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I am submitting a grant application to the Nevada Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division in an effort to further support the OHV and motorized roads and trail management program of the Inyo National Forest, White Mountain and Mono Lake Ranger Districts. The projects contained within this proposal are needed to provide well maintained roads and trails, to minimize closed area incursions, and to address severe storm damage in areas open to motorized vehicles. The project has been developed to maintain a safe and responsible, well managed OHV program that focuses on providing high quality recreation opportunities while minimizing impacts to natural resources.

The projects I have chosen to submit include (from NRS 490.069 Sect. 2c):

1. Studies or planning for trails and facilities: Assessing condition and conducting resource surveys of existing roads/trails and facilities
2. Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
3. Reconstruction, maintenance or enhancement of existing roads/trails and facilities

The proposed work includes routine maintenance and repair of road and trails, actions to address route widening and trespass, patrol and public contacts, route condition assessments and environmental compliance surveys and installation of signs and route markers on National Forest System roads and trails.

A Record of Decision (ROD) was signed in 2009 documenting the Forests Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The EIS/ROD analyzed and documented the effects of and authorized implementation of various work activities, including mitigation of resource impacts on roads and trails, and recurring maintenance of the National Forest Transportation System roads and trails. The work identified within this grant application will implement activities authorized in the 2009 ROD, as well as recurring maintenance and patrol activities as described above. A copy of the 2009 EIS and ROD can be found at the following website: www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=17479. Some of the sites proposed for reconstruction will require additional NHPA clearances, which is currently being done under the Inyo's existing Nevada OHV grant.



I have reviewed the proposed work activities and determined that activities in this project are categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA). National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 5 [36CFR 220.6(d)(5)], “*Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities*” and National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 4 [36CFR 220.06(d)(4)], “*Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries.*”

I find that there are no extraordinary circumstances or conditions associated with this project that would have adverse effects on the environment or that would warrant further analysis and documentation in an EA or EIS (36 CFR 220.6(b)). Resource specialist have been consulted to identify whether any extraordinary circumstances might exist. Appropriate resource surveys will be conducted prior to implementation.

Federally listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat, species proposed for Federal listing or proposed critical habitat or Forest Service sensitive species – There are no threatened, endangered, or sensitive species that will be adversely affected by project implementation. Consultation with the Forest Biologist will occur before removing any trees between the months of April and September.

Floodplains, wetland or municipal watersheds – There are no adverse effects to wetlands, floodplains or municipal watersheds from this project. Road repair will be designed with a watershed specialists with Best Management Practices (BMP's) implemented.

Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas or national recreation areas – This project is not located in these areas and will not adversely affect any congressionally designed areas.

Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas – Activities within these area are limited to resource protection measure and will have no adverse effects.

Research Natural Areas – There are no RNA's present in this project area.

American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites – there are no American Indian and/or Alaska Native religious or cultural sites that will be adversely affected within the project area. All project activities occurring outside of existing facilities have been or will be surveyed and avoided or appropriated protected through Standard Protection Measures.

Archaeological sites, or historic properties or areas – There are no archaeological sites, historic properties or areas that would be affected by the proposed action as all project activities occurring outside of existing facilities have been or will be surveyed and avoided or appropriately protected through Standard Protection Measures.

In addition, the projects have limited context and intensity (40 CFR 1508.27), and this action will produce little no direct, indirect, individual or cumulative environmental effects to the human environment (40 CFR 1508.14).



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Forest Supervisor

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Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

This application has FIVE sections which are all REQUIRED to be filled out in full. To avoid disqualification, all application areas must be concise and complete; certifications must be signed and dated. Denied applications: correspondence will be sent to applicant by email describing the reason for declaring the application incomplete.

SECTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1. Project Name:** Inyo National Forest Planning and Storm Damage Repairs
- 2. Project Dates:** *Expected Start:* 7/1/2019 *Expected Completion:* 6/30/2021
- 3. Applicant Name:** Inyo National Forest, attn.: Diana Pietrasanta

Mailing address: 351 Pacu Ln. Bishop, CA. 93514

Phone: 760-873-2464

Email: djpietrasanta@fs.fed.us

- 4. Classification of Applicant:** *(check one)*

☒ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local/Municipal ☐ Other: _____
☐ Partnership ☐ Non-profit ☐ for Profit ☐ Individual

If the applicant is a corporate or legal entity, proof of good standing in the entity's state of incorporation is required. NAC 490.1345 (Note: grantees must have the capacity to implement and accomplish proposed project and properly administer awarded funds).



