



**NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM**  
**FY 2019 GRANT APPLICATION PAGE 1**  
**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:** Route Designation and Restoration Projects (Hunter Lake Trail and Silver State Trail/Big Rocks Wilderness)
2. **Project Dates:** *Expected Start:* June 15, 2019 *Expected Completion:* December 31, 2020
3. **Applicant Name:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness
4. **Mailing:** PO Box 9754 Reno Nevada  
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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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**Applicant Signature**  
**(Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**5. Hunter Creek Trail Project Manager: Kurt Kuznicki**

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**Silver State Trail/Big Rocks Wilderness Project Manager: Jose Witt**

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**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(s):**

Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest Carson Ranger District

Mailing address: 1536 South Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775 882-2766

Email: cnicholes02@fs.fed.us

Bureau of Land Management Ely District Office Caliente Field Office

Mailing address: PO Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008

Phone: 775 726-8100

Email: eyfoweb@blm.gov

**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:    \$34,362  
 Other Funds:                    \$ 8,992  
 Total Project Amount        \$43,354        100%

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

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

Please describe source(s):

The majority of our leveraged funds will be coming from in-kind labor and mileage donations from our volunteers. However about \$545 will be coming from the Forest Service supplying carsonite posts for the Hunter Lake signing project. Additionally we will be utilizing left over fencing materials from a previous OHV grant.

Additionally, we have requested funding from the RTP for a related mapping project for the Mount Rose/Hunter Lake Region. We would gladly accept any amount of funding from either program at the discretion of the program managers.

**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:**

- ☐ Studies or planning for trails and facilities;
  - Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.
  - Other studies \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Acquisition of land for trails and facilities
- ☒ Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
- ☒ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe/ski     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV quads               | <input checked="" 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 limited nature and timing of use on these roads will prevent conflict.

**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).

Friends of Nevada Wilderness will use volunteers to complete much of the work described for both projects listed below. We will recruit, train and manage the volunteers and ensure they are given the safety training necessary to complete these projects.

## **Hunter Lake Road Project**

### **Scope of Work**

In partnership with the OHV community, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers will provide clear signing for the Hunter Lake Road with new carsonite signs and stickers with route markers and directional arrows. FNW will maintain all three visitor kiosks with a fresh coat of paint and replace any damaged 2X6 backing boards at the kiosks and post updated maps of the area and pertinent information to improve the visitor experience and aid in resource protection. FNW will create a new travel/informational map for the kiosks and prepare an on-line user map. Several vehicle switchback routes and unauthorized user created routes will be blocked off with dead and down material. FNW will use our John Deere 855 D-4 Gator that was paid for by the Recreational Trails Program to move volunteers and material to the work sites.

### **Measurable Goals**

Quarterly Progress Reports and Reimbursement (financial report) Request will be sent to the OHV Commission with the following information:

- Number of volunteers, number of volunteer hours, number of volunteer miles donated, and amount of total in-kind donation
- Linear feet of restoration
- Creation of user map
- Number of kiosks maintained

### **Timeline**

- Summer 2019 – Execute three volunteer projects to accomplish goals stated above.
- Fall 2019 – final user map/brochure uploaded on website and available to partners and the Forest Service.

## **Silver State Trail/Big Rocks Wilderness Project**

### **Scope of Work**

This project seeks to keep users on designated routes and cherry stem roads and restore damage from illegally created routes in Wilderness. Restoration will involve planting dead and downed plant matter, loosening compacted soils, and re-contouring the ground surface to the surrounding environment. This work will restore damage and disguise the route to prevent future use. In some areas, access to illegally pioneered routes will also be blocked by installing vehicle fences/barriers. This work will be done on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Most of the labor to execute the projects will be completed by volunteers. This work will focus in two areas, described in detail below.

Working in partnership with the BLM, Friends of Nevada Wilderness and their volunteers will work to distinguish the boundaries between designated routes on the Silver State Trail

and the non-motorized area of Big Rocks Wilderness. Pioneered OHV routes going into Big Rocks Wilderness will be naturalized to disguise and discourage use. Approximately 450-feet of vehicle barriers, at four different locations, will be installed at the end of cherry stem roads that stem off of the Silver State Trail. The end of cherry stem barriers provides a clear indication of where the designated route ends, site where people can park to camp and/or hike as well as protects resources that people are there to enjoy. The materials being used for the barriers are remnants of a prior OHV commission grant. Materials were purchased but not installed because the BLM provided supplies that were not foreseen when applying for that grant cycle. We are committed to using those materials on OHV specific projects.

