Pacific Southwest Region | May 2025

# Report to the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission

## Leadership

This information is current to 16 May 2025.

Regional Office Position	Person	Status	
Regional Forester	Jason Kuiken	Acting	
Deputy Regional Forester, Operations	Jim Bacon	Acting	
Public Services Director	Brad Job	Acting	
Public Services Deputy Director	Nancy Parachini until 30 May Vacant beginning 31 May	Permanent / Vacant	
Trails & Travel Management Program Manager	Jamie Fields	Permanent	
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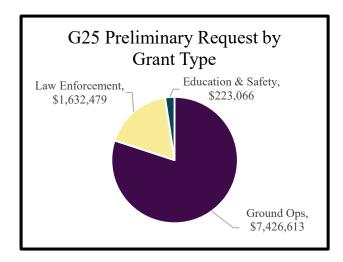
Inyo	351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200 Bishop, CA 93514 760.873.2400	Matthew Bokach	Acting
Klamath	1711 South Main Street Yreka, CA 96097 530.842.6131	Chris Christofferson	Permanent
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit	35 College Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 530.543.2600	Erick Walker	Permanent
Lassen	2550 Riverside Drive Susanville, CA 96130 530.257.2151	Rick Hopson	Permanent
Los Padres	1980 Old Mission Drive Solvang CA 93463 805.968.6640	Roman Torres	Acting
Mendocino	825 North Humboldt Avenue Willows, CA 95988 530.934.3316	Wade McMaster	Permanent
Modoc	225 West 8th Street Alturas, California 96101 530.233.5811	Chris Bielecki	Permanent
Plumas	159 Lawrence Street Quincy, CA 95971-6025 530.283.2050	Rachel Birkey	Acting
San Bernardino	602 S. Tippecanoe Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92408 909.382.2600	Lesley Yen	Acting
Sequoia	220 E. Morton Avenue Porterville, CA 93257 559.784.1500	Tony Edwards	Permanent
Sierra	1600 Tollhouse Road Clovis, CA 93611 559.297.0706	Dean Gould	Permanent
Six Rivers	1330 Bayshore Way Eureka, CA 95501 707.442.1721	Kathy Allen	Acting

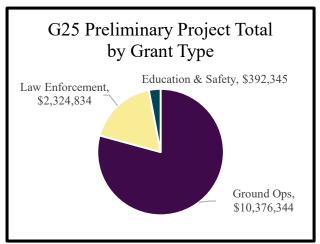
Shasta-Trinity	3644 Avtech Parkway Redding, CA 96002 530.226.2500	Rachel Birkey	Permanent
Stanislaus	19777 Greenley Road Sonora, CA 95370 209.532.3671	Jim Junette	Acting
Tahoe	631 Coyote Street Nevada City, CA 95959 530.265.4531	Erick Walker, acting through 22 June Chris Feutrier, permanent, anticipated start 23 June	Acting / Permanent
Humboldt- Toiyabe (part of the Intermountain Region)	1200 Franklin Way Sparks, NV 89431 775.331.6444	Jon Stansfield	Permanent

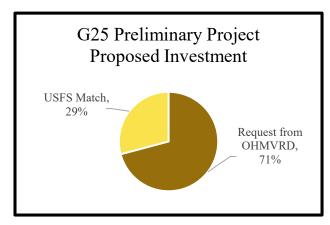
### **OHV Grants**

## **G25 Grant Cycle**

G25 preliminary grant applications from USDA Forest Service (USFS) units in the Pacific Southwest Region (Region 5) and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, which is in the Intermountain Region (Region 4), total about \$9.3 million in requested funding from OHMVRD. The USFS proposes to match the requested OHMVRD investment with about \$3.8 million in USFS investment. Funding requests are distributed across the Ground Operations (80%), Law Enforcement (18%), and Education & Safety Categories (2%). No USFS units requested funding for Planning, Development, Restoration, or Acquisition in the G25 cycle.







The following 12 National Forests applied for 13 Ground Operations grants in the G25 cycle:

Angeles Mendocino Sequoia
Cleveland Modoc Sierra
Eldorado Plumas Stanislaus
Los Padres San Bernardino Tahoe

The following 18 USFS Patrol Districts applied for 18 Law Enforcement grants in the G25 cycle:

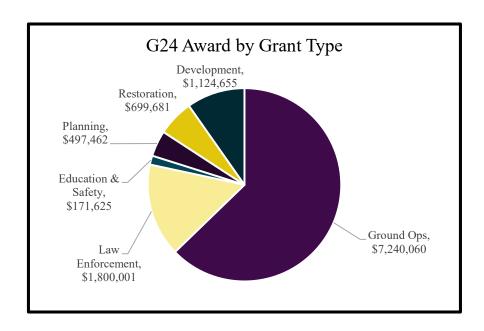
Angeles Lassen/Modoc Sequoia Cleveland **Shasta-Trinity** Los Padres Eldorado Mendocino Sierra Humboldt-Toiyabe Six Rivers Stanislaus Tahoe Inyo Plumas Klamath San Bernardino Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Shasta-Trinity

