

2025 (G25) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Eldorado National Forest Preliminary Application Comments

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

Failure by the Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary Application may be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's final Application.

All final Applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for Law Enforcement Projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operation: G25-02-03-G01

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- Applicant should ensure the List of Project Deliverables is accurate and precise, listing only those Project activities that pertain to the corresponding Project deliverable title. Applicant must update the Project deliverable descriptions by eliminating any activities irrelevant to the deliverable title, relocating information to the appropriate deliverable title, removing any redundant language, and/or moving information to the Background or Project Description sections if more suitable.

- #4 – Applicant must clarify how the “Loon Lake dispersed boatramp, and Loon Chalet” locations are related to OHV recreation in this proposed Ground Operations Project.
- #7 – Applicant is reminded that a Habitat Management Program report and/or a Soil Conservation Plan must be submitted with their final Application if the Division disagrees with the Applicant’s assessment that no Ground Disturbing activities contain any risk factors to the following: Special-status species, sensitive habitats, or have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, and/or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- Staff #1 "District Recreation Officers GS-9" – Applicant must verify the specific parts of the NEPA documentation performed on this proposed Project. It is not clear if the NEPA documentation is related to the Ground Disturbing work performed outside this project as described in Project Deliverable #1. In addition, “accomplishment reporting” appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. Lastly, Applicant must clarify what “monitoring” is, as it appears to be a Ground Disturbing activity.
- Staff #2 "District OHV Lead Technicians GS-7" – “Project Accomplishment Reporting” appears to be an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to the completion of the Project. Applicant must explain how this activity directly supports the Project or move the verbiage for this activity and the cost associated with it to the Indirect Cost category. In addition, it is unclear how “trail maintenance” is related to the Project. The Applicant must clarify how this activity is related to this Ground Operations Project as described in the Deliverables or remove the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost.
- Staff #3 “OHV Technicians GS-5” – “GYR trail monitoring...of maintained trail...” appears to be related to Ground Disturbing Activities. Applicant must clarify how this activity is related to this Ground Operations Project as described in the Deliverables or remove the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost.
- Staff #4 “Volunteers” – “Clearing downed trees...” appears to be related to Ground Disturbing activities. Applicant must clarify how this activity is related to this Ground Operations Application as described in the Deliverables or remove the verbiage for this activity and its associated cost.
- Contracts #1 & 2 – Applicants notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. There is no match on these line items. In addition, Applicant must clarify how the “Loon Lake dispersed boat ramp” and “Loon Chalet” restroom cleaning is related to OHV recreation. Lastly, Applicant must spell out the acronym “FERC”.

- Contracts #2 "Staging Area/CG Restroom Cleaning" – Line item notes indicate line item is for "Toilet vault pumping...". Applicant must clarify the line item title and/or line item description to be consistent with the Project activities described.
- Contracts #3 "Staging Area/CG Toilet Pumping Service" – Applicant must provide the duties and/or activities to be performed on the Project.
- Equipment Use Expenses #1 "Vehicle Mileage" – Applicant is reminded Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. If applicable, Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to "Each" or "Miscellaneous".