

RESOLUTION NO. 16- 8136

(APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT FUNDS)

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Act of 2003, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Operation and Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement, and Education and Safety for off-highway vehicle recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division with the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the Applicant's Governing Body to certify by resolution the approval of the Application to apply for Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this Project appears on, or is in conformance with this jurisdiction's adopted general or master plan and is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, Hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an Application(s) for an Off-Highway Vehicle Grant or Cooperative Agreement; and
2. Certifies that this agency understands its legal obligations to the State upon approval of the Grant; and
3. Certifies that this agency understands the California Public Resources Code requirement that Acquisition and Development Projects be maintained to specific conservation standards; and
4. Certifies that the Project will be well-maintained during its useful life; and
5. Certifies that this agency will implement the Project with diligence once funds are available and the Applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees with the Project Agreement; and
6. Certifies that this agency will provide the required matching funds; and
7. Certifies that the public and adjacent property owners have been notified of this Project (as applicable); and
8. Appoints Bob Perreault, Director of Public Works, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to Applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the Project, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plumas County Purchasing Policy and other applicable County policies and procedures.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 08 day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:

SUPERVISORS: GOSS, ENGEL, SIMPSON, SWOFFORD, THRALL

NOES:

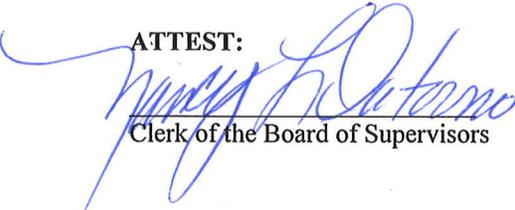
SUPERVISORS: NONE

ABSTAIN/ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: NONE


Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Project Description

Ground Operations - PCMUN Route Maintenance

A. Statement of Activity or Project - The Project Description shall provide sufficient clarity such that those not familiar with the Applicant or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do.

In November of 2010, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance which created the Plumas County Multi-Use Network (PCMUN). The PCMUN consists of 183 miles of gravel roadways maintained by Plumas County that have been approved entirely, or segmentally for OHV and OSV use.

Funding from this project will help repair these roadways due to damages that occur from the springtime snow melt. The type of work that may be required includes, down tree removal, grading of the roadway surface and drainage system repairs, excluding activities that would trigger the need for a Lake & Streambed Alteration Agreement. Due to time constraints, the proposed project is to maintain approximately 90 miles of roadway per year.

Field inspections will be completed at least once a year to better direct the grant funds to the locations that are needed the most. Inspections will include the video taping of each roadway with a geo-referenced camera.

Due to the remote nature and range of trail difficulty present in both the Plumas and Lassen National Forests, Public Works is requesting funds to purchase a new side-by-side off-highway vehicle (ROV) to aid in the inventory and mapping process. The ROV will be outfitted with GIS mapping equipment, video recording equipment, and radio communications to stay in contact while in the field. Once the project is complete, the ROV will also be used to perform trail inspections year around on both dirt and snow to determine where maintenance efforts are required.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation - Describe 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:

The Plumas County Multi-Use Network (PCMUN) consists of 183 miles of roadways that are located throughout national forest lands. These OHV legal routes provide access to approximately 3,800 miles of trails on the national forests, available for OHV use.

C. Describe the Size of the specific Project Area in acres and/or miles

This project consists of maintaining approximately 90 out of the 183 miles of roadways that make up the Plumas County Multi-Use Network.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities – Provide the locations and descriptions of existing OHV opportunities in and around the Project Area.

The Plumas National Forest is the largest land owner in Plumas County making up over 69% of the total area. There are approximately 4,500 miles of road and trail access on the Plumas National Forest, of those, approximately 3,800 miles area available for various levels of off-road vehicle use.

Project Description

Planning - High Lakes OHV Area Trail Inventory

A. Statement of Planning Objectives - The Project Description shall provide sufficient clarity such that those not familiar with the Applicant or Project can understand what the Applicant intends to do.

Over the past several years, The Plumas County Sheriff's Department reports that there has been an increase in the number of Search & Rescue callouts in Plumas County. In most cases, the search areas are located in areas that are unfamiliar to many team members. Plumas County Public Works, in coordination with the Lassen National Forest staff, the Plumas National Forest staff, Search & Rescue (SAR) staff and the Sheriff's office is proposing a grant application through the State OHV program to complete a trail inventory for the High Lake OHV Area.

As part of the proposed grant, "all" routes in the area will be GPS mapped and videotaped. Information gathered on each route will indicate what type of travel is allowable (motorized vs. non-motorized), suggested vehicle type (foot, single-track, ATV, UTV, 4x4), difficulty rating, and any other information that may be of importance. Once gathered information is deemed complete, Public Works staff can then produce a series of maps that is specific to each user group. Upon completion of the project, the public will have access to the maps.

As part of this grant application, staff will also be reviewing access throughout the trail system from a Search & Rescue and Law Enforcement standpoint. Staff will specifically be analyzing how to gain access from Quincy, which is where SAR and Law Enforcement is based, and the High Lakes OHV area in the most efficient manner possible. This part of the project will evaluate the Rock Creek Trail, USFS 6M40, for potential improvements that would improve access into the south entrance of the High Lakes OHV Area.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation - Describe 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:

The primary focus of this project is to produce an inventory of all trails in the High Lake OHV Area. This information will allow the project to review route connectivity throughout the area from a Search & Rescue and Law Enforcement standpoint. The collected information will also result in the production of maps that will inform the user of which routes are open to motor vehicle use as well as which areas are closed to that same use. By creating a user friendly map, users will be encouraged to stay on designated routes, thus reducing damage to natural resources and preventing trespass onto private property.

C. Statement of Activities - Provide a statement of the activity (ies) the Applicant proposes to undertake.

- Kick off meeting with Lassen National Forest Staff, Plumas National Forest Staff and other Stakeholders.
- Compile GIS mapping which depicts the location of existing routes throughout the High Lakes OHV Area.
- GPS mapping and video recording of all routes within the High Lakes OHV Area.
- Collection of additional information on each route such as allowable use, suggested vehicle type, and difficulty rating. Creation of publishable user friendly maps that accurately displays the information collected.

- NEPA/CEQA Study for repairs to Forest Route 6M40, Rock Creek Trail.

D. List of Reports - Provide a list of reports, interim or final, or other documents to be produced:

- Inventory of all trails located within the High Lakes OHV Area.
- User friendly map(s) of the High Lakes OHV Area
- NEPA/CEQA document for repairs to Forest Route 6M40, Rock Creek Trail.

Project Description

Education & Safety - Community Outreach & ATV Training Program

A. Statement of Activity or Project - Provide a statement of the activity or product the Applicant proposes to create or undertake, including the primary message of Education projects:

The proposed project is to provide funding to place an information booth at several Community Events throughout the year. Attendees to the events will be able to gather information regarding the current state of OHV opportunities throughout Plumas County as well as OHV/OSV route maps and information on safe and proper use of the forest. Visitors to the booth will be asked to complete an electronic survey on their OHV use and what they feel is a current shortfall regarding OHV opportunities in Plumas County.

As part of this grant, it is also proposed to create an ATV/ROV education program to help enhance the overall safety of the OHV user in Plumas County. Through grant funding, it is proposed to provide ATV Safety Institute and ROHVA certification classes. Classes will be offered at different locations throughout Plumas County beginning in the Spring of 2017.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation - Describe 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:

Attendees to the events booth will be able to gather information regarding the current state of OHV opportunities throughout Plumas County as well as OHV/OSV route maps and information on safe and proper use of the forest. Information from the surveys will be used to direct future projects to help improve the OHV experience in Plumas County.

Students of the certification classes will learn the safe and proper use of their OHV vehicles as well as what type of safety gear is suggested and what is required while operating their vehicle.

C. Identification of Needs - Identification of needs the Project will address:

The purpose of this project is to provide a place where people can collect information on the current state of OHV/OSV opportunities throughout Plumas County. By bringing OHV/ROV certification to the area, new and current users will be encouraged to ride in a safe manner, while at the same time protecting our natural resources.

D. Location of Training or Services - Provide the location where training or services will be conducted:

- Plumas-Sierra County Fair - August 12-16, 2015 (booth)
- Plumas County Picnic - June 6, 2015 (booth)
- Quincy Sled Wars - October, 2015 (booth)
- Various "Poker Runs"
- ATV safety course - Spring (Quincy)
- ROV safety course - Spring (Quincy)
- ATV safety course - Spring (Lake Almanor)
- ROV safety course - Spring (Lake Almanor)