

General Application Requirements

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1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name Mono County
- b. Organizational Unit Public Works
- c. Address PO BOX 457
- d. Address 2 74 NORTH SCHOOL STREET
- e. City Bridgeport State CA Zip 93517
- f. Federal ID Number 95-60056671 Reference No.

- g. Agency fiscal year (beginning month and day) July-01

- h. Agency Type

<input type="radio"/> City <input type="radio"/> U.S. Forest Service <input type="radio"/> U.S. Bureau of Land Management <input type="radio"/> Federally or State Recognized Native American Tribe <input type="radio"/> Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only <input type="radio"/> District	<input checked="" type="radio"/> County <input type="radio"/> U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District <input type="radio"/> Federal Agency <input type="radio"/> Educational Institution <input type="radio"/> State Agency <input type="radio"/> Certified Community Conservation Corps
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2. Project Information

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency Yes No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested \$329,357.00 Project Cost \$374,274.50

Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	R01	Restoration	329,357	44,918	374,275

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3. Contact

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Habitat Management Program (HMP)

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PART 1 - HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)

All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to Habitat Management Program (HMP) requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.

Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2 in accordance with 14 CCR Section 4970.06.2.

1. Do any of proposed Projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? Yes No
(If you checked YES, complete Question # 2. If you checked NO, stop here)

2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Recreation directly facilitated by these activities, contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? Yes No
(If you checked YES, complete Item #2. If you checked NO, stop here).

ITEM #2

Discuss the research and justification used to certify that the proposed Project does not contain any risk factors to special status species and/or sensitive habitats. To demonstrate that all special status species and sensitive habitat have been considered for evaluation within the HMP, Applicants are encouraged to attach a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC), and USFWS National Wetland Inventory (NWI) record search for the proposed Project Area. The record searches ought to cover an appropriate buffer surrounding your proposed Project footprint(s).

Evaluation Criteria

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1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary - Q 1. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (Page 1) - Q 1. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunity)

The Applicant and/or Land Manager currently has legal OHV riding opportunities?: Yes No
(Check the one most appropriate)

"Yes" responses - Applicant shall respond to ALL items EXCEPT for 14

"No" responses - Applicant shall ONLY respond to items 11, 12, 13, and 14

- a. Data Period: Identify the most recent twelve month period for which the Land Manager has accurate OHV Opportunity and visitation data:

Starting (Month/Year) (mm/yyyy format): 01/2021

Ending (Month/Year) (mm/yyyy format): 12/2021

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Opportunity Ratio). Respond relative to the twelve month data period identified in item 1a:

- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months). Enter the number of months during the data period that OHV Opportunity was available: 12

- ii. Total miles of routes available for OHV Recreation: 2,772

- iii. Total acres of open riding available for OHV Recreation: 715,671

- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days): 214,378

Every visitor that spends a day or a portion thereof engaged in OHV Recreation in legal riding areas is considered one visitor day. Use the most recently published, official, publically available, completed document that indicates OHV visitation data.

- v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity: 0.30
OHV visitation / (acres of open area+ miles of routes) = OHV ratio
(Note: This field will auto-populate):

1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (Page 2) - Q 1. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunity)

- c. Provide name and date of reference document that supports the responses to items 1a and 1b on the previous page:

BLM: Bishop Resource Management Plan 1993 defines OHV use as open all year in the Open and Limited Use Areas; Recreation Management Information System report 62a dated 02/24/2020 documents Bishop Field Office's OHV user days.

INF: OHV/OSV use - 12 month use; Inyo National Forest Visitor Use Report FY 2016; MVUM Use Maps

HTNF: National Visitor Use Monitoring Results, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, July 2007, Data collected FY2006, USDA Forest Service Region 4; MVUM Use Maps

* Total Visitor Opportunities are summarized within Mono County (project area) with shapefiles/GIS provided by land management agencies (linear OHV roads and trails and total land mass area currently open to OHV/OSV).

- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 (Note: This field will be calculated by the system and auto-populate.) 0.30

Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score:

(Note: The score will be determined once all Applicants' scores have been compared.)

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Q 2. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

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Check all that apply to the Land Manager's OHV program:

- Map, printed or digital, with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)
- Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)
- Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)
- Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)
- At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)
- Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

3. Variety of OHV Opportunity - Q 3. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty: 5

(Check the one most appropriate for the Land Manager's OHV program)

- 3 or more skill levels (5 points)
- 2 skill levels (3 points)
- 1 skill level (1 point)

- b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy): 6

(Check the one most appropriate for the Land Manager's OHV program)

- Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points)
- Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)
- Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)

4. Agency Contribution - Q 4. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

Total cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year including grant funds and agency operational budget. 564375

- % Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 1

(Check the one most appropriate)

- No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points)
- 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points)
- 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)
- 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)
- More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points)

Provide name and date of reference document:

BLM - OHV opportunities are a major portion of the office's workload. FY21, Bishop BLM expended approximately \$165,600 of OHV Trust funds. This data was collected through the Bureau's Financial Business Management System (FBMS), and the reports are titled 2019 Agency Contributions to the OHV Program.

