

2026 (G26) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship's 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).

If multiple proposed Projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or Equipment/Heavy Equipment/Trailer requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the Department's Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" Off-Highway Vehicles are allowed to receive Grant funding.

Applicants are reminded that no Grant funds and/or match can be expended, or Project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the Department except as allowed in the Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations section 4970.09 (b)(11).

General Evaluation Criteria:

- No comment.

Ground Operations: G26-04-68-G01

General Project Comment

- Applicant should review and update the formatting of the Application to ensure consistent spacing throughout, so that the Application is clear and legible for public review.

Project Description – Background

- No comment.

Project Description – Project Description

- No comment.

Project Description – List of Project Deliverables

- #1 – Applicant must confirm the total miles associated with each individual trail rather than providing a single comprehensive total of 129.5 miles or confirm whether the entire length of each listed trail will be maintained under this Project. This information may be provided within the Project Description or expanded upon in the “Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s)” section of the Application. In addition, Applicant is reminded that monitoring is not an eligible activity under Project Deliverable #1 but should be included under Project Deliverable #7 or Project Deliverable – Other.

Project Description – All Others

- No comment.

Project Cost Estimate

- All Staff Line Items – The percentage of staff time dedicated to Project Deliverable #1 is unclear. Applicant must clarify within the line item notes what portion of staff time will be specifically dedicated to the maintenance of OHV trails and roads.
- Materials / Supplies #2 “Native Rock Materials” – The treatments proposed for “Gold Valley Rim” and “Butcher Ranch” appear to be identical to those listed in the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of why the same work is needed again under this proposed Project.
- Indirect Costs #1 “Indirect Costs” – It is unclear how the cost for this line item was determined. Applicant must provide a clear explanation of how the cost was calculated. If helpful, Applicant may break this line item out into multiple Indirect Cost line items to clearly identify and separate the various costs associated with this line item.