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Date

10/30/18

5. Project Manager: Tony Papa

Mailing address: 789 N. Main St, Bishop, CA. 93514

Phone: 760-873-2500

Email: tpapa@fs.fed.us

6. Classification of Land Control: *(check all that apply)*

☒ Federally managed public land ☐ Private Land ☐ County ☐ City

☐ Other: _____

☐ Lease; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

☐ R&PP; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

If the proposed project is to be carried out on public land, attach any applicable written agreement with any government entity having jurisdiction over that land, including permits, leases, easements, and rights-of-way. NAC 490.135

7. Landowner: USDA Forest Service/Inyo National Forest

Mailing address: 351 Pacu Ln. Bishop, CA. 93514

Phone: 760-837-2400

Email: n/a

8. THE LANDOWNER MUST PROVIDE A LETTER STATING THAT:

(See example Appendix B)

- a) Landowner has read the Request for Grant Application package;
- b) Landowner agrees with the application and the terms of the grant;
- c) Landowner holds an interest in the subject land that is sufficient in scope and authority to allow the applicant to complete the proposed project and operate and maintain the proposed project after its completion;
- d) Landowner is legally committing to maintain the trail/facility and will allow public motorized access to such trail/facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project; and
- e) Landowner agrees to provide any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to Landowner.

The State may require the landowner/agency to be co-grantee on the grant agreement/contract.

9. Project Costs: *(Please do not submit match not directly related to the project)*

State OHV Grant Request:	\$74,200	82%
Other Funds:	\$16,100	18%
Total Project Amount	\$90,300	100%

What are the sources or Partners for your leveraged (other) funds?

X Federal ☐ Private ☐ In-kind ☐ City/County ☐ Other

Please describe source(s):

Federal dollars will contribute to paying for equipment, supplies, and some personnel costs and are the main source for leveraged (match) funds.

10. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS are required:

- a) confirming they agree to the terms of the grant; and
- b) that they are committed to providing match/cash or other tasks in the application that are assigned to them.

Other letters of support are limited to three (3). Please attach them to the application.

11. Project Type(s) (NRS 490.069 Sec.2c) check all that apply:

X Studies or planning for trails and facilities;

- ☐ Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.
- ☐ Other studies:

☐ Acquisition of land for trails and facilities

X Mapping and signing of trails and facilities

X Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities

☐ Construction of new trails and facilities

☐ Restoration of areas that have been damaged by the use of off-highway vehicles.

☐ The construction of trail features, trailheads, parking, or other ancillary facilities which minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat areas.

Safety training and education related to the use of off highway vehicles and registration

☐ Compliance and enforcement (See Appendix C, Enforcement Strategy example)

Note: Operations & management, and purchase or lease of equipment associated directly with a project are eligible.

12. All Trail USERS: (check all that apply)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Backpacking | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single track motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe/ski |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV quads | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UTV Side by side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course | |

Please explain how you intend to manage conflict between users:

The areas of the Inyo National Forest located in Nevada are relatively remote. The area receives regular use including, providing access to the mountains for local communities, with opportunities for hunting, fishing, mountain biking, OHV and motorcycle use, sightseeing, and access to the highest peak in Nevada. However, the use is dispersed enough, and remote enough, that user conflicts are not an issue in this area like they are in more heavily used areas. The project may help reduce user conflicts because it will open up some storm damaged roads to more passenger car access, allowing users to spread out over more roads in the area.

13. **Scope of Work:** Please describe *exactly* what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, surveys, mapping, etc., and include miles of trail, trail type and other measurable goals including a timeline for completing the work. NAC 490.1375. If purchase of equipment is included, please explain where/how it will be housed and maintained. (In order to avoid duplication, **do not include** justification or narrative in this section; refer to Section VI, Scoring Narrative).

The Inyo National forest is proposing to complete road and motorized trail maintenance in both its Mono Lake Ranger District (mostly Mineral County) and White Mountain Ranger District (mostly Esmeralda County). The work can be broken down into three basic project types and are detailed below per grant year:

Summer/Fall 2019 – year 1 of grant

Planning (studies or planning for trails and facilities)

- Conduct field surveys and site specific clearances on up to an initial 30 miles of roads (estimated 20 miles in Esmeralda County, 10 miles in Mineral County). The resource specialists that will perform this work include wildlife biologists,

botanists, geologists, engineers, and hydrologists. Heritage/cultural surveys were completed using funds from the Forest's previous grant.

- Conduct field surveys, evaluations, and prepare environmental compliance documentation on new borrow sites for material to use for road maintenance and repairs. The locating and preliminary assessments of suitable sites was completed using funds from the Forest's previous grant.
- Visit up to 40 miles of roads and motorized trails to characterize conditions and road maintenance and/or repair needs. Monitor existing blocks on unauthorized routes to address potential restoration needs.

Storm Damage & General Maintenance (Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities)

- Perform heavy maintenance on up to 15 miles of road and motorized trails with critical storm damage. Damage in some sections is so severe, reconstruction is necessary. This work will be completed primarily with heavy equipment and is contingent on development of the borrow sites. See chart at end for specific road numbers.
- Perform general maintenance on roads and motorized trails, including minor damage that can be repaired with hand tools, delineation and confinement of routes, and brushing.
- Purchase fiberglass marker posts, lettering, and other signs for road/motorized trail marking. Install these posts and signs as needed.

