**USFS - Shasta-Trinity 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**

* #1c – The date provided is inconsistent with the dates provided in 1a.
* #2 – 5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #4 – Applicant must provide the name and date of the reference document(s).
* #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.
* #9b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional detail of its actual methods to address soil issues.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations, Shasta-Trinity Forestwide G21-02-16-G01**

***Project Description - Background***

* Applicant must remove information supplied about blocking unauthorized routes and patrol of OHV trespass as these are Restoration activities and are not eligible under a Ground Operations Project.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #6 – This is not a clear deliverable. Applicant should revise to describe what will be completed.

***Project Description – All Others***

* How the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will add to, enhance… 4970.10.1(d)(2)(B) – Applicant must remove information about monitoring for trespass and creation of new unauthorized routes as these are Restoration Project deliverables and are not allowable under a Ground Operations Project.
* Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles… 4970.10.1(d)(2)(C) – Applicant must verify that no work being completed by Trinity County Resource Conservation District will be duplicative of work being proposed in this Grant.
* Location and descriptions of existing OHV Opportunities… 4970.10.1(d)(2)(D) – Patrol is not a function of a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must revise what patrol means.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* This Application’s Grant request significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must state the reason(s) for the increase in the Project Description – List of Deliverables section, “Other” line item.
* Staff #5 “Swamper” – Costs significantly increased compared to last submitted Grant Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contract #1 “Westside YCC…” – the UOM appears to be incorrect. Applicant must revise.
* Materials / Supplies #6 “Aggregate/Riprap” – Applicant must clarify if this item will be purchased or only found onsite. If only found onsite, Applicant must remove dollars in Grant request as onsite materials can only be claimed as match.
* Equipment Use Expense #3 and 4 – Applicant must verify if this Equipment was purchased within the Grants program. Only equipment purchased outside of the Grants program are eligible for a use cost/fee.
* Equipment Use Expense #8 “Low-Boy Transport Rental” – Applicant must clarify how 100 hours was determined. Equipment being transported is only being used 30 days.
* Equipment Use Expense #9 “4x4 Vehicle” – Patrol is not a function of a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must clarify and must revise quantity if Patrol is an LE function.
* Other(s) #1 “Travel Expenses” – Applicant must clarify the need for the number of days for travel expenses and confirm that it is more than 50 miles from the base of operations.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Narrative does not support selections “negative impact to cultural sites”, “Potential trespass” and “additional damage to facilities”. Applicant must provide additional details and/or examples on how each selection addresses “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 to support the selection.

**Restoration, Little Mount Hoffman G21-02-16-R01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Applicant must revise this section to provide sufficient clarity such that those not familiar with the Application or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

**“Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and how OHV Recreation caused the damage - 4970.11(f)(1)(C).”**

* Applicant must further clarify how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and how OHV Recreation caused the damage.

**“Monitoring and Methodology - 4970.11(f)(1)(E)”**

* Applicant must verify monitoring will be done as it is not listed as a Project deliverable.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* No comment.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #2 – Applicant must identify the number of other special-status species rather than the names.
* #3 – The name of the Reference Document that supports the Project is unclear. Applicant must further describe the document and how it is a reference document for the Project.
* #12 – Applicant must provide more information to support the selection.

**Planning,** **MVUM Map Update G21-02-16-P01**

The Project Application indicates the Project will update the National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map and distribute the map to affected OHV users and is not considered to be a Planning Project. The Applicant may, 1) add the Project deliverables to the Applicant’s existing Restoration or Ground Operation Application or, 2) resubmit this Project as an Education and Safety Project.

***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***

* No comment.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* No comment.

**Education & Safety, Mt. Shasta Avalanche Education G21-02-16-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Applicant must provide the number of workshop events they anticipate attending.

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

* #1 – “Classroom and/or field training” – Applicant must clarify the start and the end of the “season”.

***Project Description – All Others***

* “Location of Training/Services – 4970.13(f)(5)” – Applicant must confirm all educational classes are performed within the land manager’s jurisdiction.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #2 “Assistant Meteorological Technician” – Costs significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the costs.
* Contracts #1 “FMSAC Field Observer” – Applicant put the notes for Staff #1 “USFS Avalanche Center Director” for this line item. Applicant must update the correct notes for this line item.
* Contracts #3 “Website Maintenance” – Applicant is reminded Project can only fund OHV related content on a website. Applicant must clarify the percentage of OHV content available to OHV users on the website.
* Equipment Use Expense #1 and 3 – Applicant must clarify what type of vehicle the Monthly FOR vehicle is for. In addition, Applicant must clarify how often (days) the vehicle is going to be used on the Project within a monthly basis.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #6 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide additional information if they conducted a publicly notified meeting with the general public to discuss the Project (not discuss Project Application during MSAC avalanche awareness trainings).
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Plan to implement the Project” and “Evaluation of the Project process”. Applicant must provide clearly identifiable and/or measurable elements to substantiate selections.
* #8 – Applicant’s narrative does not support the selections of “Outreach booth/Exhibits” and “Audio/video programs”. Applicant must provide examples to support the selections.
* #10 – Narrative does not support the selection. Data must align with information provided in evaluation criteria #8 and correlate with the response provided in the narrative of evaluation criteria #9.