2021 OHV Grant Review

Technical Meeting Notes

12/3/2020

Members:

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Heather Giger, Nevada Division of State Parks, Recreation Trails Program

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1. Avalanche Education & Outreach, Sierra Avalanche Center

- Large budget for athletes, video production, and digital products
- Few in person courses
- Recommendation: Partial funding for courses with limited video production / athlete costs.

2. Beaver Dam OHV State Park

- OHV request to patrol trails. Staff time used as match
- Lincoln County State Parks are geographically diverse.

3. Carson City Sheriff Office OHV Program, CCSO

- Prison hill is a large OHV area that requires patrols
- Remove 10% indirect costs & uniform equipment
- Recommendation: Partial fund for staff time, do not fund equipment until one year of success with OHV patrols

4. City of Las Vegas Safe Trails Initiative, LVPD

■ DO NOT FUND – NO OHV trails in patrol area

5. Fallon OHV Maps

- Work with grantee for future projects
- No discussion with Nevada Mapping Collaborative

6. Hills Angels Big Meadows Project, Hills Angels 4x4

- Strong user driven project, SSORA Support
- Majority of funding goes to USFS equipment operators & use of mini excavator
- Recommendation: Funding contingent on other projects on Carson Ranger District of H-T NF

7. HTNF Carson Bridgeport OHV, USDA Forest Service

- Similar project was funded in 2019 for \$100K
- Kings canyon, Dance hill were funded in the past, no previous citation data.
- Similar to GBI Recreation technicians, using USFS personnel may pose hiring challenges
- Recommendation: Partial funding, remove OHV & equipment.

8. Lovell Canyon Adopt-A-Trail, Dunes and Trails ATV

- Inexpensive, user driven project
- Recommendation: Full funding

9. Mesquite OHV Safety Guide & Trail Map, Mesquite Chamber of Commerce

- No Coordination with NV Mapping Collaborative, wants to use grant funds and resell the product.
- Recommendation: Do Not Fund, and print maps produced by City or local user groups

10. Mesquite PD Trail System Vehicle

- Positive grant recipient and reporting record
- Recommendation: Fund staff time, not a second ohv

11. Moon Rocks OHV Development & Maintenance, BLM

- Funding is not diversified, only requested from OHV grants
- TAC supports increased management of Moonrocks OHV area.
- Recommendation: Partial funding for the trails planning, leave LE costs, signs, kiosk, gravel etc. for next year.

12. MotoMedX

- Great concept, much needed medical services at OHV Races
- Shows support for OHV racing

13. Nye County OHV Education & Awareness Program, NCSO

- Significant website / digital production costs
- May work well with Pahrump OHV Track, Geographically diverse

14. Offroad Experience at the Track, OTMX

Project funds will be used to maintain a track that requires an entry fee, riders with an OHV sticker receive a
discount

15. OHV Map for Spring Mountains NRA, Southern Nevada Conservancy

■ No contact with Nevada Mapping Collaborative, or Pahrump, needs refinement

16. OHV Recreation Technicians, GBI

- Much needed project, GBI can work across BLM / USFS Jurisdictions
- Great training opportunity for future OHV Positions while resolving a trailhead/ site maintenance backlog.
- Recommendation: Full funding

17. Outdoor Ethics, Education, Outreach & OHV Safety Training, Nevada Outdoor School

- Ask about NV Specific Safety Training timeline
- Recommendation: Full Funding

18. Peavine Maze Connectivity—Phase 1, RAD

- NDOW Does NOT Support the project as written, NEPA Surveys will attempt to reduce potential wildlife conflicts with Mule Deer range and Chukkar habitat. Commissioner Booth cautions funding based on Wildlife impacts. NDOW would like to see existing routes maintained/repurposed for this type of use.
- Trail is partially in CA, but overwhelming benefit to Nevada Users. Links in with larger "Connected Communities" project

19. Pitchfork OHV Day Use, Walker River State Recreation Area

- Minimal coordination with BLM, where OHVs will be recreating
- Day use fee required to use this site
- Recommendation: Fund an OHV Campground at the Walker River SRA, not a day use facility.

20. RAD Communities Project, RAD

■ Recommendation: Full funding

21. Riverside Road OHV Staging Area, City of Mesquite

- How will trail groomer be used by a municipality?
- Great maintenance commitment & matching funds
- Recommendation: Partial funding

22. Sand Mountain Equipment, BLM

- Previous funding was awarded in 2019, \$68k still not spent.
- Generally positive project

23. Sunbuggy Trash Patrol—Nellis Dunes

- Grant applicant has a permit to host tours of this area.
- Grant funds requested to fund cleanups in the same area as tours.

24. Tahoe Meadows Snowmobile Outreach, Monitoring, and Mapping, Friends of Nevada Wilderness

- Not the correct group to enforce snowmobile boundaries
- Positive grant record in 2018 2020
- Recommendation: Do not Fund

25. Trail Ambassador Program, NOHVIS Group INC

- Expensive purchase of ambassador curriculum, no existing local relationships
- Recommendation: Do not Fund

26. Tread Lightly! Ethics Education

- Project and Value are positive, needs a statewide scope, not only winter recreation in the Rubies.
- Recommendation: Work with TL! In 2021 towards getting materials on public kiosks all over the state.