The volunteer projects will likely consist of three-day outings arriving to the site on Friday afternoons and departing on Sunday afternoons. To make the volunteer experience enjoyable Friends provides dinner and breakfast on overnight outings resulting in longer prep time that involves food planning and shopping. This will be the first time Friends has worked with the Caliente Field office in many years and have not worked in the Big Rocks Wilderness. There may need to be multiple field trips and meetings with the office to ensure that the goals of the BLM are met. Additionally, since a lot of the work consists of digging holes for posts, it is unknown how challenging the digging will be and if additional staff time will be required to complete the barriers as committed in the proposal.

#### **Measurable Goals**

Quarterly Progress Reports and Reimbursement (financial report) Request will be sent to the OHV Commission with the following information:

- Number of volunteers, number of volunteer hours, number of volunteer miles donated, and amount of total in-kind donation
- Linear feet of damage restored from illegal OHV routes
- Linear feet of barriers installed

#### **Timeline**

- Summer 2019 - Plan restoration projects
- Late summer/Fall 2019 - Execute two restoration/barrier projects
- Spring 2020 - Execute two restoration/barrier projects and wrap up project

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

- ☐ Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide
- ☒ 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: \$40,450

Number of projects Completed: 1

**SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS**

**Hunter Lake Project Location:**

County: Washoe

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Reno, Nevada

Center of project: Latitude: 39°25'40.3314" N Longitude: 119°55' 0.0444"W

**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.**

**Silver State Trail/Big Rocks Wilderness Project Location:**

County: Lincoln

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Caliente, Nevada

Center of project: Latitude: 37°41'28.33"N Longitude: 114°59'42.90"W

**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.**

- ☒ General location map (showing project area within the state or county)
- ☒ 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:**

- ☒ *At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances. (Good photographs at trail level and google aeriels 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.

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- 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.***

Friends of Nevada Wilderness - OHV Grant 2019						
Detailed Budget						
<b>Expenses</b>						
<b><u>Silver State Trail/Big Rocks Project</u></b>						
<b>Direct Labor</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Cost per day</b>	<b>OHV Cost</b>	<b>Federal Match</b>	<b>Other Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stewardship Managers	38	\$256	\$9,728			\$9,728
Southern Nevada Director	18	\$310	\$5,580			\$5,580
Outreach & Communications	5	\$225	\$1,125			\$1,125
Grants Coordinator	3	\$225	\$675			\$675
<b>Volunteer Labor</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>In-Kind per day/vol</b>				
Volunteer Labor @ \$23.56 (6 vol/4 projects)	24	\$188.48			\$4,524	\$4,524
<b>Travel Costs</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Cost per mile</b>				
Mileage	2240	\$0.54	\$1,210			\$1,210
Volunteer Mileage	2240	\$0.54			\$1,210	\$1,210
Volunteer per diem (food)			\$600			\$600
Subtotal			\$18,918		\$5,733	\$24,651
Indirect Costs (10%)			\$1,892			\$1,892
<b>Project Subtotal</b>			<b>\$20,809</b>		<b>\$5,733</b>	<b>\$26,542</b>
<b><u>Hunter Lake Trail Project</u></b>						
<b>Direct Labor</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Cost per day</b>	<b>OHV Cost</b>	<b>Federal Match</b>	<b>Other Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Stewardship Managers (2)	20	\$256	\$5,120			\$5,120
Stewardship Director	7	\$310	\$2,170			\$2,170
Mapping/GIS	8	\$243	\$1,944			\$1,944
Grants Coordinator	3	\$225	\$675			\$675
<b>Volunteer Labor</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>In-Kind per day/vol</b>				
Volunteer Labor @ \$23.56 (4 vol/3 projects)	14	\$188.48			\$2,639	\$2,639
<b>Purchase of Materials</b>						
Paint and 2X6s for kiosks			\$500			\$500
Map printing/lamination/			\$350			\$350
Routes signs/stickers			\$750			\$750
Carsonite posts (30)				\$545		\$545

UTV maintenance/safety			\$500			\$500
<b>Travel Costs</b>	<i>Miles</i>	<i>Cost per mile</i>				
Mileage Truck	140	\$0.54	\$76			\$76
Mileage UTV	70	\$0.515	\$36			\$36
Volunteer per diem (food)			\$200			\$200
subtotal			\$12,321	\$545	\$2,639	\$15,504
Indirect Costs (10%)			\$1,232			\$1,232
<b><i>Project Subtotal</i></b>			<b>\$13,553</b>	<b>\$545</b>	<b>\$2,639</b>	<b>\$16,736</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$34,362</b>	<b>\$545</b>	<b>\$8,372</b>	<b>\$43,279</b>
<i>Percentage of Total Project</i>			<i>79.4%</i>	<i>1.3%</i>	<i>19.3%</i>	<i>100%</i>

## **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***

These projects provide passive enforcement in the way of clearly showing users of where they may ride and where motorized use is prohibited. Placing new signs will aid law enforcement. Most riders want to want to do the right thing and proper signs will help them know where the trails are located.

