

Ground Operations

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Background - Provide a brief description of the Applicant or Land Manger's organization/program (e.g., location and types of recreation available) - 4970.10.1(d)(1)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office (BIFO) is located in Central California on the east side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Popular tourist destinations such as Yosemite, Death Valley and Manzanar National Parks, Mount Whitney, Mammoth Mountain and the Alabama Hills are within, or adjacent to the field office's management area. These diverse landscapes and ecosystems can experience wind chill temperatures of 50-60 degrees below freezing in the winter near Bodie, and upwards of 100 degrees in several places throughout the summer. The BIFO shares numerous boundaries with the Inyo National Forest and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) lands, and many OHV routes cross multiple land jurisdictions. The BLM BIFO is comprised of approximately 750,000 acres and spans 150 miles along the popular recreation corridor of Highway 395. The area is known for world-class recreation opportunities and scenery, and is widely considered a destination location for outdoor activities.

Motorized roads and trails lead to a large variety of non-motorized recreation opportunities such as hiking, backpacking, equestrian use, mountain biking, camping, picnicking, fishing, birding and rock climbing. These non-motorized recreational opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed. There are 1,800 acres of open riding, and 2,500 miles of roads, trails and primitive routes open to green sticker motorized vehicles. OHV opportunities consist of everything from desert floor single track trails, ideal for motorcyclist enthusiasts, to mountainous roads and primitive routes for all terrain vehicles (ATV), side by sides (SxS), 4x4's and SUV's and other motorized vehicles. There are 426,700 acres of limited use, 160,000 acres of Wilderness, and 161,700 acres of Wilderness Study Areas (WSA). The BIFO offers five developed campgrounds, all with OHV roads or trails accessed directly from the campgrounds, and two interagency visitor centers, the Eastern Sierra Visitor Center in Lone Pine, and the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop.

Project Description - The Project Description shall provide sufficient clarity such that those not familiar with the Application or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do - 4970.10.1(d)(2) Note: Do not add Project Deliverables in this box.

Ground Operations within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office (BIFO) is comprised of trail and route maintenance, monitoring, signage, public contacts and outreach, facilities maintenance, and environmental resource management throughout the field office wide project area. All field work mentioned will be documented with Survey123, photographs and gps coordinates. The BLM BIFO is requesting funding to support these activities and has been largely successful in past years due to our partners, volunteers, and funding from the State of California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

Ground operations on the BIFO as identified in this project will consist of the following activities:

Trail and Route Maintenance - Most of the annual tread maintenance is based off storm related damage that occurs during summer monsoon season and winter months. This damage is hard to predict but the BIFO relies on the Red, Yellow, Green (RYG) surveys to direct many of the annual maintenance efforts. Since the G18-01-05-P01 planning and route evaluation grant, BIFO has evaluated over 1700 miles of the road and trail system. This has resulted in narrowing priority maintenance to 30-40 miles of inventoried "Red" routes throughout a variety of the BIFO nine management areas. Survey 123 data shows all "Red" routes within the field office and narrows road maintenance priorities to approximately 3% of the overall road/trail system. Management areas that see the highest visitation, serve as main access corridors, or have greater overall connectivity of routes will be prioritized within the "Red" subset of survey data. The BIFO also relies on the public and volunteers to report areas of concern, and those road and trail alignments get prioritized throughout the year and often overlap with routes previously evaluated as "Red". The management areas that met these criteria for G24 include, Owens Valley, Long Valley, Benton, Owens Lake and Bridgeport Valley but may include others depending on seasonal weather events and staff and equipment availability.

Note: It should be mentioned that severe weather events during the G23 grant cycle created damage throughout the road and trail system. Due to the amount of routes in the BIFO system, not all routes have been reinventoried since the 2022/2023 winter. Access and evaluation will continue via the RYG survey and information is still being gathered due to the amount of damage. New data collected and evaluated as "Red" will also be considered for maintenance during the G24 grant cycle.

Monitoring and Signage - Route monitoring is a critical component to successfully responding to maintenance needs. It's important that we quickly address issues to keep motorized users on routes and reduce resource damage. Park Rangers and BLM staff will regularly install, fix or replace signage throughout the field office wide project area.

Public Contacts and Education - Park Rangers will make public contacts, provide information and education while monitoring OHV routes and facilities. Field presence is highly valued by the public and gives OHV users and recreationists the opportunity to seek guidance and information to make decisions that align with BIFO resource regulations.