OHV Patrols & Data Management (Mapping and signing of trails and facilities)

- Perform routine ground operation work. This includes OHV patrols, compliance checks and visitor contacts, hand out safety material and maps, and replace carsonite signs.

- Process GPS data from field visits and record accomplishments.
- Develop layouts and maps for informational kiosks.

Spring/Summer/Fall 2020 – year 2 of grant

Planning (studies or planning for trails and facilities)

- Conduct field surveys and site specific clearances on up to an additional 20 miles of roads (estimated 5 miles in Esmeralda County, 15 miles in Mineral County). The resource specialists that will perform this work include wildlife biologists, botanists, geologists, engineers, and hydrologists.
- Conduct heritage/cultural surveys that are outside the extents of previously surveyed areas, such as drainage structures that extend beyond the road prism in specific areas.
- Complete resource surveys on the roads and motorized trails that data was collected on in the previous year (up to 40 miles) to ensure resource effects are minimized during road maintenance and/or repair. Resource surveys will include wildlife, botany, heritage, and watershed surveys.

Storm Damage & General Maintenance (Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities)

- Perform heavy maintenance on up to 15 miles of road and motorized trails with critical storm damage. Damage in some sections is so severe, reconstruction is necessary. This work will be completed primarily with heavy equipment and is contingent on development of the borrow sites. See chart at end for specific road numbers
- Perform general maintenance on roads and motorized trails, including minor damage that can be repaired with hand tools, delineation and confinement of routes, and brushing.

- Purchase additional fiberglass marker posts, lettering, and other signs for road/motorized trail marking. Install these posts and signs as needed.
- Install information kiosks at critical road and trail locations, which would include maps, safety, and resource protection information.
- Install carsonite signs with road/motorized trail numbers.

OHV Patrols & Data Management (Mapping and signing of trails and facilities)

- Continue to perform routine ground operation work. This includes OHV patrols, compliance checks and visitor contacts, hand out safety material and maps, and replace carsonite signs.
- Process GPS data from field visits and record accomplishments.

Roads and motorized trails to receive heavy maintenance include, but are not limited to:

01N143	01S183	01S60A
01N146	01S185B	2N116
01N155	01S185	33E319
01N156	01S58B	
01S182	01S59	

Roads and motorized trails that can be evaluated, patrolled, receive maintenance, and surveyed are identified as Forest Service Roads/Trails on the attached maps.

14. Standards/Guidelines that will be applied to your project:

☐ Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide

X USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails

☐ BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails

☐ NOHVCC Handbooks

Other: _____

15. Has the applicant received funding from the OHV Program in the past?

☐ No ☒ Yes

Number of projects funded: 1

Amount of funding Received: \$30,000

Number of projects Completed: In progress, to be completed in 2019

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: Esmeralda and Mineral

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Dyer

Center of project: Latitude: 37.90585 Longitude: -118.36125

If the shape-files for the trail system are available, please submit them in the e-file. The shape-files of the trail will be required at project end. Program will assist in the collection of the data if needed.

MAPS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE APPLICATION. THEY ARE REQUIRED AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT IF FUNDED.

PLEASE PROVIDE READABLE, PROFICIENT MAPS.

Required Maps: for all maps please include a legend, north arrow, scale, and map name.

Topographic maps preferred. You may include *additional* aerial/google maps.

X General location map (showing project area within the state or county)

X Topographic map (7.5 minute series quadrangle, 1:24,000 scale) with project boundary and map name Township: _____ Range: _____ Sections _____

☐ Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)

- Maps larger than 11x17 will not be accepted

Please attach the following photographs:

X At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances. (Good photographs at trail level and google aerals help the scoring committee to understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.)

SECTION III - Federal Lands or Other

Federal Environmental Compliance

A. If Federal funds or Land are a part of the project and NEPA was completed, indicate which document was produced, and **please attach the decision document to this application:**

- ☒ Record of Decision (ROD)
- ☐ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
- ☐ Categorical Exclusion (CX)
- ☐ SHPO 106 compliance/concurrence letter.
- ☐ Other compliance documents already completed. (do not attached the EA or EIS)
- ☐ Not applicable

If NEPA or planning is a part of the project describe the steps in the Scope Section I, #13.

SECTION IV - BUDGET

Proposed Budget: Provide your budget details to include at a minimum the items in the following table. You may create your own spreadsheet.

- Your budget must align clearly with your scope of work from #13. Be specific, as your application will rate higher.
- Reminder: Include all sources of funds for the completion of the project including federal, in-kind, private/city/county and state funds.
- **It is recommended that you attach copies of estimates to support your budget, and identify what each contract will include.**

Item Description	Item Description	\$ OHV Grant Request	Federal \$	Other Funds	Total Cost
Conduct route condition inventory on up to 40 miles of roads/trails	OHV and watershed technicians; watershed specialists	\$10,000			\$10,000
Conduct field surveys and site specific clearances on up to 50 miles of roads/trails.	Resource specialists (including technicians): Wildlife biologists, Botanists Watershed, Heritage (Mineral County), Geologist, Engineer	\$18,000	\$2,000		\$20,000
Locate and develop borrow source for gravel and dirt	Geologist, engineering, and resource specialists (wildlife, heritage, watershed, botany)	\$7,000			\$7,000
Perform reconstruction and heavy maintenance on up to 30 miles of roads/trails with heavy equipment	Equipment operators - swampers	\$15,000	\$2,000		\$17,000
Process GPS data from field visits and recorded accomplishments	OHV GIS Technician		\$6,000		\$6,000
Patrol OHV routes, public contacts, performing route marking & signing, trail maintenance activities (focused in Mineral county)	Seasonal OHV Recreation Technicians (3 person crew)	\$15,000			\$15,000
Volunteer or donated labor/in-kind # Hrs. skilled labor @\$23.56/hr. (not required but is important for scoring higher) <i>(You will have to provide paperwork for this in your reporting to receive score points)</i>	In-Kind equipment and safety gear such as shovels, gloves, helmets, tablets, GPS, etc.		\$1,500		\$1,500
Purchase of Materials, Items & cost or group of items.	Route marking 3 X 4, single letter/Number Decal, Reflective 0-9 & A-Z	\$1,000			\$1,000

Purchase of Materials, Items & cost or group of items.	12 boxes of 54-in. DUAL-flex Fiberglass Marker Post, W/one pointed end	\$1,000			\$1,000
Travel Costs, Per -diem	30 nights field per diem in Esmeralda and Mineral Counties	\$1,200			\$1,200
Vehicle gas and maintenance standard is now at .54 per mile. Estimate miles.	15,000 miles X .54 mile	\$6,000	\$2,100		\$8,100
Other: Heavy Equipment Costs			\$2,500		
Totals		\$74,200	\$16,100		\$90,300
Percentages		82%	18%		100%

SECTION V – PRIORITIES AND SCORING NARRATIVE

THE SCORING PRIORITIES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

Address the following twelve (12) criteria in the order listed below.

- **Please tell us how your project/program meets each criteria.**
- **Be specific and concise with your answers.**
- **Please submit no more than five (5) double-sided pages for your Narrative.**
- **Please type directly into this application.** *If the form doesn't work for you, please cut and paste into another document and answer in the same order as given below. (If not applicable, answer N/A.)*

1. ***Law Enforcement Strategy that addresses enforcement as well as Public Education & Outreach aimed at increasing renewals and new registrations: (See Appendix C). If your Enforcement grant does not include educ. or outreach see #4 below)*** If funded with this grant the Inyo National Forest will be able to properly sign all roads and trails with carsonite markers and Forest Service system road numbers on the Mono Lake Ranger District within Mineral County. In addition to providing route condition and regulation information, OHV patrollers would monitor and perform basic maintenance and engage the public by promoting safe riding techniques, providing maps/directions and responding to accidents when needed. This grant will provide the additional support necessary to keep the Inyo N.F. moving toward integrated resource and OHV recreation management, thus allowing for a higher quality recreation experience and promoting renewals and new registrations within Nevada. The installation of a kiosk with OHV related information would connect the public through quality maps and information regarding safety, Tread Lightly and other resource related messaging. The kiosk would also provide a means of distributing OHV recreation maps.
2. ***Trail mapping, signing and maintenance of existing trails and facilities: Please describe how your project/program assists in the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of **Existing** Facilities. "Taking care of what is already there to protect the investment."***

Road/trail maintenance on the White Mountain Ranger District will repair recent storm damage with heavy equipment. Many routes suffered damage, disrupting OHV recreation and causing resource damage such as offsite erosion and stream sedimentation. Maintenance will likely reduce the need for more costly repairs in the future. In addition, some damaged routes serve to provide access to manage sage grouse per the Bi-state Action Plan and the Inyo National Forests Sage-Grouse interim Management Policy.

On the Mono Lake Ranger District: Soil Loss monitoring on routes as well as route OHV patrols with data processing and management will inform planning processes and determine where to focus maintenance efforts. Collecting OHV use data will inform which user groups and types of vehicles are being used on which Forest Service roads and trails. This will provide a clearer picture of what uses are occurring on Forest Service system roads and trails to provide input needed when updating maps.

The grant proposes installing carsonite markers to sign all Forest Service system roads and trails within the Mono Lake Ranger District. Signing routes will help ensure users stay on designed system routes protecting critical natural and cultural resources.

3. ***Training:*** Please describe the goals and objectives of your public training program, i.e., Public Education, Rider Classes, Safety, Trail Building, or Outdoor Ethics. Number of people trained, contacts made, etc.