Refurbishing the three kiosks on the Hunter Lake Road and the creation and placement of user friendly maps will help visitors know where they are. The kiosks will also be updated with current Tread Lightly information. Preparing a digital trail guide for the Hunter Lake Trail can help users chose routes that best fit their vehicle's ability.

- 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."***

The Hunter Lake Road has several well-built kiosks that need maintenance. They need to be painted and board that are shot up need to be replaced. Creating and placing a good map of the area and the roads on the kiosks will help visitors know where the roads go and help them learn about the surrounding area. Route and information stickers need to be replaced so they area legible and well placed.



Closing off vehicle routes that cut the road switchback will help prevent erosion and the washing out of the road. Minor maintenance can go a long way to taking care of the road surface.

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.

Neither of these projects include a hands on training component.

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?

Neither of these projects include a Law Enforcement component.

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.

One goal of these projects is to help riders responsibly enjoy the area through clearly showing designated routes and elimination of illegally created routes. Minimizing and discouraging inappropriate motorized use will lessen impacts to resources, prevent conflict between various types of users, and continue to keep motorized access open near non-motorized use areas. Land management agencies, by legal mandate, must take action to stop irresponsible use. This can include road closures and loss of access to motorized users. As most visitors know, responsible use leads to keeping trails open.

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.)*

It has been shown that outdoor recreation is a diverse and powerful part of the Nevada economy. People purchase OHV and hiking equipment, eat in restaurants and shop for miscellaneous items near their destination to their outdoor activity. This project will improve the recreation opportunities and distinguish boundaries for users. Signage along both the Silver State Trail and the Hunter Lake Road will prevent users from getting lost and prevent conflicts between users.

This project will advertise the Silver State Trail to Las Vegans. Outreach will be done to recruit volunteer from the communities nearest to the project site, such as Caliente, but it's expected that many volunteers will be from Las Vegas. These volunteers will be exposed to the recreational opportunity of the Silver State Trail and encouraged to return again and visit on their own.

For the Hunter Lake project outreach will be done to recruit volunteers from the Reno area from both the OHV community and the Wilderness communities.

- 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.*
- 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.*
- 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).*

Friends of Nevada Wilderness has partnered very closely with both the BLM and the Forest Service across the State. For these projects both the Caliente BLM and the Carson Ranger District will be partners with us in completing the projects. Both the BLM and Forest Service have provided letters of support and will help with logistical assistance, input, and support.

Our volunteers have agreed to donate labor and mileage. Friends has many partners that will help recruit volunteers. This ever growing list of partners includes businesses like REI, Patagonia, Zappos and SH Architecture. Community groups include hiking Meetup groups, Las Vegas Mountaineers Club, and various other organizations.

Our volunteer match for the Silver State//Big Rocks Project is expected to be: \$5,733 from volunteer in-kind labor and mileage.