Facility Maintenance - This project allows the BIFO to maintain five campgrounds with direct access to OHV trail system and one Open OHV Area. Grant funding allows the BIFO to conduct necessary maintenance and repair that include erosional control maintenance, cleaning, trash removal, painting, vandalism repair, brushing, signage and funds camp host reimbursement (match funds).

Environmental Resource Management - This project funds necessary specialists to survey ground-disturbing project locations and staff needed to monitor habitat and soil conditions for the HMP and 2020 Soil Conservation Plan.

Work Documentation - All field work mentioned above will be documented with Survey123, photographs and gps coordinates to ensure deliverables are met within the project area.

Project Description - 4970.10.1(d)(2)

List of Project Deliverables - 4970.10.1(d)(2)(A)

Provide a list of Project Deliverables the Applicant proposes to undertake

#	Title	Project Deliverable Description
1.	Trail/Road Maintenance	<p>Maintenance activities on legal green sticker OHV roads and trails are continually needed throughout the field office and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repairing use-induced tread problems (whoops, widening and rutting) • Trash and litter removal • Delineating routes • Removing downed trees and brushing • Repairing and stabilizing roads and trails by grading, using rolling dips, and trail hardening with materials obtained onsite • Signing routes for varied types of use and/ or difficulty level <p>Monitoring and maintenance will occur throughout the field office. Maintenance activities will occur as needed on roads and trails that are legal for green sticker OHV use.</p>
2.	Track Maintenance (i.e., Motocross track, flat track, etc.)	
3.	Open Area Maintenance	<p>The Poleta Open Area is in need of general maintenance activities which would include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the delineation/marketing of the Open Area boundary with appropriate signage and replacing deteriorating signs, fencing and/or gates • Maintaining routes with erosional issues using materials obtained on-site • Distributing OHV recreation maps and safety information • Maintaining facilities (see below)
4.	Facility Maintenance/Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an outstanding opportunity for OHV camping through facility cleanliness and maintenance, updated kiosks, and maintained trail access • Funding will support campground host reimbursements, seasonal staff and maintenance costs • All five campgrounds will receive erosion control maintenance including grading and installation of speed bumps if necessary. Erosion control features will use materials obtained onsite • Staff will perform invasive weed removal and hazard tree assessment and removal within the campgrounds • Painting, vandalism repair, graffiti removal, trash and litter removal at OHV facilities, on trails, open area, and trailheads • Vault pumping, portable toilet rental, and garbage collection paid by BLM at campgrounds and Wild Willy's. Poleta portable toilet rental and servicing is requested in contracts for G24.

5.	Signing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will update OHV informational kiosks in the field with emergency information, fresh paint and new map boxes where needed • Staff will ensure route signs are correct, and repair or replace signs as needed using directional and traffic control signage, route marking, hazard marking, OHV education and safety signs, vehicle types, regulatory signs, difficulty level, reflective decals, etc
6.	Fencing/Barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will maintain fencing/barriers where needed to ensure open OHV access of appropriate designated use • Rock barriers are sourced on-site or in the general area • Fencing may include the re-use of railroad ties, telephone poles, or logs from the surrounding forest
7.	Environmental/Cultural Requirements	<p>Soil Conservation Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route condition assessments using Survey123, GIS mapping, and photo monitoring • Data collected will be used to determine corrective actions, or to schedule maintenance to reduce soil movement • Staff will select photo points at locations with heavy OHV use, erodible soils and water crossings • Compliance reporting will utilize photos and maps to show repairs and identify sites requiring maintenance. <p>HMP monitoring and reporting on the listed sensitive species and habitats.</p> <p>Cultural Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide staff to serve as monitors for OHV route/trail maintenance to protect cultural resources • Utilize site stewards to monitor and protect known cultural resources • On the ground activities include heritage site monitoring, site record updates, and surveys to locate sites with assistance of BIFO archaeologists
8.	Public Outreach/Visitor Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide BLM BIFO California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) OHV maps for free to the public at campgrounds, staging areas and visitor centers. Provide Alabama Hills maps for free at two kiosks within the National Scenic Area. • Provide full-time seasonal OHV Technician at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center (ESIVC) in Lone Pine. This position will serve the public as the first point of contact for visitors, provide maps, campground and staging area information, ensure proper OHV recreational use regulations are available, restock and update kiosk information. In addition, visitor center staff will communicate and facilitate important information exchanged between the public and BLM about trail conditions, natural resource concerns and emergencies. They will also conduct OHV monitoring and directional and regulatory sign installation in the field.
9.	Winter Activities – Only for areas specific to where winter OHV recreation occurs. Note: All activities within State funded OSV grooming contract areas are prohibited)	