The Forest is committed to providing a high quality, safe recreation experience to a wide variety of users. This is accomplished by signing trails, providing high quality maps, public contacts by OHV patrollers and providing additional safety and other information via a Kiosk.

4. ***Law Enforcement, SAR with NO Registration component:*** How will your officer training, equipment purchase or salary/overtime request serve the off-highway vehicle recreating public? N/A
5. ***Access:*** Please describe how your project/program ensures protection of access. Explain what access/opportunities would be lost or restricted if the project doesn't occur.

By maintaining roads and trails and providing signage, OHV routes are safe and drivable to a wide range of users providing a desirable OHV experience. In addition, OHV patrols will provide information to users regarding the Forest and which routes are legal and safe to ride.

Minimal maintenance would occur to roads and trails, resulting in a loss of OHV opportunity as road and trail conditions deteriorate (e.g. decreased quality of directional signage, road and trail hazards not addressed consistently, lack of drainage/erosion control maintenance). Lack of OHV patrols would hamper the Inyo National Forest's ability to make public contacts, monitor resource conditions, and document/restore OHV trespass. Cultural sites, rare plant populations, and other sensitive resources in the vicinity of OHV use areas would be at greater risk of degradation. It would be more difficult to monitor and manage Sage Grouse populations and implement management direction and actions outlined in the Bi-State Action Plan and the Inyo National Forests Sage-Grouse Interim Management Policy.

The roads and motorized trails in Mineral and Esmeralda Counties provide a unique and important recreation experience for local communities and visitors. These routes provide access to hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and are used for the OHV experience in itself. They also provide access to trailheads for the highest peak in Nevada, Boundary Peak. Many of these roads had storm damage that makes them impassible to many vehicle types, unsafe for others, and improving their condition will allow for access by more users. Loss of access on these roads would reduce the ability of local residence and visitors to experience the National Forest through motorized transportation, which would reduce the ability of many people to visit the Forest. Recreational use is important to the local

economies, and reduced access could harm local economies, as well as reduce the connection to the land of local residences and visitors.

6. ***Economic Integration:*** Please describe how your project/program develops outdoor recreation opportunities that help local, regional, or state economies grow (e.g., economic impact, additional OHV funding sources, improved user or business group participation, Road use resolutions and OHV friendly Communities.)

A well-signed, easily identified system of roads and trails off better opportunities for sustainable, long-term motor vehicle use and better economic opportunities for local residents and communities. The nearest communities to motorized roads and trails proposed in this grant are Benton, California and Dyer, Nevada. Recreational opportunities on the Forest will increase in quality as a result of the implementing this grant. We anticipate this will increase interest in continued high quality management of the area and further engagement of the local communities and user groups.

7. ***Connectivity/Loops:*** Please describe the increase in connectivity between trails, facilities and other locations that your project/program would provide or enhance when completed. Attach maps if necessary, i.e., towns, parks, areas, trails, etc.

The legal OHV roads and trails which will be maintained, patrolled, signed, monitored, and placed on recreational map as part of this project access a wide-variety of non-motorized recreational activities on the National Forest. Trailheads for hikers and equestrians are accessed by these routes (see the Inyo CTUC map and Forest Recreation map for locations). In addition, roads provide access to old mines and provide opportunity for exploring unique geologic and mineral formations (rock hounding). Almost every road and trail leads to opportunities for hunting legal game, and creeks/ for fishing. Dispersed recreation (camping) is allowed along almost all of the approximately 130 miles of Forest Service system roads and trails within Nevada and 2200 miles of OHV-legal routes on the entire Inyo National Forest.

8. ***Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation:*** please describe how the environmental studies and/or planning will result in maintaining or expanding OHV riding areas. Describe HOW your project/program considers water and habitat conservation.

A 2009 Record of Decision (ROD) was signed outlining the decision to implement the Forests Travel Management Plan. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ROD analyzed the effects of authorized implementation of various work activities, including mitigation of resource impacts on roads and trails, and recurring maintenance of the National Forest Transportation System roads and trails.

Soil loss monitoring will identify and prioritize routes needed maintenance. Site specific road and trail maintenance and other OHV activities are covered under National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 5 [36CFR 220.6(d)(5)], “Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities” and National

Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 4 [36CFR 220.06(d)(4)], “ *Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries.*” Environmental effects of placing signs, kiosk and using heavy equipment to perform route maintenance will be analyzed.

The 2009 Travel Management EIS and ROD considered the effects of designating system routes on watershed conditions and wildlife and botanical resources. The activities potentially funded by the grant would have minimal to no effect to watershed resources, heritage resources, or proposed, threatened, endangered or Forest Service Sensitive wildlife and plant species or habitats. There would likely be beneficial effects to these resources since the project activities would maintain and improve drainage and erosion control features and define routes open for motorized use.

- 9. *Partnering and Leverage:*** Please describe coordination that has occurred with stakeholders, partners and the public in which all interests have had an opportunity to be heard related directly to this project/program. **Also**, describe how your project/program leverages private, BLM, USFS, State, local government, or in-kind funding, services or donations (Considered as investment in the project. Match is not required, but is commended and will receive additional points. Please remember to attach support letters as described in Section I, #8 and #10).

The Forest conducted extensive outreach and met regularly with stakeholders, partners and the public, during the Forest-Wide Travel Management project, to understand issues and concerns that were integrated into the EIS and ROD. The Inyo National Forest is and will continue to work with Esmeralda County to improve route signage, public information outreach, forest access, and on road maintenance agreements.

The Forest participates in twice-a-year Recreational Access Leaders meetings discussing OHV issues and identify potential projects with a wide-range of stakeholders including elected officials, and stakeholders such as Sierra Responsible Riders/CTUC, Friends of the Inyo and Eastern Sierra 4x4 club. While these meetings focus more on issues within California, OHV and resource issues and concerns within Nevada (such as Truman Meadows in Mineral County) are discussed and will be discussed in future meetings.

The Forest is committed to managing recreation and specifically OHV recreation within the Nevada portion of the Forest. There is a commitment of matching funds and in-kind equipment such as shovels, gloves, tablets (for data collection) and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for this project.

- 10. *Demand for New Facilities:*** Please provide justification (the demand) for **NEW** facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.

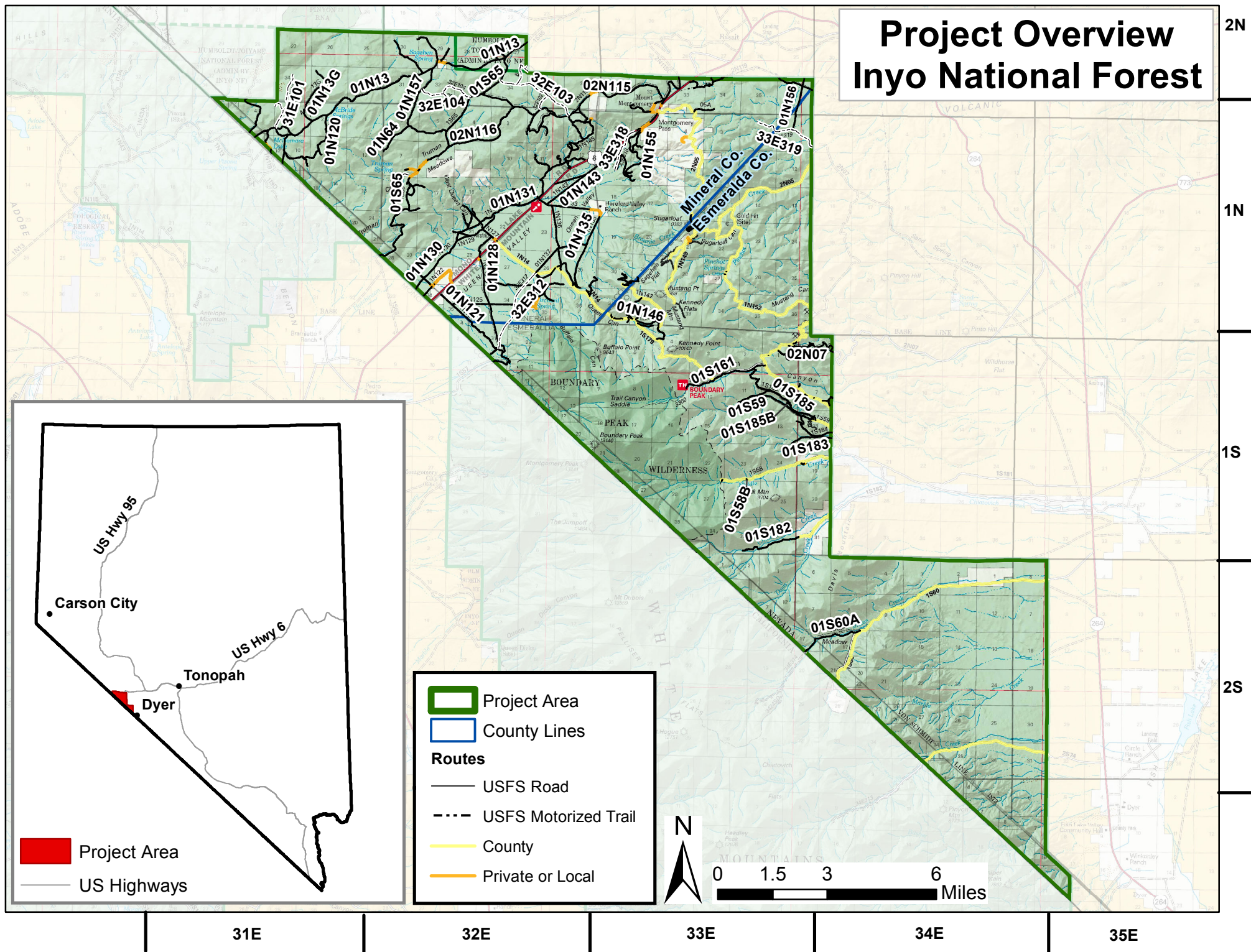
The Forest is proposing a minimal amount of new facilities in this grant proposal. Trail signs and Kiosk are needed to inform users of routes and assist with way finding in this remote part of the Forest. The appropriate signage coupled with the Motor Vehicle Use

Map (MVUM) make some areas more accessible for exploration, especially for non-local visitors.

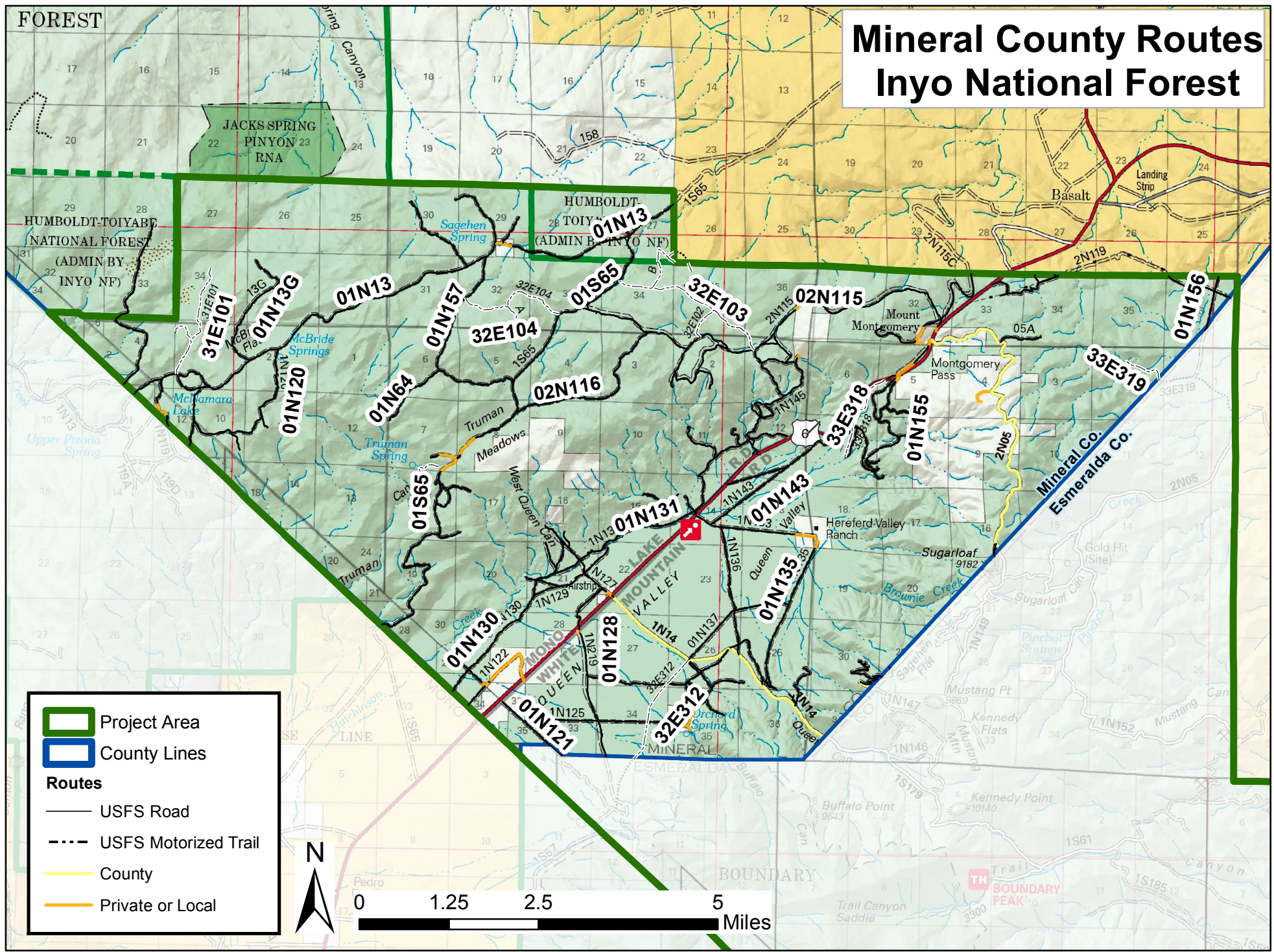
11. **Maintenance:** *Although this OHV grant program requires maintenance of all facilities funded for 25 years or the normal life of the project, please describe **HOW** your project will be maintained and **WHO** has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service/program. (Please remember to attach support letters as described in Section I, #8 and #10).*

The Inyo National Forest hires a crew of Recreation Technicians every field season that focus solely on OHV related work across the Forest. They perform a variety of tasks including: soil loss route monitoring, report previous winters damage to roads and trails, replace broken or missing route markers (carsonite signs), refill the information kiosk with OHV related trail maps, provide the Forest Service presence to the public, complete trail maintenance and work with partners to complete on-the-ground work.

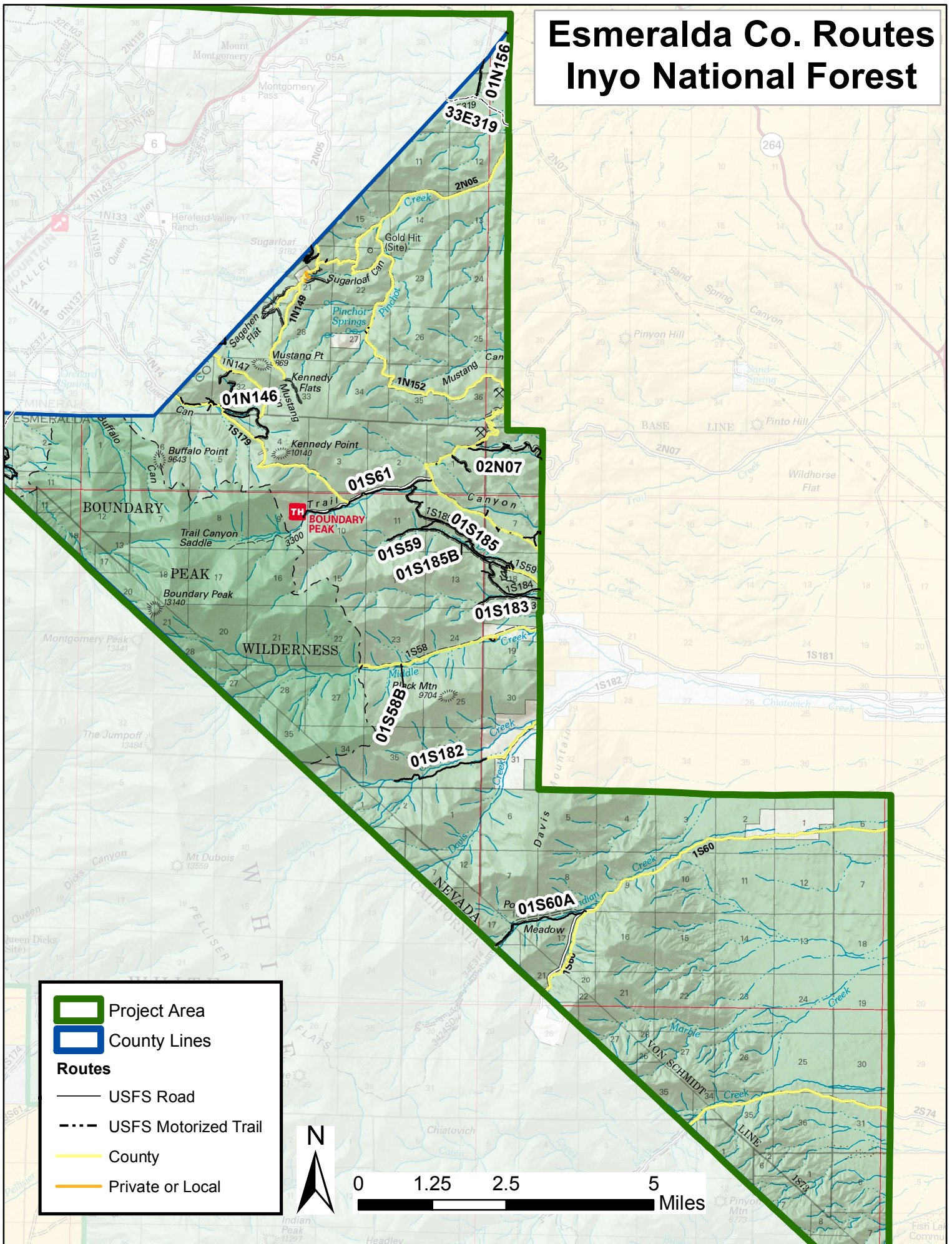
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Mineral County Routes Inyo National Forest



Esmeralda Co. Routes Inyo National Forest



01S59 looking east.



01S59 looking west.





01S60A looking west. Rocky wash through road.



01S60A looking west. Gullies forming.

01S185B looking southwest.



01S185B looking northeast.



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Jennifer,

In Number 12 we had mentioned "passenger vehicles" this was a mistype. These roads are intended for OHV, high clearance vehicles only. These are recommended that passenger cars are NOT RECCOMENDED on these roads. All GPS files for all our areas will be submitted for you to utilize for information.

Apologize for this error.

Thanks,

-Tony

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