**12/06/2021 1- 3pm**

**Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Attendees:

Miles Gurtler, BLM

Paul Amar, BLM

Randy Kyes, USFS

Heather Giger, RTP

Devon Blunden, Travel Nevada

Nikhil Narkhede, Nevada OHV Program

**Meeting Video:** [**LINK**](https://playback.lifesize.com/#/publicvideo/6b3f1159-ccb9-47fe-ab9b-2eb7fe28ea55?vcpubtoken=f113eb19-3906-48bb-bba6-fdfbccba372e)

1. **Economic Impact of Outdoor Recreation in Nevada, NDOR**
* How does this project fit into the 10 categories allowed for funding?
	+ Points may be gained for economic impacts, maintenance/enhancement of existing trails and facilities, and trail connectivity
* Is there any overlap with the data collected by NV Mapping Collaborative?
* **Miles:** similar studies are useful for applying for federal grant funding, and lobbying for legislative changes. GOCO – Great outdoors Colorado – takes lottery money and used for grants. The Colorado economic statement directly contributed to funding this legislative action
* **Randy:** having detailed numbers of impacts shows why recreation should be funded to legislators. Bureau of Economic analysis numbers are not state specific.
* **Devon:** having this type of data would be great for Travel Nevada, although there is no funding available for this study.
* **COVID Recovery funds available as 100% match**
* **Asset inventory for LWCF Funding and Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan**
	+ LWCF Funds can be used to purchase a trailhead / land parcel to protect access
1. **Carson City Sheriff’s Office OHV Program, CCSO**
* Miles: Can any equipment be discounted from manufacturer or dealer to reduce costs of 100% funding.
* Heather – Any equipment bought by RTP must follow strict reporting standards and can only be used on RTP Projects
* Randy: If any equipment is cut, remove training bikes, only purchase items that will be used on the ground for enforcement.
1. **Cultural Resource Preservation and Education, Nevadans for Cultural Preservation**

Miles: Can SHPO devote funding towards this project?

What is the appetite for others to be involved as site stewards and report on cultural preservation.

Fund interpretive sign development over other proposed programs.

Travel Nevada can publicize the results of the Site Stewards Program on a dedicated page

There are no hard goods associated with this project, however materials can be funded by RTP in the future.

1. **Elko Motocross Track, Elko Motocross Club**
* **Randy** – If funded, will this track only be used by club members? If granted, the track should be used by everyone. Funds generated (IE $5 per track day) should be reinvested back into the track maintenance costs.
* **Miles** – There was a similar grant in gypsum Colorado- - started small – **Phase 1: water truck and dozer, professional track designer**. Ensure the site is open to the public, possibly through a membership with waiver. Purchase day pass with changing gate combination.
	+ Camping on surrounding BLM Lands grew unsustainably in lands adjacent to the track.
	+ County required decisions to be made through a steering committee (BLM, USFS, County (Roads and Rec).
* **Heather**: Fund wetland delineation and track designed in **Phase 1**, ask them to reapply for equipment when the track is ready to be built.
1. **H-T OHV Route Maintenance, Great Basin Institute**
* Is Peavine route maintenance required? USFS State office has a current grant for Peavine maintenance, and RAD continues to maintain the Maze. Can other routes be suggested?
* Randy: There is no funding from Congress to support trail building. Ongoing partnerships like these are required for any type of trail maintenance.
1. **Kingsbury Stinger Trail and Trailhead Improvements, TAMBA**
* Randy: Great project, much needed.
1. **Las Vegas metro Northeast Area Command OHV Enforcement, LV Metro PD**
* Las Vegas BLM has staff for enforcement and patrol of areas as well as a full recreation staff.
* BLM and State parks DO patrol and monitor calls for service in all these areas.
* Is funding the Las Vegas Metro required, and what areas will they cover that are not already patrolled?
1. **Logandale Trails Stewardship, Vegas Valley Fourwheelers**
* Will $14000 in signs be in line with the BLM signage plan?
	+ Miles supports this partnership purchasing the signs with BLM approval
1. **Mesquite PD OHV Registration Campaign, Mesquite PD**
* OHV grants have funded a trailhead in the community
* Mesquite PD sends volunteer officers to complete VIN inspections and has been a positive partner since 2018
1. **Moapa Valley Fire District EMS OHV, Moapa Valley Fire**
* Fits training objective. Provides a critical service. The training component is positive
* Provide the Vegas Valley 4wd with resources to make emergency calls, not just four days of support.
1. **Nevada Mapping Collaborative, GBI**
* Data is not collected to BLM travel management standards
* Data collected is valuable, although only designated routes are allowed, and are mostly roads greater than 50in.
1. **Nevada Offroad Naturalist Trail East Walker River, NDNH**
* Excellent project, push these projects to be showcased by Travel Nevada.
1. **Nevada Offroad Association**