10.	Other (unique to Ground Operations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect traffic counter data: Technicians will install traffic counters, collect the data procured by traffic counters, and analyze that information in connection with route conditions• Maintenance of UTV used for Soil and HMP monitoring, one UTV and trailer• Photo documentation of field work completed, social media and website presence of responsible OHV recreation and grant funded ground operations success and accomplishments
11.	Other (unique to Ground Operations)	
12.	Other (unique to Ground Operations)	

How the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will add to, enhance, or otherwise sustain OHV Recreation or OHV Opportunity in the Project Area - 4970.10.1(d)(2)(B)

This project is planned with a strategy that will enhance visitor services and satisfaction when they pursue OHV use in the BLM Bishop Field Office's resource management area. The operation of the campgrounds functions not only as a staging area where OHV recreation users can ride from, but a place where they can gather OHV information. Continued maintenance of the campgrounds focused on visitor satisfaction and experience, is imperative to preserving natural and cultural resources by decreasing the amount of OHV dispersed camping. By providing staff at the visitor centers, we are ensuring that OHV-related information is available and communicated at the first and main point of public contact in the area. Routine trail maintenance and monitoring is required to sustain OHV recreation opportunities. Routes that have compromised tread conditions tend to cause off-route travel as riders tend to avoid these conditions and pursue the path of least resistance. Routes that are clearly signed for type, size and width of vehicle lessen user conflict, help ensure proper use of the area, and provide a safe and enjoyable experience. Improved and updated facilities and maps ensure that users have access to OHV information and services for a high quality OHV experience.

Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles - 4970.10.1(d)(2)(C)

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The locations and descriptions of existing OHV Opportunities in and around the Project Area - 4970.10.1(d)(2)(D)

Located in the Eastern Sierra region of California, the Bishop BLM Resource Area encompasses 750,000 acres of public land across both Inyo and Mono counties. There are many OHV recreation opportunities throughout the management area including approximately 124 miles of motorcycle, ATV and ROV trails, and an 1,800 acre open riding area. There are 2,500 miles of roads, trails and primitive routes. All roads and trails are open year round.

OHV's are utilized to access non-motorized activities in the resource area including camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing and opportunities for solitude. The Bishop BLM operates five campgrounds, three that are open all year, where OHV users can ride directly from the campgrounds.

The Alabama Hills in Lone Pine is located in the southern region of the field office. The Poleta Open Area and the Tungsten Hills are located near the Bishop area. All are very popular OHV and motor touring destinations in the southern region of the field office. Long Valley is located close to Mammoth Lakes and Crowley Lake, where many OHV riding and camping opportunities exist. Adobe Valley provides OHV routes that allow for users to observe the Montgomery Pass Wild Horse herd. Further north is Bridgeport and the Bodie Hills, both offer exceptional scenic and wildlife viewing areas where motor touring and OHV camping are popular.

Rerouting Requirements - 4970.10.1(d)(3)

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- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? Yes No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

District and County Information

California State Senate Districts

Select one or more of the California State Senate Districts where the proposed project activities will occur. Copy and Paste the URL (<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>) in your browser to determine the State Senate district(s).

- State Senate 04

California State Assembly Districts

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Congressional District 3

County

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Inyo

Mono

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Bishop Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G24-01-05-G01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Planning		
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DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	1. Staff-OHV Technicians - Seasonal Notes : Four seasonal OHV Technicians will perform duties associated with completing deliverables #1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. Their time will be split 50% between G22 restoration and G24 GO projects. The quantity of hours listed in the GO cost estimate include GO hours only. The rate is based on an average from General Schedule (GS) 5 to Wage Grade (WG) 7. G24 increase due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service	1800.0000	44.000	HRS	79,200.00	79,200.00	0.00

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	https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf						
	2. Staff-Visitor Center Technician- Seasonal Notes : One technician will staff the visitor center (VC) in Lone Pine to provide OHV information to visitors, ensure kiosks and information boards are updated, communicate safety information and OHV laws, and relay visitor reported resource concerns to BLM staff. The VC technician will also monitor in the field part time performing sign replacement, and repair, delineate routes, remove trash, monitor soil conditions, perform photo monitoring, and make visitor contacts. Daily logs from VC staff show that OHV related inquiries occur throughout each business day and that hundreds of visitors stop at the VC daily. The employee is a GS7 including cost-to-gov as we are not able to hire at the GS5 due to cost of living in the area. Regular and overtime hours are included. This is a G24 increase due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf	900.0000	44.000	HRS	39,600.00	39,600.00	0.00
	3. Staff-Permanent Recreation Staff Notes : Three Park Rangers and two Recreation Planners will work in the field with seasonal technicians to ensure monitoring and maintenance schedules and protocols are followed correctly. They will install and repair signs, monitor high-use OHV areas, delineate routes, collect soil condition	2000.0000	59.000	HRS	118,000.00	82,000.00	36,000.00

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	assessments, remove trash and make visitor contacts. The hourly rate is based on an average from GS 7 to 11 cost to government. Regular and overtime hours are included. A G24 increase is due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf						
	4. Staff-Civil Engineering Technician Notes : Engineering technician will be the lead on any major facilities maintenance projects including road repair and campground work. They will work with the other recreation staff to provide support on water system maintenance and project planning and preparation. Regular and overtime hours included. A G24 increase is due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf	200.0000	65.000	HRS	13,000.00	13,000.00	0.00
	5. Staff-Campground Hosts Notes : Volunteer campground hosts are reimbursed at a rate of \$24.00 per day (no hourly rate available) up to \$720 per month per camp host at Tuttle Creek, Goodale Creek and PV Pit campgrounds are open year-round. Horton Creek and Crowley Lake campgrounds are open May - October.	1515.0000	24.000	HRS	36,360.00	0.00	36,360.00
	6. Staff-Volunteers Notes : Volunteers will help with trail and or road	60.0000	37.320	HRS	2,239.00	0.00	2,239.00

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	maintenance, trash removal and signing. G24 rate increase due to current value as specified on the most recent Independent Sector website for the State of CA. https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Value-of-Volunteer-Time-by-State-2001-2022.pdf						
	7. Staff-Resource Specialists Notes : Resource specialists will survey ground-disturbing project locations, and will monitor habitat and soil conditions for the HMP and Soils Conservation Plan. This line item includes staff time for Biologists, Botanists, and Rangeland Management Specialists to complete the HMP and SCP requirements. The rate is based on an average of GS 11 wages between steps 1 and 10. Regular and overtime hours are included. A G24 increase is due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf	160.0000	71.000	HRS	11,360.00	11,360.00	0.00
	8. Staff-Resource Technicians - Seasonal Notes : Resource technicians will assist staff with surveys and monitoring for ground-disturbing projects and the HMP and Soils Conservation Plan. Rate is based on an average of GS 5 to WG 7. Regular and overtime hours are included. A G24 increase is due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf	160.0000	44.000	HRS	7,040.00	7,040.00	0.00

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	leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf						
	9. Staff-GIS Technician Notes : Two seasonal GIS technicians per year will split their time 50% between the G24 ground operations and G22 restoration projects. The quantity of hours listed in this cost estimate include ground operation hours only. Duties under the ground operations project include data collection in the field for route condition assessments and traffic counter data. They will provide map products to field crews and specialists and provide guidance on data collection methods. They assist permanent staff with monitoring and sign replacement. In addition they assist with complex mapping and data collection issues such as modeling and reporting and IT related issues. Rate is an average of GS 5-7. Regular and overtime hours are included. G24 increase due to 2024 pay raise increase of 4.99% and step increases due to continued federal service https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf	900.0000	44.000	HRS	39,600.00	39,600.00	0.00
Total for Staff					346,399.00	271,800.00	74,599.00
2	Contracts						
	1. Contracts-Poleta Open OHV Area Toilet Services Notes : Services include portable toilet rental, cleaning and servicing (pumping) Twelve months of service. The prices below are broken up	12.0000	357.860	MOS	4,294.00	4,294.00	0.00

