

## Law Enforcement

### Law Enforcement Needs

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**ITEM 1. Describe the proposed enforcement Project including the geographical area served, educational outreach, and circumstances unique to the Applicant.**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office (BIFO) will enforce OHV rules and regulations and monitor for OHV intrusions within Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area (NSA) and within the Poleta Open Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area.

This grant request will fund the following as shown in the cost estimate:

- Labor for the 2 BLM Law Enforcement (LE) Rangers to patrol and enforce OHV rules and regulations.
- Labor for the BLM permanent and seasonal staff to monitor and communicate OHV rules and regulations.

The Bishop Field Office provides frequent educational outreach through the use of brochures, handouts, websites, field contacts, events and partners. During routine patrols, the BLM Law Enforcement Officer hands out public information documents on rules and regulations three to four days a week and verbally educates the public. The BLM BIFO staff is available five days a week by telephone or in person. Information on public lands managed by the BLM, including OHV specific information, is available seven days a week at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine, and at the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop. The BLM California website and the BIFO website contains the most up to date information regarding BLM managed lands.

**ITEM 2. Describe the number of miles, acreage or square miles patrolled.**

The BLM BIFO's management area is comprised of approximately 750,000 acres that spans 150 miles. There are 161,500 acres of WSA's, 160,000 acres of designated Wilderness, 1,800 acres of open riding area, and 426,700 acres of limited use. The field office contains approximately 2,500 miles of roads, trails and primitive routes. The entire management area is patrolled year-round.

**ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols.**

Federal LE Rangers patrol a minimum of 30 hours per week, which may include weekends, holidays and after hours. The Interagency Dispatch Center is available seven days a week. Two BLM LE Rangers assigned to the BLM BIFO patrol the area three to four days a week focusing on areas with high OHV use and user group conflicts. In addition, the LE Rangers works closely with the field office's park rangers, multi-resources and biophysical staff, the archaeologist and other technicians to document findings in the field, observe use patterns, repair signs and closures, provide visitor safety information and report irresponsible or illegal OHV use. Staff monitor recreation areas at a minimum of two days per week on foot, and through the use of 4x4 vehicles and UTV's to ensure users stay on trails, identify user conflicts and contact the LE Rangers when necessary to correct the situation.

**ITEM 4. How many officers will be deployed for the purposes of the proposed Project?**

There are two law enforcement (LE) Rangers that will be deployed for the purpose of this project. A minimum of 70 percent of the LE Ranger's time is spent conducting OHV patrols and education. Labor dollars are requested to assist the BLM in paying the salary of the two LE Rangers. During patrols, they will also assess the condition of vehicle barriers and law enforcement related signs. Non-law enforcement personnel, including Park Rangers and seasonal technicians, will monitor the management area and report any incidents, illegal activities, or potential problems to the LE Rangers. During monitoring, they will also assess the condition of vehicle barriers and law enforcement related signs.

### District and County Information

#### A. 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

#### **B. California State Assembly Districts**

Select one or more of the California State Assembly 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 Assembly district(s).

State Assembly 08

#### **C. California Congressional Districts**

Select one or more of the California Congressional Districts where the proposed project activities will occur. Copy and Paste the URL (<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/CA#map>) in your browser to determine the Congressional district(s).

Congressional District 3

#### **D. County**

Select one or more of the California Counties where the proposed project activities will occur.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:  
The Bodie Hills and Long Valley management areas contain sensitive Sage Grouse habitat. The Bridgeport management area contains an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Both the Granite Mountain and Southern Inyo management areas have Wilderness. Benton management area, including the Volcanic Tableland, has four Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), an ACEC and significant cultural resources. The Owens Valley management area contains the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area and Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), and the Tungsten Hills, both of which are popular recreation sites with important visual resources. The Tungsten Hills also have important wintering habitat for deer populations.
2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:  
The BLM Bishop OHV Law Enforcement program entails a comprehensive plan that includes enforcement of OHV laws, educational outreach and information booths at special events, visitor services, and placement of regulatory signing. Implementation of these activities protects natural and visual resources, as well as provides public safety, and reduces conflict between OHV visitors and other public land users. The program is essential in sustaining the OHV opportunities within the Bishop management area because damaged lands and user conflicts can lead to restricted OHV use.
3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:  
The Bishop BLM has entered into joint agreements (MOU's) with the Inyo National Forest, Mono County Sheriff and Bodie State Park. The MOU's allow Law Enforcement personnel to concurrently enforce OHV laws, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. The Bishop BLM LE Rangers meets regularly with these agencies and occasionally performs joint patrols. In addition to the agencies listed above, Bishop BLM regularly discusses OHV concerns with neighboring jurisdictions including the Ridgecrest and Carson City BLM, and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and issues joint OHV recreation commercial and organized event permits. No funding will be utilized on State lands, only on BLM lands surrounding Bodie State Park.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit?  Yes  No  
Explain:  
BLM Special Recreation Permits are subject to permit fees as well as cost recovery and are explained in detail at the following link: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-fees>
5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations?  Yes  No
6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:  
Agency patrol staff are trained to identify public safety hazards, respond to emergencies and protect natural and cultural resources. Law Enforcement Officers work closely with BLM Wildlife Biologists and Archaeologists to address environmental and cultural resources that may be threatened by OHV use. Additionally, LE Rangers attend annual mandatory training in the enforcement of title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which include OHV laws. They also carry the Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement Information booklet published by California State Parks.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan?  Yes  No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:  
For G24 operational and maintenance needs are split between BLM and OHMVRD grant funds. OHMVR funding is generally project specific, such as restoration and trail maintenance. For G24 About 59% of OHV funding comes from the OHV Trust Funds in the form of cooperative agreements. Bishop BLM OHV areas are multiple-use area, and as such are funded through a combination of trust funds and congressionally appropriated funds for the management of lands and resources. Volunteers also provide operational and maintenance needs through trail maintenance, trash removal, visitor services, monitoring, outreach and education.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs?  Yes  No

**Project Cost Estimate**

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	BLM - Bishop Field Office		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Law Enforcement	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G24-01-05-L01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Planning		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office (BIFO) will enforce OHV rules and regulations and monitor for OHV intrusions within Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area (NSA) and within the Poleta Open Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area. This grant request will fund the following as shown in the cost estimate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labor for the 2 BLM Law Enforcement (LE) Rangers to patrol and enforce OHV rules and regulations.</li> <li>• Labor for the BLM permanent and seasonal staff to monitor and communicate OHV rules and regulations.</li> </ul> The Bishop Field Office provides frequent educational outreach through the use of brochures, handouts, websites, field contacts, events and partners. During routine patrols, the BLM Law Enforcement Officer hands out public information documents on rules and regulations three to four days a week and verbally educates the public. The BLM BIFO staff is available five days a week by telephone or in person. Information on public lands managed by the BLM, including OHV specific information, is available seven days a week at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine, and at the White Mountain Ranger Station in Bishop. The BLM California website and the BIFO website contains the most up to date information regarding BLM managed lands.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	1. Staff-Staff-Law Enforcement Rangers Notes : Funds requested for two Federal Law Enforcement Officers to complete deliverables described in the project description including OHV patrols, visitor services, OHV	740.0000	85.000	HRS	62,900.00	58,065.00	4,835.00

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	<p>regulation education, protection of areas closed to motorized use and installing regulatory signing. Patrol of OHV use will also occur during busy weekends and holidays. Regular and overtime hours are included. Rate is based an average of GS 11 wages. G24 costs includes funding for two LEOs with OHV duties. The rate increase is due to both annual locality and pay increases and GS step increases. Permanent and seasonal staff receive step increases for years of service completed. For more information visit <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages</a>. The federal pay raise for 2024 is 4.99%. <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf</a></p>						
	<p>2. Staff-Staff-Park Ranger            Notes : Park Rangers (3 permanent staff) assist the Law Enforcement Officers in the replacement of regulatory signs, offer recommendations for potential barrier placement and assist with, monitoring, ground truthing and notetaking for officer follow up. Monitoring will also occur on busy weekends and holidays. Overtime and regular hours are included. Rate is based on an average of GS 7 - 9 wages. The rate increase is due to both annual locality and pay increases and GS step increases. Permanent and seasonal staff receive step increases for years of service completed. For more information visit <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-</a></p>	60.0000	52.000	HRS	3,120.00	0.00	3,120.00

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	3. Staff-Seasonal Park Ranger Notes : Seasonal Park Rangers assist and LE Officers including replacement of OHV regulatory signs, offer recommendations for potential barrier placement and assist with, monitoring, ground truthing and notetaking for officer follow up. Monitoring will occur on busy weekends and holidays. Overtime and regular hours are included. Rate is based on GS 5 - 7 wages. The rate increase is due to pay increases and GS step increases. The federal pay raise for 2024 is 4.99%. <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2024/RUS.pdf</a>	65.0000	44.000	HRS	2,860.00	0.00	2,860.00
<b>Total for Staff</b>					68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>							

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Total	Grant Req.	Match
<b>Indirect Costs</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	1. Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs Notes : Utilities, Supervision, computer use, office supplies, telephones, first-aid kit, etc.	1.0000	6900.000	EA	6,900.00	0.00	6,900.00
	2. Indirect Costs-First-Line Supervisor Notes : The first-line supervisor will assist the Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) in the field with replacing or repairing regulatory signs and maintaining barricades to prevent trespass into closed areas. They will monitor for trespass and unsafe conditions and report findings to the LEOs and other recreation staff. They will prepare field reports, ensure project costs are within budget, purchase materials and supplies and update management information systems. This position may be staffed by an Outdoor Recreation Planner or similar position. Rate is based on GS 11 wages. Rate increased due to 4.37% federal pay raise and step increases due to time in grade for federal service. <a href="https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2023/RUS.pdf">https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/pdf/2023/RUS.pdf</a>	31.0000	58.000	HRS	1,798.00	0.00	1,798.00
<b>Total for Indirect Costs</b>					8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>					8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>					8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>					<b>77,578.00</b>	<b>58,065.00</b>	<b>19,513.00</b>





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	Category	Total	Grant Req.	Match	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		68,880.00	58,065.00	10,815.00	
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Indirect Costs</b>					
1	Indirect Costs	8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00	
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>		8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00	
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>		8,698.00	0.00	8,698.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>77,578.00</b>	<b>58,065.00</b>	<b>19,513.00</b>	