

## Ground Operations

### Project Description

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#### 1. Project Description

##### A. Statement of GO Activity

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#### **B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation**

The volunteer work referenced in this project proposal is intended to improve water quality and the OHV experience. The maintenance activities are focused on Sierra National Forest (SNF) system roads and trails that provide popular OHV opportunities and are considered critical to connecting OHV areas. Through the efforts of the Clovis Independent 4 Wheelers, in partnership with the SNF, and with financial support from the State OHV Grants Division, there will be a positive effect on the OHV experience for those driving or riding on roads and trails that have received work. Brush and trees will be removed, keeping the roads and trails open and reducing the creation of un-authorized bypass routes. Water quality will be improved because drainage structures will be installed and/or repaired and returned to a functional condition. Continued maintenance is required to prevent deterioration of conditions and insure roads and trails are maintained to desired standards. The Bald Mountain Trail system is open in the winter for snow OHV use; however the SNF is closely monitoring the conditions of the trail. If the conditions exist that exceed the soil water quality, the Forest Service will temporarily close the trails until conditions improve.

These routes provide access to recreational destination points, popular vistas, and many connect systems of OHV trails together to further enhance the recreational experience. Examples of popular areas that this proposed work will include in the SNF are designated OHV trails within the Bald Mountain OHV area and the Brewer Lake OHV area. Trails and destinations include Hollywood Hill, VRock, Big Snot, Posi Hill, Lookout Tower, Shale Hill, Tomato Rock and Base Camp. These trails and destinations are popular for OHV recreational users and provide great staging areas. The recreating public uses Bald Base Camp and Brewer Lake for staging and camping. From these sites the user can access several OHV Trails that provide various recreational experiences from easy scenic touring to routes that challenge the skill level of the user.

Forest Service road maintenance budget reductions have continued to allow roads and trails to deteriorate and overgrow with brush. Brush encroachment on some routes has begun to restrict access and obscure signage. Further exacerbating the problem has been the historically high rates of trees killed by insects over the past several years. Dead trees have blocked and will continue to block trails; which constitutes a hazard to public safety. In addition, lack of road and trail maintenance has led to drainage structure failures, which continue to contribute to water quality degradation. This project will help continue to improve OHV access and safety by removing brush and trees, reducing un-authorized bypass routes, improve water runoff capabilities and water quality by repairing drainage structures, reduce erosion, improve signage and enhance the OHV experience in the SNF.

#### **C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles**

The proposed project is located in the High Sierra Ranger District within the SNF. The following routes are in need of the most immediate attention to provide OHV access and riding opportunities to and within approximately 15,000 acres of the SNF.

##### **Road#/Trail# Mileage Work**

9S01 0.4 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
9S09 12.9 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure  
9S10 3.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure  
9S09C 0.8 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair

9S09H 0.8 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
9S491 1.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
10S51 0.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
10S51A 0.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E208 3.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E210 1.2 Brushing/Logout, Trail hardening, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E309 2.1 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E311 0.7 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E315 0.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E211 2.2 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
25E314 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E11 2.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E218 2.8 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E219 3.8 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E330 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E331 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E323 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E324 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E325 0.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E327 0.5 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E328 0.7 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E329 1.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair  
26E360 2.0 Brushing/Logout, Minor drainage structure/tread repair

**Total 48.4 Miles**

These trails require help from our stakeholders described within our evaluation criteria. The 4 Wheel Drive Club of Fresno will be helping us with brushing and logout primarily on trails 9S10 and 26E219. NOLB, No One Left Behind Club and High Sierra 4 Wheel Drive Club will be assisting with trail hardening on trail 26E210. Lock and Low Club will be assisting with brushing and logout with the Bald Base Camp area and trail 26E328. The Hill Hoppers 4 Wheel Drive will assist with clearing and tread repair on the Brewer Lake Trail 26E218 and 26E11.

**D. Location and description of OHV opportunities**

The routes proposed for work provide access to recreational destination points, popular vistas, and many connect systems of OHV trails together to further enhance the recreational experience. Examples of popular riding areas that this proposed work will include in the SNF are the Bald Mtn. OHV Area, Big Fir Trail System, Tamarack Ridge Trail System, Mount Tom Trail System and Dinkey Lakes OHV Route and the world famous Dusy Ershim OHV trail. These trails systems provide many miles of OHV opportunities that allow for minimized impacts by spreading OHV use over large areas rather than concentrating all use within a limited geographic area. Most trails lead to lake destinations that provide opportunities for hiking, fishing, hunting, birding, rock climbing and other recreational activities. Numerous campgrounds such as West Kaiser, Dinkey Creek, Voyager Rock, Bald Base Camp, Brewer Lake, Glenn Meadows and Dinkey Creek Staging Area are popular for OHV recreational users and provide great staging areas. The recreating public uses these campgrounds for staging and overnight camping. From these sites they can access several different OHV areas that provide various recreational experiences from easy scenic touring to routes that challenge the skill level of the user.

The SNF High Sierra Ranger District contains many more popular multi-use OHV destinations and opportunities. Among some of the more popular are the Bald Mountain OHV trails and Dusy Ershem OHV trail. The Bald Mountain OHV area

contains over 30 miles of OHV trails that provide for 4x4, ATV, and off road motorcycling routes with varying degrees of difficulty. These routes provide majestic sub-alpine views and leads to a retired fire lookout that has been converted to a vista lookout by the Forest Service and the volunteer efforts of the Clovis Independent 4 Wheelers. Many of these routes have existing trail signage and difficulty markings. There are three popular staging areas: Base Camp and Deer Creek; both on Rock Creek Road (9S09) and Dinkey Creek Staging area located on Dinkey Creek Road; which provide forest and OHV information to OHV users.

Additional OHV areas within the SNF include popular areas known as Dinkey Creek located between Shaver lake and Wishon Lake, Brewer Lake, Swamp Lake and other trail systems that connect various OHV routes as well as provide excellent recreation and vista experiences. Many OHV routes within these areas have become extremely popular with OHV recreation in particular, due to their uniqueness, challenges, and spectacular views.

An example of a specific route that has become a popular OHV destination is the Bald Mountain Loop OHV route (SNF route 26E219 to 26E314). This route originates at the lower green gate and half way to the upper green gate is the Bald Mountain Lookout Tower. Once manned in the fire season, the Lookout Tower is a longtime landmark of the area. The tower is the icon of the loop and the most popular destination of the OHV access overlooking the beautiful Shaver Lake.

With the continuing curtailment of OHV opportunities within Central California, and outright closure of traditional OHV areas such as Clear Creek Management Area (BLM), many National Forests have experienced increased OHV use that is further impacting the existing systems. The CI4W, with continuing partnerships with other pro-access groups such as the Four Wheel Drive Club of Fresno, Lock and Low 4WD, Hill Hoppers 4WD, Hanford Trail Busters and 4x4 Him have collaborated together to perform volunteer maintenance work within the SNF. It is our hope that we can continue to sustain existing OHV opportunities for the public on the SNF.

## 2. Rerouting Requirements

### Rerouting

- (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

## 3. 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 ([http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators\\_and\\_districts/districts/districts.html](http://www.legislature.ca.gov/legislators_and_districts/districts/districts.html)) in your browser to determine the State Senate district(s).

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<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	1. Staff-Maintenance Worker Notes : The number of hours reflects the total projected hours by the CI4W to provide labor for the proposed work activities. This rate reflects the rate provided National Volunteer rates for California. The SNF is suffering from an extremely heavy winter in 2016-17 and a nearly 90% tree	700.0000	27.590	HRS	0.00	19,313.00	19,313.00



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	morality from the Bark Beetle. This has caused an extraordinary amount of downed trees closing roads and trails and tread repair. The task of removing these trees will require more time and equipment than normal maintenance.						
	2. Staff-Senior Maintenance Worker Notes : These hours are required to support crew leaders who have received special training in chainsaw use and first aid/ CPR. They provide skilled labor in the use of the power tools such as augers, winches and drills. Other duties includes oversees the labor workforce, gathers tools and equipment and provides on site project supervision to volunteers.	125.0000	28.590	HRS	0.00	3,574.00	3,574.00
<b>Total for Staff</b>					0.00	22,887.00	22,887.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	1. Materials / Supplies-Personal Protective Equipment Notes : More volunteers have joined our club requiring us to request additional personal safety equipment such as gloves, safety glasses, hard hats, chainsaw chaps and ear protection equipment.	1.0000	1400.000	MISC	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00
	2. Materials / Supplies-Sign materials provided by the F.S. Notes : Materials provided by F.S. includes trail route markers and information boards for installation.	60.0000	15.000	EA	0.00	900.00	900.00
	3. Materials / Supplies-Hand tools. Notes : These hand tools are needed for the additional volunteers we have added to our club and will provide CI4W the tools needed to assist in project activities such as drainage repair and maintenance; removal of unsafe trail and road hazards. Tools include; without limitation: round	1.0000	3000.000	PKG	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00

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	and square point shovels, picks, axes, McLeods, Pulaskis, Log Pivey, pruning shears, rock bars, wedges, rope and chain.						
	4. Materials / Supplies-Rock riprap provided by the F.S. Notes : Rock riprap materials provided by F.S. The F.S. will deliver riprap to general staging area.	25.0000	20.000	YD	0.00	500.00	500.00
	5. Materials / Supplies-Trail/road 4wd signs Notes : The signs are needed in addition to the signs purchased from last year's grant. We are requesting additional 18" x 18" aluminum reflective signs, hardware and wood post.	100.0000	43.000	EA	4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00
	6. Materials / Supplies-Chainsaws Notes : This past year we added more volunteers who were trained by the SNF in their Chainsaw Certification courses. We are requesting additional chainsaws which will be used to cut and remove downed trees that have blocked the trails and roads. Additionally, these saws will be used to cut and remove brush vegetation that are encroaching trails and roads and restricting travel.	2.0000	600.000	EA	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
	7. Materials / Supplies-Power Tools Notes : Power Tools such as hedgers, power head weed eaters, top handle power saws, cultivator, rototiller, pole saw, drill motors will be purchased to de-brush the trails, construct waterbars, ditches, cross drains, dips along the tread wear on the trails.	1.0000	4000.000	MISC	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>					13,900.00	1,400.00	15,300.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	1. Equipment Use Expenses-Chainsaw Maintenance Notes : Chainsaw repairs, tune-up, replacement chains, replacement bars, bar oil, starting fluids and fuel mix.	1.0000	2500.000	MISC	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00

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2. Equipment Use Expenses-Fuel Notes : Cost for fuel to support project vehicles used to transport crews, tools, supplies, equipment and materials to work site. Fuel for chainsaw, generators, equipment, etc.	1.0000	5000.000	YR	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
3. Equipment Use Expenses-Tires Notes : Replacement tires are needed for trailers and UTV based on normal expected maintenance wear items.	1.0000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
4. Equipment Use Expenses-Trailer Maintenance Notes : Maintenance is needed for trailers based on normal expected maintenance wear items.	1.0000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5. Equipment Use Expenses-UTV Maintenance Notes : Maintenance is needed for UTV based on normal expected maintenance wear items. Oil change, Fluids, Filters, tune up and parts as needed.	1.0000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
6. Equipment Use Expenses-Haul Vehicle Rental Notes : The vehicle used to pull the equipment trailer is a truck capable of pulling a trailer with electric trailer brakes. This heavy duty truck is required to meet legal weight capacities for the equipment and the weight of the haul trailer.	30.0000	60.000	DAY	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00
7. Equipment Use Expenses-Skid Steer Equipment Rental Notes : Skid Steer is an excavator which will be used to load riprap and move road rock to complete road and trail drainage structures, waterbars, out sloping, water diversion designed to prevent water from flowing along the tread.	4.0000	3000.000	MOS	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
8. Equipment Use Expenses-Equipment Rental Notes : 4 wheel drive vehicle for project access and use. Vehicles used for maintenance activities. The planned use of 4 wheel drive vehicles were not purchased with OHV Trust Funds.	120.0000	90.000	DAY	10,800.00	0.00	10,800.00

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<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>					35,100.00	0.00	35,100.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	1. Equipment Purchases-Polaris Ranger UTV Notes : Polaris Ranger UTV, Utility Task Vehicle is a 4 wheel drive vehicle which will consist of 2 bench seats and a utility bed. It will be used to carry volunteers, tools and materials for project use. The CI4W will match \$2,000.	1.0000	15000.000	EA	13,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	1. UTV Personal Protection Equipment Notes : UTV Personal Protection Equipment: Helmets, Gloves, and additional accessories needed for the volunteers who will be riding in the UTV.	1.0000	1600.000	MISC	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
	2. UTV Recovery Equipment and Accessories Notes : UTV Recovery Equipment: Winch, Straps, Chain, Snatch Block, etc.. Accessories: Aux Off Road LED Lights, Handles, Front Windshield, Doors, CB, etc.	1.0000	2500.000	MISC	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	3. UTV Suspension Lift Kit and Wheels Notes : A suspension lift kit is needed for the Polaris UTV. Additional ground clearance is necessary to access all of the trails. The Polaris high centers in the terrain we are traveling on. The larger tires will allow more ground clearance as well.	1.0000	2200.000	EA	2,200.00	0.00	2,200.00
<b>Total for Others</b>					6,300.00	0.00	6,300.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>					68,300.00	26,287.00	94,587.00
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					68,300.00	26,287.00	94,587.00
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Indirect Costs</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						

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1. Indirect Costs-Indirect Costs Notes : These expenses are associated grant administrator duties, bookkeeping, office printing supplies, computer software updates, mailing costs for fliers and informational updates. Insurance to cover the UTV, Trailers, tools and equipment in the CI4W inventory. First Aid Kits will be purchased.	1.0000	3500.000	YR	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
2. Indirect Costs-Project Administrator Notes : Prepares required documentation for field work and reporting requirements to the OHV division.	50.0000	25.500	HRS	0.00	1,275.00	1,275.00
3. Indirect Costs-Project Treasurer Notes : Project Treasurer keeps all the funds organized within Quickbooks and Excel. All expenses are tracked throughout the grant period.	40.0000	25.500	HRS	0.00	1,020.00	1,020.00
4. Indirect Costs-VHF Radios Replacements and/or Repairs Notes : Radios are needed for the volunteers to communicate with each other while out on the trail work days. Hand helds, mobile units and base unit will allow us to keep all the volunteers informed at all times. Radios purchased in the G16 grant will be used and this covers any cost of replacements or repairs.	1.0000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5. Indirect Costs-UTV Snow Tracks Notes : Snow Tracks are needed for the UTV in order to access the OHV Trails during the season of use time when there is snow. It is impassable without the snow tracks. Access during the winter is extremely important to assist the SNF in our Adopt-A-Trail maintenance and repair year round.	1.0000	5400.000	EA	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00
<b>Total for Indirect Costs</b>				9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>				9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00

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TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES					9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					78,200.00	28,582.00	106,782.00

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	Category	Grant Req.	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	0.00	22,887.00	22,887.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	13,900.00	1,400.00	15,300.00	We are experiencing a rapid growth in membership and request grant funding to provide tools, supplies, road and trail directional signs, route markers, safety gear and equipment to support our volunteer efforts and increase our labor and work efficiency.
4	Equipment Use Expenses	35,100.00	0.00	35,100.00	Prior to us receiving OHV Grants, all materials, and equipment were often provided by members of the CI4W. These tools were limited in capability and were prone to heavy maintenance and repair. We are requesting approval to purchase hand tools, power tools, equipment, and safety gear to properly support our work activities. Maintenance is required on the equipment purchased with our previous grants.
5	Equipment Purchases	13,000.00	2,000.00	15,000.00	We have elevated our partnership with the SNF to the point where we provide a huge amount to support to the maintenance of the Bald Mountain OHV trail system. In doing so, we have more equipment and the need to get everything up to the project location is challenging at times. Having the flexibility of an additional trailer will be a tremendous help.
6	Others	6,300.00	0.00	6,300.00	UTV equipment, supplies and upgrades will be necessary to prepare the UTV to meet the trail demands of the project activities.
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		68,300.00	26,287.00	94,587.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		68,300.00	26,287.00	94,587.00	
<b>INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Indirect Costs</b>					
1	Indirect Costs	9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00	CI4W began receiving OHV Grant Funds in 2014. The ability to fund the Insurance to cover the UTV, Trailers, tools and equipment in the CI4W

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					inventory has been a financial challenge. The Indirect Cost will be primarily used to ensure we can protect the investments and assets in the event theft or loss happens.
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>		9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00	
<b>TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSES</b>		9,900.00	2,295.00	12,195.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>78,200.00</b>	<b>28,582.00</b>	<b>106,782.00</b>	



## 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 Project costs covered by the Applicant is: 3

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

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

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

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: Maximum of 8 points

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)  
☐ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)  
☐ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)  
☒ Potential trespass (2 points)  
☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked:

This work is focused on Forest Service system roads and trails that provide popular OHV riding opportunities and are critical to connecting OHV riding areas. The proposed program of work is on roads and trails which are deteriorating and are brushing over. Lack of proper maintenance has led to drainage structure failure and water quality degradation. Brush encroachment has begun to restrict access. These roads and trails will be not be useable without proposed maintenance. As a result fewer riding areas will be available causing adverse environmental impacts to an over used system and an increased potential for unauthorized use on closed areas and trespass on private lands. This project will improve OHV access, water quality, signage, reduce unauthorized use, potential for trespass, and enhance the OHV riding experience on the Sierra National Forest.

### 3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by: 13

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)  
☒ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)  
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)  
☒ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)  
☒ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

### 4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input prior to the preliminary Application filing deadline. 2  
Identify date(s) of meetings and participants. Do not include internal agency meetings or meetings that occurred more than 12 months prior to filing the preliminary Application. Public input employed the following:

(Check all that apply)

- ☒ The Applicant initiated and conducted publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☒ The Applicant had meeting(s) with multiple distinct stakeholders (1 point)

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked:

Phone calls and emails were made between members of various organizations including the CLI4W and the Sierra National Forest. Discussions were focused on route selection and development of project proposals for this application. Public contacts were made by E-mail notification and meeting postings on website home page on January 19, 2018. Emails were mailed on January 19, 2018. Website postings were available on the CI4W website. A public meeting was held on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the El Pueblito Mexican Restaurant, Clovis, 93611 4-5 p.m. The meeting had our Stakeholders, 4 Wheel Drive of Fresno, Lock and Low Club, Hill Hoppers to review our preliminary application and provide any comments.

## 5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. Identify the number of groups or organizations that will actively participate in the Project. Partners cannot include any unit of the OHMVR Division, subcontractors, or any participants being paid by this OHV Grant and Cooperative Agreement. 4

(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:

U.S. Forest Service, provide equipment & operators to transport riprap materials to project areas for use on identified trail work mitigation.

Stewards of the Sierra, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

4WD Club of Fresno, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

Hill Hoppers, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

Lock and Low, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

4x4 Him, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

Ready to Rock 4WD Drive Club, provide vehicles & labor to clear roads & trails, maintain drainage structures, place rock riprap, pick up trash.

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

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

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: Maximum of 7 points

- ☒ Controlling OHV use (i.e. signage, route delineation, etc.) (1 point)
- ☒ Protecting water quality (1 point)
- ☒ Providing an alternative to wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
- ☒ Protecting special-status species (1 point)
- ☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)
- ☒ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)

- ☒ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)  
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Provide a detailed explanation for each statement that was checked:

Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use: Project objectives include; removal of brush & downed logs that would cause bypass trails off designated routes. Removal of these obstructions will eliminate efforts to create bypass trails off designated routes, signs will be maintained/installed to encourage route use. Protecting water quality: Project objectives will improve water quality by restoring & maintaining drainage structures. Where appropriate, provide constructed structures and provide alternatives to wet crossings. Site design will determine drainage type of structure used for natural wet crossings. Structure material type includes culverts, wood, rock riprap and concrete block materials. Protecting special-status species: Barriers will be installed to protect special status species and prevent unauthorized use in sensitive areas. Cultural site protection: Signage & trail mtg. to encourage travel on designated routes within or near cultural sites will be implemented to discourage off trail use.

**7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.**

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing: 3

(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 (1 point)  
☐ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)  
☐ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

**8. Motorized Access - Q 8.**

8. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities: 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birding       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)          |