INF - FY20 OHMVR Division Invoices Filed with CA State Parks

HTNF - G18-02-04-01-Ground Operations Grant, FY19; Cost of Program: \$242,298,00, \$171,210.00 from OHV Trust Funds. No OHMVR Division Funding last FY

5. Project Performance - Q 5. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

At any time in the last two complete calendar years prior to the current Grant Cycle, has the Applicant been out of Good Standing with the Division? 10

(Check the one most appropriate)

- No (10 points)
- Yes (No points)
- First time Applicants or Applicants without active projects in the last two complete calendar years. (5 points)

6. Previous Year Performance - Q 6. (FOR DIVISION USE ONLY)

In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit.

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- In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with their assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)
- First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant Projects within the last two years (2 points)
- In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Q 7. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1) - Q 7. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- No (answer items b and c)
- Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Provide a detailed explanation for the "Yes" response:

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2) - Q 7. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled: 5

(Check the one most appropriate)

- At least 5 days per week (5 points)
- At least once per week (3 points)
- At least once per month (1 point)
- Less than once per month (No points)

Provide a detailed explanation for the statement that was checked (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols):

BLM has one Federal Law Enforcement Ranger who patrols the OHV opportunity areas at least three days per week. Additionally, BLM Park Rangers, seasonal Technicians and other staff monitor OHV activities and report findings, which occurs four to five times per week. The areas patrolled include popular OHV riding areas as well as areas closed to OHV use. On a weekly basis, approximately eleven percent, or 80,000 acres, of the resource management area are patrolled

INF - Due to increase of OHV users, OHV routes and facilities need constant upkeep. The Inyo will work with current OHV staff to cover about 30% of the Inyo National Forest. This work will be done on busy weekends and holidays.

HTNF - OHV / OSV rangers on both districts typically work 5 days a week including weekends and holidays in order to patrol the heavily visited. Staffing for both winter and summer consists of 2-4 seasonal employees and the OHV program Manager/Lead depending on grant funding. Winter crews operate at a minimum of a 2 person team

7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3) - Q 7. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas: 5

(Check all that apply)

- Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)
- Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked:

Barriers and/or signing is used to prevent OHV trespass across agencies. More is needed. (e.g. "Street Legal Vehicles Only", "Ride only on designated roads and trails", etc. These examples are present but sporadic in Mono County across BLM/USFS jurisdictions.

Some level of education programs including maps and/or brochures are provided to the public to address OHV trespass including private property. More are needed with revised/updated information (e.g. USFS MVUM data, CTUC products, etc.) across BLM/USFS jurisdictions. Joint-Agency events include volunteer stewardship days, National Public Lands Day, and Earth Day.

8. Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 8. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

8. Natural and Cultural Resources (Page 1) - Q 8. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation? 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- No (answer item b)
- Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 9)

Provide a detailed explanation for the "Yes" response:

8. Natural and Cultural Resources (Page 2) - Q 8. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- b. Resource Management Information System 5

Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:

- Ongoing survey/inventory of species;
- Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites;
- Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations;
- Components that evaluate the effects of OHV Recreation and related activity on the species;
- Recommendations for improvement in species management;
- Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species?

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for the "Yes" response:

Inter-agency information systems include biological records recorded in the CA Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), National Resource Information System (NRIS), Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (WHPP), Habitat Management Program (HMP), BMPs, and various GIS databases (Survey 123, ArcCollector-ESRI, etc.) Inter-agency staff and resource specialists evaluate existing conditions, trespass, and impacts. (Reference: Bishop Resource Management Plan, Allotment Management Plans, Special Status Species Manual, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Management Plan and Amendments (1986, 2002, 2004), Inyo National Forest Travel Management EIS/ROD)

9. Soil Management - Q 9. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

9. Soil Management (Page 1) - Q 9. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- a. The Applicant and/or Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities that is consistent with the 2008 Soil Standard? 5

(Check the one most appropriate)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for the "Yes" response:

BLM has developed a Soil Conservation Plan which contains protocols for assessment, maintenance, monitoring compliance reporting which is submitted to the Division if OHV trust funds were used.

INF uses the Trail Condition Evaluation Form and also photo points, Best Management Program Evaluation Program protocols, develops Soil and Water Conservation Guide to monitor OHV roads and trails.

HTNF - Condition Surveys are completed on all NFS trails every 5 years on a rotating basis. So every 5 years each trail is evaluated using details TRACS surveys to determine condition of the trail, maintenance needs, potential erosion and corrective actions needed in addition to USFS "GYR Form" monitoring

- b. The Applicant and/or Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5

(Check the one most appropriate)

No (No points)

Yes (5 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for the "Yes" response:

When soil issues are present, a combination of the following management techniques are used: road re-alignment, seasonal road closure, permanent road closure, route barricades, hardening or maintenance, vertical

mulching, installation of erosion control devices (ie. installing water bars or rolling dips or bumps and bringing in road base, etc.) Revegetation of native species is used to increase soil stability, and vehicles are confined to existing system roads through various visitor service tools (maps, signs, kiosks, etc.) in addition to armoring areas of trespass. Sedimentation is redistributed and compacted on road surfaces where feasible. Site/photo monitoring used elsewhere in this application are used to inform these priorities.

9. Soil Management (Page 2) - Q 9. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- c. The Applicant and/or Land Manager performs soil monitoring: 3

(Check the one most appropriate)

- Monthly (3 points)
 After major rain events (2 points)
 Annually or not applicable (No points)

10. Sound Level Testing - Q 10. (ONLY for Applicants WITH legal OHV riding opportunities)

- The Applicant and/or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing on individual off-highway motor vehicles: 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points)
 At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points)
 Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points)

Provide a detailed description of the sound testing program:

N/A - Sound monitoring is not conducted

11. OHV Education - Q 11. (For ALL Applicants)

11. OHV Education (Page 1) - Q 11. (For ALL Applicants)

- a. Education materials available onsite: 10

(Check all that apply)

- Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. (5 points)
 Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation. (5 points)
 Applicant or Land Manager provides no educational materials. (No points)

Provide a detailed explanation of Applicant and/or Land Manager's onsite education efforts relative to item a.:

Signs, and kiosks are located at the majority of Inyo National Forest staging areas, trailheads, etc. and at visitor centers. Inter-agency visitor services provide free literature (CTUC maps), describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices, however more is needed as MVUM/CTUC data is not always consistent or user-friendly. Maintenance, replacement, and additional materials/kiosks/signs are needed, particularly in Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and BLM managed lands.

- b. Applicant provides hosted onsite formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. Count only organized, scheduled events; do not include routine visitor contacts: 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- 50 or more per year (3 points)
 20 to 49 times per year (2 points)

- 5 to 19 times per year (1 point)
- Less than 5 times per year (No points)

Provide a detailed explanation of Applicant's onsite education efforts relative to item b:

Applicant does not currently provide hosted onsite formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc.

11. OHV Education (Page 2) - Q 11. (For ALL Applicants)

- c. When Facility is open, staff are onsite and available at trailheads, trails, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use: 4

(Check the one most appropriate)

- Daily (5 points)
- On all weekends (4 points)
- On the majority of weekends (2 points)
- On major holidays (1 point)
- None of the above (No points)

- d. ATV Safety Institute, Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and/or Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association approved training courses are provided to the public: 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- At least 30 times per year (5 points)
- 18-29 times per year (3 points)
- 4-17 times per year (1 point)
- Less than 4 times per year (No points)

Provide a detailed explanation of Land Manager's onsite education efforts relative to item d.:

12. Website - Q 12. (For ALL Applicants)

- a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Applicant or Land Manager's website: 0

(Check the one most appropriate)

- No (skip to question 13)
- Yes (provide URL address and answer item b)

Provide URL address: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/inyo/home> ;
<https://www.blm.gov/office/bishop-field-office> ;
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/htnf>; <https://monocounty.ca.gov/sustainable-recreation>

- b. The Applicant or Land Manager's website contains the following OHV related items: 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map to location | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information on responsible riding |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map of Facilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information | <input type="checkbox"/> Fee schedule |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal restrictions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Link to Division Website |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement contact information |

13. OHV Outreach - Q 13. (For ALL Applicants)

Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes:

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Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDs and/or DVDs | <input type="checkbox"/> Television |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Parades |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OHV dealers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs at schools |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) [Brochures, Trail-Host Programs; websites; Visitor Contacts] |

14. Sustaining OHV Recreation - Q 14. (ONLY for Applicants with NO legal OHV riding opportunities)

The Applicant or Land Manager sustains OHV Recreation in the following ways:

(Check all that apply)

- Has engaged in collaborative processes with agencies that manage OHV Opportunities (5 points)
- Has established an OHV Commission or stakeholder group dedicated to sustaining OHV Opportunities (5 points)
- Has adopted a general plan, management plan, ordinance, or resolution supporting OHV Recreation (10 points)
- Has secured land to be developed for OHV Recreation (10 points)
- Has created a special fund to set aside funding to sustain OHV Recreation (10 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked: