**BLM - Bishop Field Office**

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.

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

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

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

For proposed Projects requesting Grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or Equipment/Heavy Equipment 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)(10).

**General Evaluation Criteria**

* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7c – Narrative does not support “Education programs, maps…" Note that educational informal talks do not constitute an educational program, nor does Applicant explain how they educate the public on “OHV trespass, including respect for private property.”
* #8b – Narrative does not discuss if “recommendations for species management” or “strategies to respond to changing conditions…” are provided based on their management information systems.
* #9a – Applicant must explain its "systematic methodology" for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities. How is this done?
* #12 – Applicant must provide a more specific URL address where OHV related items are listed.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-01-05-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

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* No comment.

***Project Description – List of Project Deliverables***

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #3 “Seasonal Staff – Visitor Center” – Applicant must provide the methodology for how the cost was determined: Applicant must include the percentage of time in an average business day personnel handle OHV related inquires and how that percentage was determined.
* Staff #4 “Seasonal Staff- Ground Ops” – Hours significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase.
* Staff #5 “Civil Engineer Technician” – Hours significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase.
* Staff #6 “Park Ranger” – Hours significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the increase.
* Contracts #2 “Toilet Pumping” – Applicant must clarify the source of match.
* Materials/Supplies #4 “Carsonite Signs…” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections “Negative impact to cultural sites”, “Damage to special-status species…” and “Additional damage to facilities”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for each selection on how “failure to complete the Project will result in…”.
* #3 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed as part of the Project to support this selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant held a …”. Applicant must state who hosted the stakeholder meeting.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection “Protecting special-status species”. Applicant must provide examples of the activities performed as part of the Project to support this selection.
* #7 – Project Description and/or Project Cost Estimate sections do not support the selection of “Barrier materials…” and “Erosion control…” are made with recycled materials. “Erosion control” is stated in the Application as only when available, which implies not all of the time.

**Law Enforcement, G21-01-05-L01**

***Needs Assessment***

* No comment.

***Project Certification***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* No comment.