

# 2024 (G24) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program USFS - Sequoia National Forest's Factual Findings

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The information provided below is the OHMVR Division Factual Findings for this Applicant. The information provided reflects the OHMVR Division's review and determination of the Applicant's final Application.

For information regarding the appeal process, see Section 4970.17 of the [Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program regulations webpage](https://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23747)  
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## **General Evaluation Criteria:**

- #1d – OHV Opportunity Ratio. Add 4 points.

## **Ground Operations: G24-02-15-G01**

### **Project Description – Background**

- No change.

### **Project Description – Project Description**

- No change.

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

- No change.

### **Project Description – All Others**

- No change.

### **Project Cost Estimate**

- Materials / Supplies #5 "HL PPE + Volunteers" – The Applicant removed "chainsaw, chaps...bar oil...fuel containers" items from the line item but did not reduce the line item total. The Applicant listed eight (8) items for this line item. Removing four (4) items reduces the line-item total by 50%. Deduct \$1,000 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$1,000 and match \$0.

- Materials / Supplies #8, 14, & 18 – The Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. The costs did not increase from the previous year's Application.
- Materials / Supplies #10 "HL Heavy Equipment Consumables" – The Applicant changed line item activities without receiving a Division or public comment. The Applicant must remove line item. Deduct \$500 from Grant.
- Materials / Supplies #16 "KR–PPE + Volunteers" – Contingent lint item: The Applicant listed items not related to personal protective equipment (e.g., "chainsaw chaps, chainsaw chains, bar oil, and fuel containers"). Applicant must move these items and costs not related to personal protective equipment to a separate line item.
- Materials / Supplies #25 "WD– PPE + Volunteers" – Contingent lint item: The Applicant listed items not related to personal protective equipment (e.g., "chainsaw chaps, chainsaw chains, bar oil, and fuel containers"). Applicant must move these items and costs not related to personal protective equipment to a separate line item.
- Equipment Purchases #1–3 – The Applicant did not respond to Division comment. Applicant must identify and state the need to purchase a piece of Equipment in Project Deliverables–Other.
- Indirect Costs #19 "Public Services Staff Officer" – The Applicant did not clarify the need for this new staff position as the Project's Deliverables did not significantly change from the previous year's Application. The Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$31,540 from match.
- Indirect Costs #20 "Forest Recreation Manager" – The Applicant changed line item activities without division or public comment. The Applicant must remove line-item costs. Deduct \$35,952 from match. The line item no longer has any associated costs, Applicant must remove this line item.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$996,161

Match: \$389,104

Total Project Cost: \$1,385,265

## Evaluation Criteria

- #3 – The Project Description and/or Deliverables sections do not support the selection of "Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use." The Applicant did not clarify its explanation that the Project includes trail maintenance for single-vehicle use. Deduct 1 point.
- #4 – The narrative does not support the selection of "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in–person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The stakeholder meeting did not include multiple distinct stakeholders. Deduct 1 point.
- #6 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Protecting special–status species". The Applicant did not list a special–status species the work being accomplished is protecting. Deduct 1 point.

- #8 – The narratives do not support any of the selections. The Applicant did not provide specific Project examples supported by the Project scope that support the selections. Deduct 6 points.

### **Restoration: G24-02-15-R01**

#### **Project Description – Background**

- No change.

#### **Project Description – Project Description**

- No change.

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

- No change.

#### **Project Description – All Others**

- No change.

#### **Project Cost Estimate**

- Staff #11 "KR Forestry technician GS–7" – The Applicant removed three (3) job duties ("directing schedules," "identifying materials," and "completing documentation as needed") from the line item; however, Applicant did not remove associated costs. The Applicant listed nine (9) different job duties for this line item. Removing three (3) job duties reduces the line item by 33%. Deduct \$13,730 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$27,876 and match \$0.
- Staff #12 "KR Forestry technician GS–7 Step 10" – The Applicant removed two (2) job duties ("directing schedules", and "completing documentation as needed") from the line item; however, Applicant did not remove associated costs. In addition, one (1) job duty ("Identifying materials") is duplicative of direct duties performed by the work leader. The activity must be moved to the Indirect Costs category. The Applicant listed nine (9) different job duties for this line item. Removing three (3) job duties reduces the line item by 33%. Deduct \$12,260 from the Grant and move \$4,087 of the \$12,260 reduction to the Grant Indirect Costs category. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$24,892 and match \$0.
- Staff #17 "Public Services Staff Officer" – The line item is duplicative of Staff category line item #18 "Forest Recreation Program Manager". The Applicant did not explain the need for separate line items. Applicant must remove line item. Deduct \$9,462 from match.
- Staff #18 "Forest Recreation Program Manager" – "Oversight and administration of grant activities" is considered an indirect activity as it does not directly relate to

the completion of the Project. Applicant identifies three (3) different tasks for this line item. Removing one (1) task reduces the line item total by 33%. Move \$5,476 match to the Indirect Costs category match. The revised total for this line item is \$0 Grant and match \$11,117.

- Contracts #1 "Restoration Crew" – Contingent line item: The Applicant included a language stating that the Restoration crew would handle trail work and restoration activities. Typically, trail work is considered a Ground Operations Project activity, which is not eligible under a Restoration Project. If this Project is awarded, the Applicant must clarify what is meant by "trail work" in the context of this Restoration Project. If it pertains to Ground Operations Project activities, the Applicant is limited to spending only 50% (\$30,000) of the line item total.
- Equipment Use Expenses #2 "Mileage – CMRD vehicle" – Contingent line item: If funded, Applicant must change the unit of measurement to "Each" or "Miscellaneous" as a per-mile charge is not allowable.
- Equipment Use Expenses #3 "HL Skid Steer" – The Applicant removed "fuel" from the line item; however, the Applicant did not remove associated costs. The Applicant listed four (4) different items under the line item. Removing one (1) item reduces the line item by 25%. Deduct 1,500 from Grant. The revised total for this line item is now Grant \$4,500 and match \$0.
- Others #1–4 – Contingent line item: If awarded, the Applicant must identify the percentage of OHV use. Indirect Costs #8 "HL Tilt Deck Trailer" – The Applicant added this line item without receiving a Division or public comment. In addition, this line item is a duplicate of Others #4 "HL Equipment Trailer". The Applicant must remove the line item. Deduct \$15,000 from Grant.
- Indirect Costs – The Project does not meet the minimum 10% match requirement for the Project. Move \$3,820 from Grant to match. The revised total for the Indirect Costs category is now Grant \$3,267 and match \$36,818.

Revised Totals:

Grant Request: \$634,019

Match: \$70,447

Total Project Cost: \$704,466

## **Evaluation Criteria**

- #2 – The narrative does not support the selection of "Sensitive Areas". The Applicant did not explain the type and severity of impacts that might occur if the Project is not funded for this selection. Deduct 4 points.
- #3 – The narrative does not support the selection. The Applicant did not provide the name and date of an official reference document. Deduct 4 points.
- #4 – The Project Description section and the narrative do not support the selection of "Best Management Practices". The Applicant did not provide additional details in this section or a narrative to support the selection. Deduct 2 points.

- #7 – The narrative does not support the selection "The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders...". The Applicant did not meet with multiple stakeholders. Deduct 1 point.
- #11 – The Project Description section does not support "Less than 1 acre within the Project Area" of sensitive habitats that will be actively restored within the Project Area. The Applicant did not provide additional details to support active Restoration (i.e., chunking/pitting/mulching) occurring on less than 1 acre within the Project Area. Deduct 1 point.
- #12 – The narrative does not support selection. The Applicant did not provide additional information to support current legal/illegal OHV Recreation occurring in the Project Area. Deduct 20 points.