qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project (10)

The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item. [0] The application is filled with letters of support for our staff and program. Additionally, the forest has written accolades and positive reviews from division staff for our demonstrated past performance. The PCD further defines that each individual district will have assigned staff, as well as the supervisors office for general program management and budget support. [10]

**[45 out of 100]****OR-2-P-83 USFS- Plumas NF OHV Scientific Research 07**

1. The project will lead to enhancing or protecting existing OHV opportunity or providing new opportunity or protecting resources to avoid closure of OHV opportunity. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[15 out of 30]**

a. Solving one or more operational, maintenance, law enforcement, environmental, use conflict or other problem(s) or condition(s) associated with providing OHV recreation described in the application

*This project will help avoid closure of OHV routes by determining if there is an association between OHV routes and non-native plant invasion and by identifying OHV routes at greater risk of invasion.*

b. The effects of OHV recreation on residents, private property and adjacent landowners

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

c. Habitat or critical resources (soil, water, cultural, wildlife, etc.)

*This project will work to eliminate non-native plant invasion.*

d. Illegal riding/trespass

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

e. Preventing off-route travel

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

f. Protecting public health and safety

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

g. Avoiding or minimizing the need for increased maintenance, conservation activities, or closures of OHV opportunity

*This project will help avoid closure of OHV routes by determining if there is an association between OHV routes and non-native plant invasion and by identifying OHV routes at greater risk of invasion.*

2. The application demonstrates the project would sustain long-term OHV recreation by addressing the following:

**[12 out of 25]**

a. The results will directly affect land management decisions that will sustain and/or enhance OHV recreation

*The results of this study will help to develop travel management guidelines as part of the Forest-wide route designation, and prioritize management strategies to*

*reduce the likelihood of non-native plant invasion on the forest.*

b. The application includes a process by which the results of the study will be incorporated into relevant land management plans

*This project will provide information about the amount and type of OHV use that is most often associated with non-native weeds and identify areas that are susceptible to non-native plant invasion.*

3. The application demonstrates the project will result in the efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. The project must address one or more of the following:

**[4 out of 10]**

a. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

b. Reducing future costs

*The applicant states that limiting weed invasion is less expensive than eradication.*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide \$10,250 in agency contribution.*

d. Other information pertinent to reducing reliance on OHV Trust Funds (e.g., demonstration of partnerships, use of cost saving data collection methods)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

4. The applicant demonstrates the proposed project study design contains project goals, objectives, and methodologies pertinent to the research purpose, taking into consideration:

**[4 out of 10]**

a. Feasible methodology alternatives

*The applicant stated that the proposed study is a relatively simple, one year project utilizing feasible methods that have been successfully used in other studies.*

b. Outcomes that are realistic and obtainable

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

c. How results of peer review were incorporated in the final study design

*The applicant listed peer reviews and the reviewer's qualifications. The applicant states that the comments have been addressed in this version of the grant proposal.*

5. The project demonstrates that adequate funding will be available to complete the research.

**[0 out of 5]**

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item.*

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6. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

**[10 out of 20]**

a. Professional credentials (5)

*The applicant provided an extensive list of professional credentials. [5]*

b. Familiarity with the topical area being studied (5)

*Kyle Merriam, the primary researcher is a wildlife biologist specializing in botany since 1990. [5]*

c. Demonstrated outcomes from prior projects that resulted in usable management information (5)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]*

d. Other pertinent information (e.g., ability to complete project within timeframe provided, history of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects) (5)

*The applicant did not provide details as to how they would address this item. [0]*

[30 out of 100] 95 of 100

**OR-2-P-85 USFS- Plumas NF Trail Maintenance 07**

1. The project, as documented in the maintenance plan, will sustain long-term use of the roads, trails, and/or areas for OHV recreation. The application must address how the project will:

[13 out of 40] 40 of 40

a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)

*Without maintenance, damage from this past winter storms will intensify leading to further damage, loss of opportunity, degradation of forest and watershed health and waste of funds. [5] The application states the specific forms of maintenance we intend to perform as described in paragraph 2 on page 2, and the negative consequences to safety, vegetation, habitats and long term riding opportunity, is road maintenance is not completed. [10]*

b. Avoid unnecessary increases in future maintenance costs due to deferred maintenance (10)

*Clogged culverts will create drainage backups and road failures. Failure to pay immediate attention to maintenance needs will result in further damage, loss of opportunity and degraded forest health. [6] The application states that puddles, ruts, washouts, & vegetation loss will amplify without regular maintenance and will increase the potential for harm to watershed health, creation of safety hazards and cause increased need for maintenance of safe riding conditions. [10]*

c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)

*Maintenance will eliminate safety hazards and maintain safe riding conditions. The applicant did not state how this would be accomplished. [2] The application states the type of work that will be done to ensure safe riding conditions (paragraph 2 on page 1). The application further states that after the snow melted last year, the district staff discovered more riding hazards that are part of this proposal request for repair and the negative consequences to safe riding that will occur if maintenance is not performed. [10]*

d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0] Paragraphs 1,2 on page 2 explain that Forest roads and trails make up the OHV system and forest transportation network. Adequate and appropriate maintenance will perpetuate riding opportunities. Other applications explain how the forest utilizes law enforcement personnel to ensure legal riding. [10]*

2. The application demonstrates the proposed project is designed for efficient use of funds. The application must address one or more of the following:

~~[17 out of 30]~~ **30 of 30**

a. Use of innovative or efficient materials

*The applicant will attempt to use immediately adjacent materials for recycling purposes and natural logs, etc. as much as possible. [6]*

b. Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

*The applicant will partner with CCC crews. The application stated that fire, resource, CCC and road crews, along with ERFO funds will reduce the reliance upon OHV funds. [6]*

c. Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

*The applicant will provide an agency contribution of \$71,925. The forest plans to match agency funds equal to \$71, 925 plus more than \$1million of ERFO funds for this work. Actual ERFO funding was unknown at the time of this application. [6]*

d. Use of volunteers or other low-cost labor

*The applicant will make use of CCC as low-cost labor. CCC crews will be used but as stated in the application, the complex and detailed scope of work requires skilled crews, not volunteer labor. [6]*

e. Avoiding or reducing future costs

*The applicant did not address this item. The application explained the financial consequence of not performing this work, particularly road failure and the loss of riding opportunities. Future extensive maintenace costs can be avoided by performing this work now. [6]*

3. The applicant has a history of successfully implementing similar projects. At a minimum, using examples of prior projects, the applicant must address:

~~[0 out of 30]~~ **30 of 30**

a. Completion of prior projects within timeframe provided (10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0] The soil conditions table demonstrates regular maintenance activities and completion of prior projects, with only small segments of yellow rated trails indicated. [10]*

b. History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0] As stated in the application, the Plumas has a history from earlier grants, of fiscal accountability, work accomplishment and public support. [10]*

c. Other pertinent information, such as: qualifications and availability of staff to carry out the project, avoidance of the need for conservation measures or closures due to environmental damage(10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0] the PCD outlines the staff, vehicles and materials to be used for this trails maintenace proposal. [10]*

## Riverside County Sheriff's Department

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Attached is our response to our OHV applications #OR-809 and OR-810 Thank you for your consideration

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## **OR-809 Riverside County Sheriff Law Enforcement 07**

Thank you for allowing the Riverside County Sheriff's Department the opportunity to submit our application for reconsideration and re-scoring. It is also important note that the applicant strongly objects to the methodology used in evaluating these grants. The process fails to fulfill the intent and purpose of the grant and is weighted heavily towards those agencies who design a "Cadillac Program" with all the bells and whistles to meet every possible scoring opportunity. The applicant could easily design a 4 million dollar program that meets every possible scoring criterion that is used to score these grants and receive 100% of the funding, leaving no monies for anyone else.

The applicant does not believe that it was ever intended to distribute the limited funds in this manner and also has concerns that the actual scoring criteria were never adequately disclosed to the applicants, but only a general synopsis that left no specific objective opportunity to evaluate the ratings. The applicant designed a very modest program with the understanding that the limited funding would be equally distributed throughout the state to meet the needs of state. The scoring process has undermined those who applied based on actual need rather than a dream program.

Riverside County is one of the largest geographical and fastest growing counties in the state of California. The county has made great efforts and committed significant resources to combating the problems associated with off-highway vehicles even without the commitment or support of this grant program. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has worked hand-in-hand with the County Board of Supervisors and is set to pass the most prohibitive off road vehicle ordinance in the state. The county has partnered with the general public as well as allied agencies, including federal, state and local agencies, to further address this issue for all the county residents.

Finally, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department is committed to addressing this problem for the entire state and has engaged the state legislature in looking toward statewide legislation rather than a piecemeal, county by county approach. These are just some of the facts that are not adequately factored in the evaluating and scoring process.

**Application Criteria #1**—The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation by:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 20 out of 35

**Proposed score revision** 33 out of 35 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 1a**—Reducing resource damage or potential resource damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant will use patrol, education, enforcement action, and attend community functions to reduce resource damage.

Riverside County has many areas designated for endangered environmental habitat and areas of unstable land that is subject to erosion damage, [pg. 9]. In addition to this limited reference to the very specific area mentioned, the entire grant and the agency's ability to fulfill the stated mission should be considered. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has already approved a full-time OHV enforcement team consisting of a sergeant and 8 deputy sheriffs to address the problem throughout the county. This was accomplished at a considerable expense to the county of more than a million dollars a year.

**Criteria 1b**—Reducing intrusion into wilderness, closed areas or private property.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant works with private property owners, uses signs and patrols to reduce trespass.

The totality of the grant and capabilities of the applicant should be considered. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is committed to this in the overall program. For example, it has developed a training program for other allied agencies including the Federal Parks Department who specifically deal with closed wilderness programs. Our grant specifically mentions working with private property owners as well as using other methods such as signage and field contacts.

**Criteria 1c**—Reducing conflict between various recreation interests.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The application mentions that conflicts have increased. Education is used to reduce conflicts.

The finding did not thoroughly discuss the extent of the steps that the county has put in place to address these conflicts. For example, the County Board of Supervisors had approved the establishment of the Riverside County Off-Highway Vehicle Commission with one of its purposes as identifying potential legal riding areas for off-highway vehicle enthusiasts. While this is an area that has not advanced sufficiently to date, the county has recognized the need and committed significant efforts and is awaiting the work of the stakeholder-members of the committee to report back with their proposals.

The finding also does not consider the overall approach the agency is using to address these conflicts. For example, the public meetings are a valuable opportunity to establish open dialogue with interested parties from both sides and develop solutions to resolve the conflicts.

**Application Criteria #2**—The project demonstrates law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 20 out of 30

**Proposed score revision** 30 out of 30 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 2a**—Enforce laws and regulation at a minimum in California Vehicle Code Section or other OHV related codes.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant enforces OHV laws and county ordinances.

The findings fall short of considering the overall approach to the applicant's strategy in dealing with the problem of illegal off-highway vehicles. As mentioned above, the county has contributed considerable resources to address this problem notwithstanding the fact that little or no state support has been forthcoming. In addition, it has pursued legislative solutions from both local and state legislative bodies and are set to adopt a very strong county ordinance to combat the illegal OHV activity. In addition, the applicant had partnered with other law enforcement agencies for coordinated enforcement and has even established a training center to assist in training and certifying enforcement officers from other agencies.

**Criteria 2b**—Emergency response & **Criteria 2c**—Search and Rescue.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant responds to all emergencies and is equipped and trained. The applicant SAR team and rescue unit work with the OHV team for SAR.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department provides search and rescue services to the entire county. Much of the county includes remote and rugged terrain and has OHV trained rescuers available to respond to emergencies. An example that occurred subsequent to submission to this grant is the Esperanza file that claimed the lives of 5 fire fighters. This was a very fast moving fire that at times cut off remote areas stranding campers and residents that did not have adequate warning to escape. Off-road vehicles were available to assist in the rescue operation and were one of the only options available to reach these individuals. With all their current efforts, the applicant should receive full points for these criteria.

**Criteria 2d**—Education/outreach.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant used community events and field contacts for education and outreach.

As mentioned above, the applicant also developed, at their own expense, an OHV enforcement training program to assist other agencies in developing their off-highway enforcement program. This in addition to traditional educational outreaches and education via field contacts which is the specific focus groups that need targeting for education.

**Criteria 2e**—Other proactive measures (e.g., patrol, signing, barriers).

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant uses patrol, signs and barriers

The finding of the committee acknowledge meeting this criteria based upon the information contained within the grant application.

**Application Criteria #3**—The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 10 out of 20

**Proposed score revision** 18 out of 20 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 3a**—Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant works with BLM, Cleveland National Forest, private property owners and Lifeflight.

As mentioned above, the applicant has received little or no support for OHV enforcement programs, but none the less, has committed significant resources of their own to this problem. The cost of the applicant’s full-time enforcement team alone equates to nearly 5-times what was requested in this grant.

**Criteria 3b**—Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

This is an example where the grant rating should be corrected and a significant adjustment made. As mentioned above, the applicant has not received adequate grant support and has contributed a significant level of support to address this problem.

**Criteria 3c**—Use of volunteers, reserves or other low cost labor

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant uses mounted posse, The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, and Citizens on Patrol to support the OHV Program.

The finding indicates several program personnel all of which are unpaid-volunteers. This is certainly an attempt to utilize low/no cost labor.

**Criteria 3d**—Reducing future costs

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

The finding fails to consider the overall program and efforts presented by this applicant. Certainly having a strong enforcement program (adequate laws and ordinances, strong prevention and education programs, using volunteer labor, etc.) will reduce future costs. This applicant presents a comprehensive approach that will reduce illegal activity and future costs and should be scored appropriately.

**Criteria 3e**—Appropriate use of equipment

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

The findings failed to consider the applicants overall approach to this problem. All of the equipment is used to reduce the illegal OHV and associated problems. This appears to be the most logical and appropriate use of the equipment. In addition, the applicant uses the equipment to train other agency members in OHV enforcement and has established a POST certified training program.

**Application Criteria #4**—The applicant demonstrates efficient use of OHV Trust Funds. Project must include one or more of the following:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 13 out of 15

**Proposed score revision** 15 out of 15 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 4a**—Ability to complete project within timeframe provided (5)

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant states “We have a successful track record of completing our grants with the projected timelines...”[4]

**Criteria 4b**—History of fiscal accountability with similar grants or projects (5)

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The application states "Fiscal accountability has always been a priority...Quarterly reports are submitted in a timely manner." [4]

**Criteria 4c**— Commitment of staff to OHV program (5)

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The county has a nine-member OHV team that is committed to full-time OHV enforcement. [5]

The findings above all indicate that this criteria has been met. The applicant is not new to the grant process and has a long history of administering grants within the specified criteria.

**Assigned Score 63/100**

**Recommended Score 94/100**

## OR-810 Riverside County Sheriff Equipment 07

**Application Criteria #1**— The equipment purchase or repair supports a program that sustains long-term OHV recreation. The project must address the:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 40 out of 40

**Proposed score revision** 40 out of 40 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 1a**— Ability to cover operational costs associated with use of the equipment.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The department has budgeted adequately to cover operational costs through the county budget process.

If the finding is that the department has met this criterion, then the applicant should be entitled to the full score.

**Criteria 1b**— Ability to provide staffing without reliance on State OHV Funds

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** Eight full time deputies, one sergeant are augmented by a cadre of previously trained deputies at each station.

If the finding is that the department has met this criterion, then the applicant should be entitled to the full score.

**Application Criteria #2**— The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair would provide for efficient use of OHV Trust funds in one or more of the following areas:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 15 out of 20

**Proposed score revision** 20 out of 20 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 2a**— Contributes to reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails and areas.

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

By virtue of an aggressive and dedicated OHV enforcement program, such as has been demonstrated by the applicant, the costs associated with maintaining roads and trails is reduced. Reduced illegal OHV activity preserves roads and trails for their intended uses, thereby reducing these costs. The finding fails to consider the overall program and efforts presented by this applicant. Certainly having a strong enforcement program (adequate laws and ordinances, strong prevention and education programs, using volunteer labor, etc.) will reduce future costs. This applicant presents a comprehensive approach that will reduce illegal activity and future costs and should be scored appropriately.

**Criteria 2b**— Use of partnerships to reduce reliance on OHV Trust Funds

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** BLM has offered to provide ATV training.

The applicant uses the equipment to train other agency members in OHV enforcement and has submitted to POST for certification of the training program; and has partnered with local agencies in these efforts.

**Criteria 2c**— Use of other funds such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships, grants, and use fees (in excess of required matching funds)

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

As mentioned above, the applicant has received little or no support for OHV enforcement programs, but none the less, has committed significant resources of their own to this problem. The cost of the applicant's full-time enforcement team alone equates to nearly 5-times what was requested in this grant. In addition the applicant has purchased 2 trailers and 4 ATVs from other funding sources.

**Criteria 2d**— The proposed equipment purchase or repair is the most cost effective alternative

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** Patrol cars cannot maneuver in areas frequented by OHV riders.

**Criteria 2e**— Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** Volunteers include the Volunteer Mounted Posse and Citizens on Patrol.

**Application Criteria #3**— The application demonstrates that the proposed equipment purchase or repair addresses a specific need. The application must address one or more of the following areas:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 20 out of 30

**Proposed score revision** 25 out of 30 for the following reasons:

**Criteria 3a**— The amount of existing recreational use

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** There are three legal OHV areas.

**Criteria 3b**— The amount of demand for increased recreational opportunity

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** There has been 50% decrease of availability of acreage for OHV recreation.

**Criteria 3c**— The equipment will repair or restore damage and/or extend the useful life of roads, trails, and areas

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** OHV enforcement activities will help mitigate erosion and vegetation damage on private lands and into the wilderness areas.

**Information contained in grant application:**

**Criteria 3d**— Unusual soil, topography or other natural resource conditions

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** The applicant did not address this item.

Riverside County open spaces are the home of many endangered species of plants and animals. (Stephen's Kangaroo rat, Gnatcatcher bird, Fairy shrimp and red-legged frog).

**Application Criteria #4**— The applicant has dedicated adequate staffing with the necessary experience to use and maintain the type of equipment requested:

**Score received by OHMVR Commission** 7 out of 10

**Proposed score revision** 10 out of 10 for the following reasons:

**OHMVR Factual Finding:** There are in excess of 55 OHV deputies. Minor maintenance and repair of equipment will be handled by county fleet services.

**Assigned Score 72/100**

**Recommended Score 95/100**

## Shasta – Trinity National Forest

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit factual findings and requests for adjustments to 2007 grant application scores for consideration at the December 8-9, 2006 Commission meeting.

(See attached file: Shasta Trinity Factual Findings Transmittal Letter 11 15 06.doc) (See attached file: Factual Findings to Support Higher Scores for the Shasta Trinity NF Grant Applications 11 15 06.pdf)

Please contact me if you have questions pertaining to this submittal.

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Thank you for providing the opportunity for applicants to submit factual findings and requests for adjustments to their 2007 grant application scores for consideration at the December 8-9, 2006 Commission meeting. Enclosed are the factual findings and proposed adjusted scores for the two projects submitted by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

In the past, State grant funding has allowed us to provide valuable services for visitors to the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. We appreciate the funding received to date.

Please contact me at (530) 226-2340 or [btracy@fs.fed.us](mailto:btracy@fs.fed.us) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Enclosures



## **Factual Findings for OR-2-SH-43 Shasta-Trinity N F Facilities Operation & Maintenance 07 Project**

**Division Determination Score: 28**

**Proposed Adjusted Score: 43**

### FACTUAL FINDINGS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ADJUSTED SCORE

1. Page 365 of the California State Parks OHVMR Division 2006-2007 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Project Scores and Factual Findings (Project Scores and Factual Findings) states:

“f. Preventing off-route travel

*The applicant provided no detail as to how they would address this item”.*

Page 23 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application states “Upkeep of barriers and signing directs proper OHV use within the developed facilities.”

2. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 365 of 484 states:

“g. Protecting public health and safety

*The applicant states that funding allows compliance with agency standards for health and safety but did not provide details.”*

Page 23 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application also states “Lack of repairs and decreased maintenance increases public vandalism and abuse.”

3. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 365 of 484 states:

“h. Avoiding increased maintenance activities

*The applicant states that if facilities are not maintained annually, the deferred maintenance backlog continues to grow.”*

Page 23 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application also states “The useful life of the toilet buildings, kiosks, signs, electric and water systems, phone service and host sites within the developed facilities are extended with consistent upkeep and maintenance.”

4. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 366 of 484 states:

“e. Use of volunteers or other low cost labor

*Two host sites are available for volunteers. A total of 750 hours of volunteer service were provided last year”*

In addition to the two host sites, page 24 of the Shasta-Trinity application states “Volunteer hosts assist with care and policing duties and light maintenance work. The host makes educational and safety related contacts with users, provides information about routes and route conditions as well as regulatory information about red stickers and sound regulations. Users appreciate having an on-site contact; the volunteer host provides information and service to the public.

Page 24 also states “Clubs and volunteers have completed brushing and route maintenance projects. Club members volunteer during permitted events to facilitate administration of event, address public safety concerns, organize safe parking and vehicle access as well as the clean up after the events...

Shasta Lake Fire Department and volunteers assist with medical support at permitted events.”

**Factual Findings for OR-2-SH-44 Shasta-Trinity N F Trail Maintenance 07 Project**

**Division Determination Score: 15**

**Proposed Adjusted Score: 40**

**FACTUAL FINDINGS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED ADJUSTED SCORE**

1. Page 477 of the California State Parks OHVMR Division 2006-2007 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Project Scores and Factual Findings (Project Scores and Factual Findings) states:

“a. Maintain authorized OHV recreation roads, trails and areas so as to avoid soil or wildlife or plant damage in order to meet soil conservation standards and wildlife protection plans and avoid future closure and related costs of roads, trails, or areas to OHV recreation use (10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]”*

Page 13 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application states “The soils and hydrology of the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area are largely resilient to OHV recreational use provided that road and trail maintenance routinely occurs. Rolling dips, erosion features and water bars properly maintained enhance trail riding experiences while controlling runoff, reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and extending the life of the route.”

Page 13 also states “Without funding, annual maintenance of the Staging Area including dust abatement and soil stabilization would not be completed, causing an increase of soil deposits into the Sacramento River.”

2. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 477 of 484 states:

“c. Maintain safe riding conditions (10)

*The applicant did not address this item. [0]”*

Page 13 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application states “The Chappie-Shasta OHV Area is the only managed OHV Area within 100+ miles of Redding, California. This area has a population of over 200,000 and draws many more visitors from out the surrounding counties. Recent Shasta County OHV enforcement efforts have highlighted the increased demand and need for legal and managed OHV use on public lands.”

Page 13 also states “Without funding, routes would have to be closed. Closed routes have impacts on other trails from increased use and continued violation of closures by users that choose to ignore ethical use of an area.”

Page 13 also states “The Safety Training Area provides another unique training opportunity for clubs and groups.”

3. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 477 of 484 states:

“d. Maintain OHV recreation on authorized roads, trails or areas within the OHV program area in an effort to minimize OHV recreation on lands where OHV recreation is prohibited by law (10)

*The applicant states that consistent trail maintenance will prevent unauthorized routes.[3]*

Page 13 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application also states “Most visitors to the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area prefer to use well maintained trails because the terrain is so steep.”

4. Project Scores and Factual Findings Page 478 of 484 states:

“e. Avoiding or reducing future costs

*The applicant did not address this item”.*

Page 12 and 13 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application state “Plans are to combine trail maintenance efforts to reduce travel time and costs. For example, trail surveys identified slumping and clogged drainage features on route #2 which would benefit from repair. This work can be done at the same time as work on route #50. The cost for hauling additional materials, travel time for equipment and operators will prove to be more economical when collectively completing these projects. The work to be accomplished at the staging area and safety course has easy access for both equipment and crews.”

Page 13 of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest application also states “Additional efficiencies will be gained by having the Resource Specialists conduct soil condition ratings while monitoring and directing route maintenance work.”