**Heather** -- Are the travel funds justified? $25k is huge for travel. Where is the 60k match coming from for salaries? IS that simply from admin funds for other grants?

**Miles** – There is a need for this type of organization. Needs carefully tracked money, and work being completed. Where are the checks and balances with the organization.

**Randy** – Salary request is Huge, travel request is large – there should not be funding for executive director and permanent staff time/ salaries. Why is staff time being requested if they are taking indirect from other OHV Grants.

1. **Nevada OHV Ride Safe – Ride Smart, NOS**

-**Heather** – NOS always gets RTP Funds--- Executive Director and finance staff salaries are always worked in to the grant request.

-- NOS should demonstrate to the Committee how the ED and finance staff are involved with the program.

1. **Nevada OHV recreation Technicians, GBI**
* Recommend full funding, in other states, each federal office is allocated funding for a similar seasonal recreation team.
1. **Offroad Vehicle Removal Equipment, 775 Offroad & Recovery**
* Full funding
* Should insurance be required for tow dolly’s purchased with OHV funds?
1. **Offroad Vehicle Recovery Training, 775 offroad & recovery**
* Full Funding; good coordination with BLM and USFS.
* Some concerns with licensed wrecking companies losing money on recoveries.
1. **OHV Education and marketing, MXT Media**
* Remove Dump removal costs
* Phased annual funding recommended
* Miles: Maybe fund other groups for video production IE RAD or Lake Tahoe Snowmobilers (Ride based organizations)
1. **OHV Safety Training and Education, SNORR**
* Ask is too large. Ask for manufacturer discounts.
1. **OHV Trail Staging and Desert Cleanup, Desert Pigs**

Full fund

1. **Pershing County Sheriff’s Office OHV program**
* Good project to spread resources around the state
1. **Pine grove OHV Damage Mitigation, PNMTA**
* Possibly phase 1 – cultural clearance for phase 1, then fund the fencing. Make sure SHPO Sec 106 is complete before obligating building funds.
* Rec Trails Program can also fund materials for fencing
1. **PNMTA Education, Outreach and Mapping, PNMTA**
2. **RAD outreach, Reno Area Dirtriders**
* Full funding, great project!
1. **Ride Safe and Smart Humboldt County, HCSO**
* HCSO has built a model OHV Safety and enforcement program
1. **Silver State Race MedX**
* Formerly MotoMedX, should receive continued funding to support emergency response.
1. **Sun Buggy Trash Patrol, Sun Buggy Fun Rentals**
* Private company seeks funding for an area where they have SRP for Nellis Dunes.
* Applicant was not funded for this project in 2021 grant round
1. **Tread Lightly! Nevada**
* Similar project funding is requested from Recreation Trails program.
* Needs more research and communication with agencies.
* Budget looks like stock handout products being dispersed around Nevada.
* Pine Grove and Wilson Canyon kiosks should be coordinated with respective project partners. The remaining signage should be awarded when the projects are shovel ready.
1. **Wilson Canyon OHV Remediation, Phase 1, Walker Basin Conservancy**
* Consider active management instead of blanket closures. IE Designated dispersed camping outside the closure area.
* Positive conservation project