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	in the price years of the existing contract with the vendor. Five months during Option Year 2 and seven months of Option Year 3 of contract with the following breakdown. 5 months at 347.72 Jan 1-May 31 (Monthly Rate \$347.72) 7 months at 365.11 June 1-Dec 31 (Monthly Rate \$365.11) These #'s were totaled and averaged for the monthly rate in the cost estimate.						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	1. Materials / Supplies-Tools and Maintenance Supplies Notes : Post hole diggers, carsonite pounders, fence pullers, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, chainsaws, paint and brushes, graffiti remover, water tanks, bolts, rope, chain, locks, screws, nails, power and manual hand tools, power tools, tool boxes, tool sets, organizational items, specialty tools, concrete and lumber for sign installation, painting supplies, woodworking supplies, metal work supplies, welding supplies etc. Cost up from G23 because no cost increase has occurred in this category for two grant cycles. Inflation and cost of goods has increased for all items in this category.	5000.0000	1.000	MISC	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	2. Materials / Supplies-Personal Protective Equipment Notes : Helmets, goggles, gloves, hearing protection, hand warmers, eye protection, sun protection, thermal cold weather protection, protective footwear for field work etc. Additional items were identified as critical needs to perform OHV field work. Unlike other agencies, BLM does not offer a protective work boot allowance. Cost up from G23	5000.0000	1.000	MISC	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

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	<p>because no cost increase has occurred in this category for two grant cycles. Inflation and cost of goods has increased for all items in this category. Many of the items in this category are unique to the individual, often wear out, have reached a status that is unsanitary and need to be purchased annually for 11 workers. Within the grant performance period the BIFO has two rounds of seasonal hiring (Spring and Fall) to perform the work on this project. Some items would have to be purchased for each hiring cycle when needed or item cannot be passed down. Temps across the field office project area can range from -50 to 100 degrees and require all forms of PPE mentioned.</p>						
	<p>3. Materials / Supplies-Janitorial Supplies Notes : Cleaning supplies for the BLM OHV campground facilities including toilet paper, paper towels, cleaners, replacement TP holders, sponges, mops, sprayers, hand sanitizer, water containers, brooms, buckets, hoses, power washer etc. Products with recycled content such as toilet paper and paper towels will be purchased. Cost up from G23 because no cost increase has occurred in this category for two grant cycles. Inflation and cost of goods has increased for all items in this category.</p>	11500.0000	1.000	MISC	11,500.00	11,500.00	0.00
	<p>4. Materials / Supplies-Signs & Maps Notes : Purchase of new and replacement carsonites route markers for directional information, strip decals, informational decals, sign posts, aluminum signs, map holders, sign pounders and pullers. Funding will include,</p>	5000.0000	1.000	MISC	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00

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	design fees when appropriate, printing, reprinting, informational signage, brochures etc. Cost up from G23 because no cost increase has occurred in this category for two grant cycles. Inflation and cost of goods has increased for all items in this category.						
	5. Materials / Supplies-Traffic Counters Notes : TRAFx subsurface traffic counters need to be replaced and additional counters can be introduced to increase data collection efforts. They will be purchased direct from the vendor. https://www.trafx.net/ . Price includes shipping costs.	2.0000	700.000	EA	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
	6. Materials / Supplies-Camera Kit Notes : High resolution and fast shutter camera system with telephoto lens for kiosk enhancements, volunteer work days, grant reporting, social media and web. Showcasing the ground operations work in the project area, sharing road/ trail updates, producing reports for the OHMVR Division, developing signage and promoting responsible OHV recreation is necessary for the success of this project. Not all field employees are issued government cell phones or tablets and this is especially the case for seasonal employees specifically funded by this project. A dedicated camera system that can perform the needs mentioned will eliminate the need for seasonal employees to utilize personal equipment or devices during the project. A quality camera system is requested due to the performance needed and overall durability requirements given the nature	4000.0000	1.000	EA	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
	of the work in extreme environments including rain, snow and dust.						
	7. Materials / Supplies-Welder and Equipment Notes : In the past we've borrowed or utilized this piece of equipment from another agency. It's been determined that the need for a BLM owned welder and related equipment for OHV campgrounds, signage etc for G24. Welder estimated costs include: - \$4200 welder + basic accessories - \$400 welder cart - \$300 welding table	4900.0000	1.000	EA	4,900.00	4,900.00	0.00
Total for Materials / Supplies					36,800.00	35,400.00	1,400.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	1. Equipment Use Expenses-UTV Maintenance Notes : One UTV is utilized for OHV ground operations and was purchased with OHMVR grant funds from a previous grant cycle several years back. The equipment may need replacement tires, brakes, oil, air filter, belt, replacement lighting, inspection, etc. Increase from G23 due to increased maintenance need, inflation and rising cost of goods and services. All work to be completed at a licensed mechanic shop.	1.0000	1500.000	MISC	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
5	Equipment Purchases						

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6	Others						
	<p>1. Road Base & Decomposed Granite</p> <p>Notes : Road base (RB) and Decomposed Granite (DG) will be purchased in addition to recycled materials obtained onsite for facility road maintenance at the campgrounds and Poleta. Contracting is not possible within the timeframe of the GO project performance period, so costs must be kept under \$10,000 to satisfy gov purchasing requirements. There are 5 campgrounds and Poleta that need RB and/or DG. We estimate this funding will allow us to complete 1/4 of the maintenance needed at this time. We will prioritize based on conditions at the time funding is received. Material will be purchased from a local vendor and delivered on site. Rate is based on estimate from 1/19/2024 and there may be cost increase of items due to inflation and price of goods.</p> <p>\$140/hour truck rate DG \$14/yard, truckload = 12 yards RB \$20/ton, truckload = 18 tons.</p>	1.0000	10000.000	MISC	10,000.00	7,000.00	3,000.00
	<p>2. Cargo Trailer Maint. and Accessories</p> <p>Notes : One cargo trailer with four tires was purchased with previous years grant funds. The trailer requires annual maintenance, inspections, tires, tail light bulb replacement, wire harness repair etc. Funds up from G23 to purchase a spare tire/ gas can holder to safely secure items related to transport of UTV.</p>	1.0000	1500.000	MISC	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

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3. Equipment Rental Notes : Use of an excavator, backhoe, skid steer (or similar) at approximately \$500 to \$1000 per day from a rental shop. Transport or delivery fees may be required due to our remote field office setting depending on equipment availability. The rental equipment would be used to maintain OHV facilities including staging areas, campgrounds, Poleta Open OHV Area, and road and trail alignments in the project area. PCE reflects: 9 days x \$500 per day for skid steer or similar 4 days x \$1000 per day for backhoe, excavator or similar Transport/ Delivery/ Trailer Fees: Up to \$1500	1.0000	10000.000	EA	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
4. Trash and Litter Disposal Fees Notes : Trash and litter collection is a project deliverable. The cost to dispose of certain types of litter at the local landfill range based on material and quantity collected. This line item is new for G24 and covers the cost of disposal fees during the performance period along OHV routes.	1.0000	5000.000	EA	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Total for Others				26,500.00	23,500.00	3,000.00
Total Program Expenses				415,493.00	336,494.00	78,999.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				415,493.00	336,494.00	78,999.00
INDIRECT EXPENSES						
Indirect Costs						

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1	Indirect Costs						
	1. Indirect Costs-Utility costs, supervision, admin Notes : Utility costs, supervision and administration, postage, telephone bills, computer use and first-aid kits.	1.0000	40000.000	MISC	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
	2. Indirect Costs-Field Gear Notes : Field gear for permanent and seasonal staff (up to 11 people) includes backpacks, binoculars, hats, notebooks, hydration items, water bottles and bladders, electrolyte supplements, sunglasses, coolers and lunch totes, etc.	1.0000	4000.000	MISC	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
	3. Indirect Costs-Vehicle Related Equipment Notes : Basic 4WD accessories for fleet vehicle use. Items would include recovery equipment like traction boards, tow ropes, shackles, jacks etc. Vehicle safety items needed for routine incidents like dead battery, low tire pressure, etc.	1.0000	2000.000	MISC	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
	4. Indirect Costs-Tablets Notes : New or replacement tablets to continue Survey 123 data collection and Red, Yellow, Green route monitoring. This may include cases, chargers, increased storage capacity etc. Costs increase of items due to inflation and price of goods.	2.0000	900.000	EA	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
	Total for Indirect Costs				47,800.00	6,000.00	41,800.00
	Total Indirect Costs				47,800.00	6,000.00	41,800.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES				47,800.00	6,000.00	41,800.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				463,293.00	342,494.00	120,799.00

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	Category	Total	Grant Req.	Match	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	346,399.00	271,800.00	74,599.00	
2	Contracts	4,294.00	4,294.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	36,800.00	35,400.00	1,400.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	26,500.00	23,500.00	3,000.00	
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Soil Conservation

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PART 1 - DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL SOIL CONSERVATION PLAN (SCP)

All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities shall submit a Soil Conservation Plan (SCP) that achieves the Soil Conservation Standard with regard to the proposed Project(s). The SCP 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 have potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability, shall submit the Soil Conservation Plan form only. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application will have no potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability shall submit the Soil Conservation Plan form and a Soil Conservation Plan (refer to 14 CCR Section 4970.06.3).

