**USFS - Tahoe 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**

* #2-5 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.
* #8b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must provide a detailed explanation on the “Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations”, “recommendations for improvement in species management” and “Strategies to changing conditions…”.
* #13 – Applicant must verify responses by final submission.

**Ground Operations G23-02-20-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 #3-5 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Replaced lower grade or temporary position in the prior year's Application.
* Staff #16 & 24 – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Staff #22 “AR Trail Staff (GS5)” – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Staff #34-38 – Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Not a new position, added in the prior year's Application.
* Materials / Supplies #2 “OHV Signs” – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost. In addition, Applicant’s notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Notes were not changed per Division comments.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, & 17 – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”
* Equipment Use Expenses #23, 26, 29, 32, 35, & 38 – Cost significantly increased compared to prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Equipment Purchases #1 “YRRD ROV 4 Seat Rock Crawler” – Applicant must clarify the need this line item. Applicant already owns several Jeeps that have the same capabilities as this 4 Seat Rock Crawler.
* Others #2 “Chainsaw Fuel” – Fuel for chainsaws is duplicative to Materials / Supplies #5 “Chainsaw Mntc/fuel/supplies”; Applicant must remove fuel expenses from one of the line items or explain the need for separate line items.

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #3 – Narrative does not support the selections of “Installing or repairing erosion control features” and “Providing varied levels of riding difficulty”. Applicant must provide example(s) of Project activities being performed that support the selections.
* #4 – Narrative does not support the selection “The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed…”. Applicant must state meeting location. Additionally, the narrative does not support the selection of “The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders…”. Applicant must provide the platform of the virtual meeting.

**Restoration, Greenhorn Barriers G23-02-20-R01**

***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***

* Equipment Use Expenses #2 – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #4 – The Project Description section does not support the selection of “Use of native plants and materials”. Project includes the purchase boulders. Applicant must clarify if the Project will use onsite/native boulders in this section to support the selection.
* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list the location of the meeting.
* #11 – Project Description section does not support “Greater than 10 acres…” of sensitive habitats which will be actively restored within the Project area. Monitoring, installing signs, and barriers are not considered active Restoration activities. Applicant must remove the selection.

**Restoration, Greenhorn Rehabilitation Planning G23-02-20-R02**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* Activities to access “wildfire risk to surrounding (from bonfires during fire restrictions created by OHV users illegally in the Greenhorn area)” does not have an OHV nexus. Applicant must remove the language.

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

* No comment.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Equipment Use Expenses #1 “Vehicle Mileage Class 251” – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #7 – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must list the location of the meeting.
* #11 – Project does not support this selection. Project is solely for planning activities within the Restoration Project. Applicant must remove the selection.

**Education & Safety G23-02-20-S01**

***Project Description - Background***

* No comment.

***Project Description – Project Description***

* No comment.

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

* #2 – Applicant must provide the number of educational rides they anticipate conducting.

***Project Description – All Others***

* No comment.

***Project Cost Estimate***

* Staff #4 “SV OHV Tech” – Applicant's notes are inaccurate and need to be revised. Cost did not increase from previous year’s Application.
* Material / Supplies #3 “Human Waste Bags” – Cost significantly increased compared to the prior year’s Application. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the cost.
* Equipment Use Expenses #1-4 – Equipment fuel expenses are reimbursed based on actual cost, not per mile charge. Applicant must describe in the notes section how fuel costs were determined (a per mile charge provided for the methodology would be acceptable) and change the unit of measurement to “Each” or “Miscellaneous.”

***Evaluation Criteria***

* #6 – Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide the location of the public meeting. In addition, Applicant must provide the platform of the virtual stakeholder meeting and clarify if meeting was hosted by the Applicant.
* #8 – The Project Description section does not support the selections of “Social media” and "Website" as methods of education. Applicant must provide additional details in this section to support the selections.
* #9 – Narrative does not support the selection. "Downieville Classic Event” does not appear to be part of the Project. Applicant must provide additional details in the Project Description section to support the selection.