**USFS - Inyo National Forest**

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**

* #1a – Applicant may not use dates in the future. Applicant must identify the most recent 12 month period for which they have accurate OHV Opportunity and visitation data.
* #1a – 1c – Dates are inconsistent.
* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #7b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must clarify the frequency of patrols, patrol personnel, and percent of lands covered to support the selection.
* #7c – Applicant must provide more details on each to support the selections.
* #8b – Applicant must explain if recommendations are made for improved species management and if strategies respond to changing conditions that affect species survival.
* #9a – Applicant must further explain its "systematic methodology" for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities.
* #9b – Applicant provided an incomplete response and must explain its methods to address soil issues.
* #11a – It is unclear if the literature provided to visitors and kiosks describe safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. Applicant must explain/provide examples.
* Applicant must provide more details/examples to support the selections.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, G21-02-05-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #1 “OHV Field Technicians” – Applicant must provide additional details on how the rate was determined as it has increase significantly from last year’s application. Additionally, Applicant should identify how many staff are being funded in this line item.
* Materials/Supplies #5, 6, 7 and 8 – Applicant must provide additional details on how the costs were determined.
* Others #1 “Per Diem” – Applicant must provide additional details on how cost was determined as it seems excessive to like Projects.
* Other(s) #2 “Rental of Mini Excavator” – Applicant must provide additional justification that the piece of Equipment will be used 30-31 days a month to charge for the entire month. If not, Applicant must revise to only charge for the days that the piece of Equipment is actually used on the Project. Additionally, Applicant should move this line item to the Equipment Use Expense category.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Potential trespass” and “Additional damage to Facilities”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples for each selection.
* #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 this Project to support this selection.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must explain who hosted the public meeting. In addition, Applicant must explain how the stakeholders are stakeholders to the Project as well as the location of the stakeholder meeting.
* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection of “Providing sanitary facilities”. Applicant must provide additional details.
* #8 – Background and/ or Project Description sections do not support the selections. Applicant must provide information that supports the selections. Applicant states non-motorized recreational opportunities within the USFS – Inyo National Forest but does not does not clearly state if those opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the Project area of this Application.