1. Do any of proposed Projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (If you checked YES, complete # Question 2. If you checked NO, Yes No stop here, and proceed to the Evaluation section).
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities, including the OHV Recreation directly Yes No facilitated by these activities, have potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability? (If you checked YES complete SCP Form Item #2. If you checked NO, complete a Soil Conservation Plan at time of Final Application, and proceed to the Evaluation section).

SCP Form Item #2

Discuss the analysis and justification used to certify that the proposed Project, or OHV Recreation activity, does not have the potential to cause erosion or sedimentation which significantly affects resource values beyond the Facilities, or generate soil loss that exceeds restorability.

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is: 2

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.)

- 76% or more (10 points)
 66% - 75% (7 points)
 51% - 65% (5 points)
 36% - 50% (4 points)
 26% - 35% (2 points)
 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project will result in: 8

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: Maximum of 8 points - Provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked.

- Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)
[Without proper maintenance, roads/trails will fall into a state of disrepair and can lead to soil erosion and loss of the trail. The project intends to maintain existing roads/trails and promote access to OHV opportunities, including developed campgrounds.]
- Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)
[Cultural sites are present throughout the field office. Roads/trails are surveyed prior to work to avoid adverse impacts. With maintenance, OHV users will often stay on existing routes therefore avoiding negative impacts to cultural sites.]
- Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)
[Special status species and their habitat are present throughout the field office. Roads/trails are surveyed prior to work to avoid adverse impacts. With maintenance, OHV users will often stay on existing routes therefore avoiding negative impacts to special status species habitats.]
- Potential trespass (2 points)
[Potential trespass can occur when legal and illegal OHV routes are not properly signed. The project will enhance signing and maintain existing routes.]
- Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)
[Additional damage may occur at campgrounds and staging areas if not maintained. This includes providing toilet facilities. If facilities are not maintained, then people use the surrounding area to relieve themselves and leave the tread surface to avoid ruts and holes.]

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project will sustain OHV Opportunity by: 13

(Check all that apply) - Provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked.

- Maintaining trails that provide for multi-use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc.) (5 points)
[Maintenance on existing roads/trails may include installing/repairing erosion control, repairing tread such as

whoops or ruts, and stabilizing roads/trails on both multi-use and single-vehicle use routes.]

- Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)
[Installing/repairing erosion control features will consist of water bars, rolling dips, bumps and proper camber.]
- Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)
[Repairing, replacing, or installing educational and directional signing will help direct and keep users on designated roads/trails and will protect sensitive resources from off-route travel.]
- Maintaining trail or road tread for single vehicle use (1 point)
[Tread on single track trails is maintained by deterring larger vehicle use through placements of barriers and signs, and by repairing use-induced whoops and widening.]
- Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)
[Staff will place signs at and along trails with difficulty rating symbols which are maintained through grading, rolling dips, brushing, raking and trail hardening.]

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input prior to the preliminary Application filing deadline. 2
Public input employed the following:

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked. Identify date(s) of meetings, location(s), participants, how public was notified of the meeting, and who hosted the meeting. Applicant must identify how distinct stakeholders are stakeholder to the Project. Do not include internal agency meetings or meetings that occurred more than 12 months prior to filing the preliminary Application.

Note: For any meeting held virtually, the Applicant must notify the Division prior to the virtual meeting by email at OHV.Grants@parks.ca.gov.

(Check all that apply)

- The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
[A public meeting was held on 2/21/2024 at 5pm via Zoom. The press release for this meeting was sent out and posted to the BLM website on 2/12/24 and can be viewed via this link. <https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-and-inyo-national-forest-see-public-input-highway-vehicle-grants-2>
We notified the OHMVRD on 2/12/24 of the virtual meeting via OHV.Grants@parks.ca.gov and cc'd grants manager Jenn Grady and grant administrator Armando Tamayo . We also notified that it would be a joint effort with the Inyo National Forest. The meeting had six (6) panelists in total. Two (2) were from the Bishop BLM Field Office and four (4) from the Inyo National Forest. 35 individuals outside the panelists attended.]
- The Applicant held a meeting(s), held either in-person or virtual, with multiple distinct stakeholders separate from their general public meeting (1 point)
[A stakeholder meeting was held on 2/21/2024 at 3:30pm via Zoom. This occurred directly prior to the public meeting. We notified the division on 2/12/24 at OHV.Grants@parks.ca.gov that this would be a virtual meeting as well. The stakeholder invite went out via email on 2/12/24 with a reminder email sent out on 2/21/24. The meeting had six (6) panelists in total. Two (2) were from the Bishop BLM Field Office and four (4) from the Inyo National Forest. 26 individuals outside the panelists attended. Stakeholders included members from the adjacent USFS lands and Town of Mammoth Lakes all of whom share boundaries with the project and project area and the OHV opportunities present. Other stakeholders included representatives from Valley Outdoors, Eastern Sierra 4x4 Club and other OHV partner groups. These attendees are all active OHV recreationists, live close to BLM OHV roads and trails, help maintain the area and have a stake in maintaining motorized access on the road and trail system within the BIFO.]

5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. Identify the number of organizations that will actively participate in the Project. Partners cannot include any unit of 4

the OHVMR Division, subcontractors, any participant being paid by this OHV Grant and Cooperative agreement, or any Grantee receiving Grant funds for a Project in the Project Area as specified in this Application.

(Check the one most appropriate)

- 4 or more (4 points)
- 2 to 3 (2 points)
- 1 (1 point)
- None (No points)

List each partner organization(s) separately and provide a detailed explanation for how each partner(s) will participate in the Project:

1. Eastern Sierra Four Wheel Drive Club will assist the BLM with installing signs, monitoring route conditions and providing maps and educational information at kiosks.
2. Adventure Trails of the Eastern Sierra Inc. will assist the BLM with installing signs, monitoring route conditions and providing maps and educational information at kiosks.
3. Valley Outdoors will assist the BLM with installing signs, monitoring route conditions and providing maps and educational information at kiosks.
4. Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) will assist the BLM with installing signs, monitoring route conditions and providing maps and educational information at kiosks.

6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by: 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: Maximum of 7 points. Provide a detailed explanation for each statement checked:

- Controlling OHV use (i.e. signage, route delineation, etc.) (1 point)
[Controlling OHV use will occur through route signing for proper vehicle types, open/closed routes and delineation of OHV parking areas to prevent resource damage.]
- Protecting water quality (1 point)
[Protecting water quality will occur through maintaining erosion control features and repairing tread surface on routes near water sources.]
- Providing an alternative to wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
- Protecting special-status species (1 point)
[Special Status Species including Bi-State Sage Grouse, Pigmy Rabbit and Owen's Valley Vole will be protected by keeping OHV use to designated roads/trails. Roads/trails are surveyed prior to maintenance to avoid adverse impacts. By maintaining routes, OHV users will often stay on existing routes, instead of leaving the tread surface, therefore avoiding negative impacts to habitat.]
- Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)
- Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)
[Sanitary facilities located at five developed campgrounds will be maintained through BLM funding. This includes restroom cleaning and trash services at all developed campgrounds as well as recreation sites adjacent to green sticker routes within the project area.]
- Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
[Protection of cultural sites is completed through trail maintenance by keeping OHV use on trails. Known cultural sites are closed to OHV activity and the project will maintain closure barricades and signs.]
- Site is completely fenced and has no impacts to natural and cultural resources (7 points)

7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing: 5

(Check all that apply)

- Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
- Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)
- Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
- Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)
- Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)
[Janitorial supplies including toilet paper and paper towels, etc.]

8. Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities (Respond ONLY if Ground Operations Project involves trail maintenance). 6

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping
[The BIFO offers everything from five developed campgrounds to dispersed camping opportunities throughout the project area. Camping opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birding
[With vast expanses and a variety of habitat, the BIFO offers excellent opportunities for birding. Birding opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking
[Non motorized trails and hiking opportunities exist throughout the BIFO, and often have a direct nexus to an OHV route or access point. Hiking opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails
[Many mixed use trails and roads exist throughout the field office and offer opportunities for equestrian use. Equestrian opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing
[There are many opportunities to fish lakes and rivers within the BIFO. Numerous BIFO roads and trails meet up with adjacent land jurisdictions and provide access and opportunities for anglers. Fishing opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing
[World-class rock climbing and bouldering exists throughout the BIFO. Climbing opportunities exist at varied difficulty levels and is a major draw to the BIFO and adjacent land jurisdictions. Climbing opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting
[There are opportunities for hunting a variety of species that comply with State Fish and Wildlife regulations and seasons. Hunting opportunities are accessed by motorized use within the project area where trail maintenance is being performed.] | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |