

**USFS San Bernardino**

Comments submitted by the 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 shall 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 requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division 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 California Department of Parks and Recreation.

**General Evaluation Criteria**

- #1a – Dates provided do not appear to be the most recent. Previous year’s application listed later dates.
- #2 – Applicant must verify response.
- #3a&b – Applicant must verify response.
- #4 – Applicant must verify response and provide a cost of their OHV program for the most recent complete fiscal year. “Y” is not a valid response.
- #12a&b– Applicant must verify responses.

Ground Operations

G14-02-14-G01

Project Description

- No Comment

<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – OHV Volunteer Coordinator – This cost appears excessive. Applicant must ensure that all the volunteer work will be performed on OHV trails and if not, this line item must be adjusted accordingly. In addition, applicant must explain if this is the full burden rate.</li> <li>• Staff – Adopt-A-Trail Volunteers – Applicant must verify that all volunteer hours are associated with OHV trails within the Forest.</li> <li>• Contracts – OHV training center sprinkler contract – This is not an acceptable activity for Ground Operations. This is not a public area.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4 – Narrative does not support response. Applicant must state how the Stakeholders are Stakeholders.</li> <li>• #5 – Narrative does not support response. The applicant must list each partner organization(s) separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner(s) will participate in the project. In addition, California Trail Users Coalition is not a partner in this project. Finally, SBNF Arch Site Steward volunteers are not an organization and are not eligible as partners.</li> </ul>	

<b>Development – Summit Staging Area</b>	<b>G14-02-14-D01</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comment</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, all Contract related positions except Inspectors – Duties appear duplicative with some duties Indirect Costs. Applicant must provide additional details related to how these positions do not have duties that are duplicative or administrative in nature.</li> </ul>	
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Staging areas and restrooms do not provide for diversified OHV use.</li> <li>• #10 –Meetings with Stakeholders – Narrative does not support selection, does not indicate how the identified stakeholders are actual stakeholders in this project.</li> </ul>	

<b>Development - Miller Staging Area</b>	<b>G14-02-14-D02</b>
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A – “Install 200 feet of asphalt pavement on Forest Road 2N37” is not an eligible activity if the section of road is not authorized for travel by green sticker vehicles. Applicant must clarify and adjust costs accordingly.</li> </ul>	

<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, all Contract related positions except Inspectors – Duties appear duplicative with some duties Indirect Costs. Applicant must provide additional details related to how these positions do not have duties that are duplicative or administrative in nature.</li> <li>• Contracts, Legacy grading sediment control SW – Line item contains cost for asphalt paving as discussed in project description comment. Applicant must adjust this cost if the section of road is not authorized for travel by green sticker vehicles.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #4 – Narrative does not support the selections. Staging areas and restrooms do not provide for diversified OHV use.</li> <li>• #10 –Meetings with Stakeholders – Narrative does not support selection, does not indicate how the identified stakeholders are actual stakeholders in this project.</li> <li>• #11 –Applicant must list each partner separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner will participate in this project.</li> </ul>

Restoration – Restoration Monitoring and Maintenance	G14-02-14-R01
<b>Project Description</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Comments</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Cost Estimate</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff – “Adopt-A-Trail Vols-site work”, it is unclear if these volunteers are the same volunteers identified in the Southern California Mountains Foundation restoration project. Additional details are needed to support these volunteers are working solely on this project.</li> <li>• Contracts – “Chicago Bot. Garden FS Match”, the match is unclear. Only actual costs are eligible for either reimbursement and/or match. Additionally, indirect costs can only be claimed in the Indirect category.</li> <li>• Contracts – “Chicago Bot. Garden CBG Match”, the match is unclear, only actual costs are eligible for either reimbursement and/or match.</li> <li>• Materials/Supplies – “Native Plant Nursery supplies”, how are these supplies different than the supplies the Southern California Mountains Foundation is requesting for the same native plant nursery?</li> </ul>	

## Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – “Threatened and Endangered...”, applicant must provide the names of at least three T&E species.
- #2 – “Other special-status species”, is not listed. Based on applicant’s selection, at least three special-status species must be identified.
- #4 – The identification of alternative OHV routes are not identified as part of this project.
- #7 – Narrative does not support “meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders”. Applicant must identify how the participants are stakeholders to the project.
- #8 – Narrative does not clearly identify how the partners will participate in this project. Applicant must only identify partners that will participate in this restoration project. A partner cannot be a grant paid participant, such as the Chicago Botanic Garden Intern. Additionally, the Southern California Mountains Foundation cannot be claimed as a partner if they are conducting the same activities in their proposed restoration project.
- #10 – Narrative does not support the underlying problem was resolved prior to this application.