Sierra

Tahoe

#### **G24 Grant Cycle**

Of the approximately \$12.4 million the USFS requested from OHVMRD in G24 funding during the final application process, the agency was awarded about \$11.5 million. Funding awarded was distributed across the Ground Operations (63%), Law Enforcement (16%), Development (10%), Restoration (6%), Planning (4%), and Education & Safety Categories (2%). There were no applications or awards to the USFS in the Acquisition category in the G24 cycle. Most agreements are in place as of 16 May 2025, although four projects expected to be awarded funds are being reviewed for consistency with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, including three projects in the Development category on the Tahoe National Forest and one project in the Restoration category on the Sequoia National Forest.



The following 9 National Forests were awarded 10 Ground Operations grants in the G24 cycle:

Angeles Modoc Sierra

Cleveland San Bernardino Stanislaus

Mendocino Sequoia Tahoe

The following 15 USFS Patrol Districts were awarded 16 Law Enforcement grants in the G24 cycle:

Angeles Los Padres Shasta-Trinity

Cleveland Mendocino Sierra

Humboldt-Toiyabe Six Rivers Stanislaus

Klamath San Bernardino Tahoe

Lassen/Modoc Sequoia Lake Tahoe Basin

Management Unit

The following 2 National Forests were awarded 4 Development grants in the G24 cycle:

Sierra Tahoe

The following 3 National Forests were awarded 3 Restoration grants in the G24 cycle:

Inyo Sequoia Tahoe

The following 2 National Forests were awarded 3 Planning grants in the G24 cycle:

Los Padres Tahoe

The following 2 National Forests were awarded 2 Education & Safety grants in the G24 cycle:

Shasta-Trinity Tahoe

#### Where to Get USFS Recreation Information

Information on motorized recreation opportunities in the Pacific Southwest Region is available on the MVUM/OSVUM Finder:

Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/interactive-maps/mvum-finder

(MVUM = motor vehicle use map; OSVUM = over-snow vehicle use map)

MVUM FAQs: https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/maps/mvum-faq

Specific information on USFS recreation opportunities is available on each Forest's website.

Links to each Forest website can be found here: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices">https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices</a>

Information on snow depth in the Pacific Southwest Region is also available.

Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/interactive-maps/snow-depth

Important information to know before you go OHV Touring on USFS-managed lands is also available.

Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/off-highway-vehicle-touring

Tread Lightly! offers great tips on how to have safe and enjoyable recreation experiences while minimizing your impacts to the outdoors.

Link: https://treadlightly.org/learn/recreation-tips/

#### **Fire News**

#### **Fire Restrictions and Closures**

Current fire restriction and Forest closure information is posted on each Forest's website and is available by calling the local USFS office.

Links to each Forest website, including office contact information, can be found here: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices">https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices</a>

#### **Prevention Tips**

Remember to check for current fire restrictions by calling ahead to the closest ranger station. Depending on conditions, certain restrictions may be placed on the use of campfires, charcoal barbeques and stoves within the forest. Even if you have a campfire permit that has not yet expired, you are still obligated to abide by current fire restrictions.

Find a ranger station in the Pacific Southwest Region: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices">https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/offices</a>

Equipment use - Did you know dragging chains on vehicles cause forest fires?

Link: <a href="https://www.smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/equipment-use-and-maintenance">https://www.smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/equipment-use-and-maintenance</a>

Practice fire-safe target shooting - Don't let target shooting end with a wildfire.

Link: https://readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/target-shooting-safety/

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use – When touring the forest in a vehicle (i.e., car, truck, SUV, quad, motorcycle, etc.) stay in designated areas and on established roads and trails. Be careful, and don't expose your vehicle's hot parts to dry vegetation. Even when travelling in designated areas, narrow trails and two-tracks may get brushy and dangerous. Catalytic converters, hot exhaust pipes, etc., can start wildfires if they come in contact with dry vegetation. Be careful when you explore and continually monitor your gauges and temperature.

Spark Arresters – Many types of equipment and off-road vehicles are required to have a USDA Forest Service approved spark arrester. Chainsaws, portable generators, all-terrain vehicles, and trail bikes are some examples of equipment requiring approved spark arresters to help prevent wildfires. To make sure a spark arrester is functioning properly, check with the equipment/vehicle dealer or contact your local Forest Service or State Forestry office.

Smoking – When smoking is permitted outdoors, safe practices and state law require at least a 3-foot clearing around the smoker. Grind out your cigarette, cigar or pipe tobacco in the dirt –

never grind it on a stump or log. It is unsafe to smoke while walking or riding a horse or trail bike. Use your ashtray while in your vehicle.

More fire prevention information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/fire/prevention">https://www.fs.usda.gov/r05/fire/prevention</a>