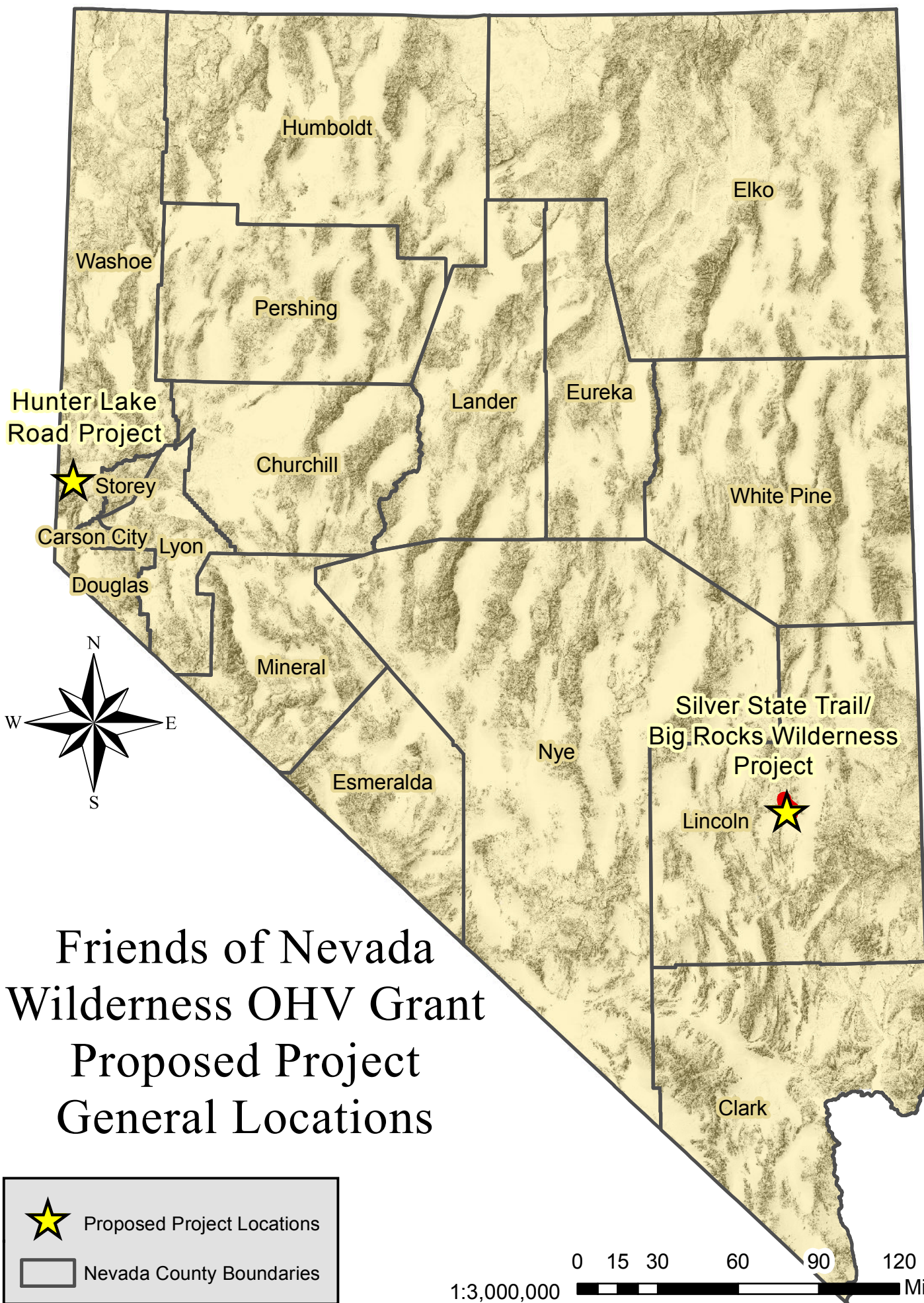
Our volunteer match for the Hunter Creek Road Project is expected to be: \$2,639 from volunteer in-kind labor and mileage.

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

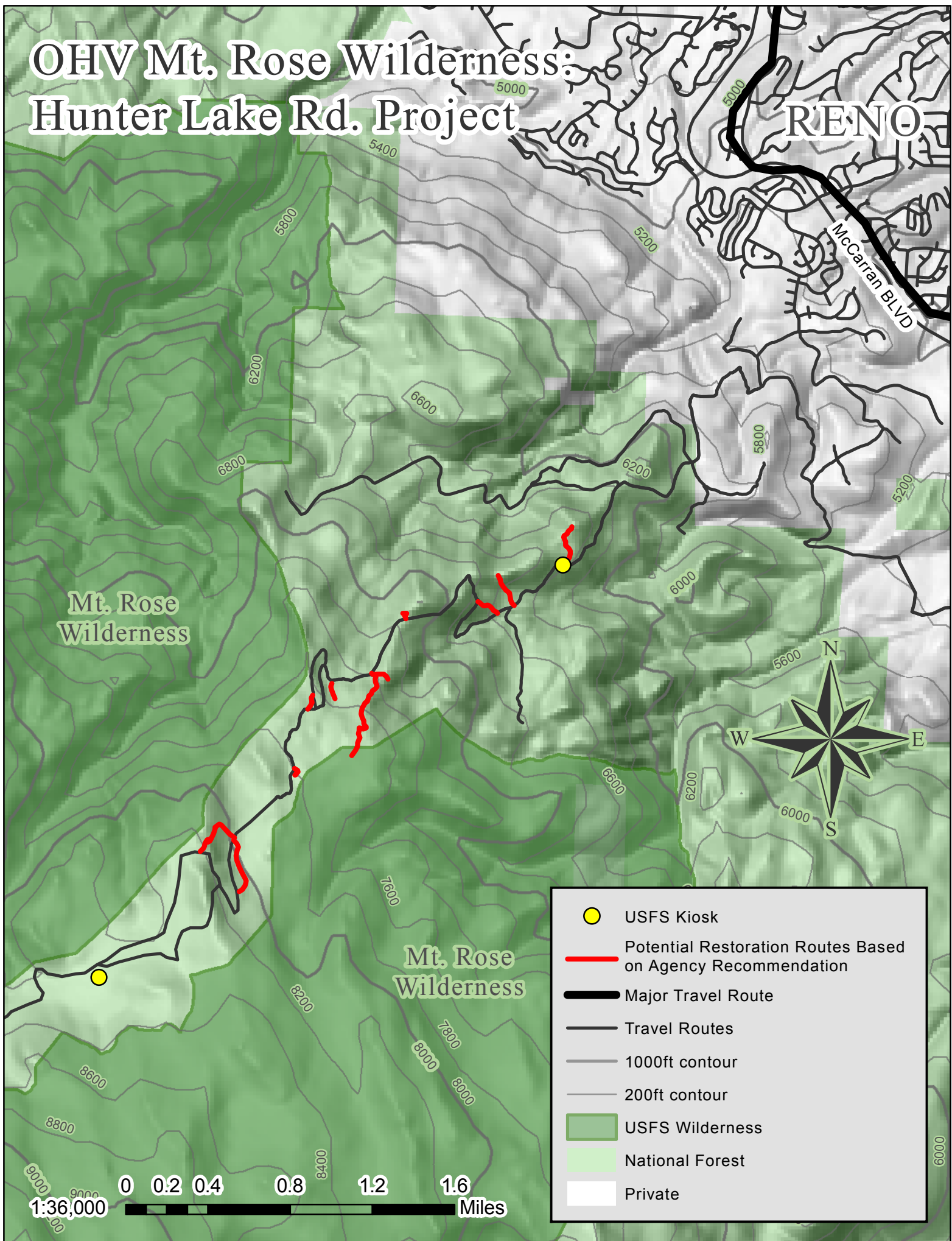
Neither of these projects include providing new projects.

**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).*

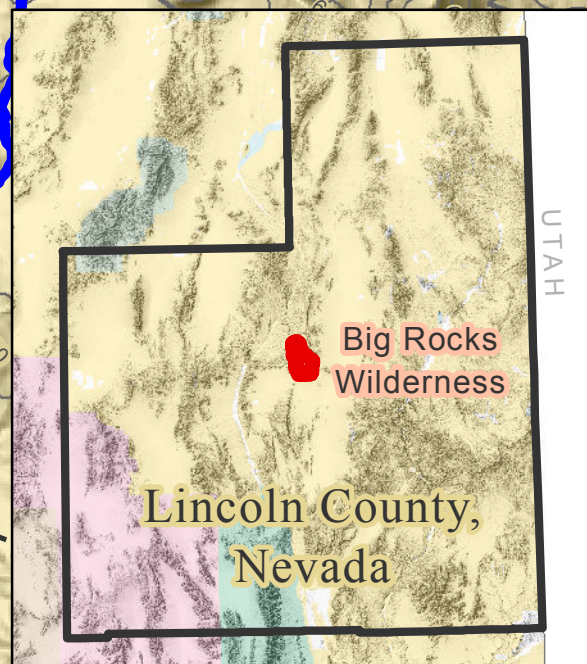
The BLM and Forest Service are ultimately responsible for the long-term maintenance and access to the lands identified in these projects, as well as maintaining signage. Friends of Nevada Wilderness has been a partner with these agencies for decades and has a solid track record of ensuring that all projects we work on are sustainable and we will continue to work with agencies and various funding sources to ensure the projects last over time.



# OHV Mt. Rose Wilderness: Hunter Lake Rd. Project



# Silver State Trail/ Big Rocks Wilderness Project



End of Cherry Stem Barrier

Barrier and Restoration on Boundary

Big Rocks Wilderness

End of Cherry Stem Barrier

End of Cherry Stem Barrier



Proposed Work Locations

Silver State OHV Trail

Travel Routes

1000ft contour

200ft contour

BLM Wilderness Area

Bureau of Land Management

Department of Defense

Department of Energy

Fish and Wildlife Service

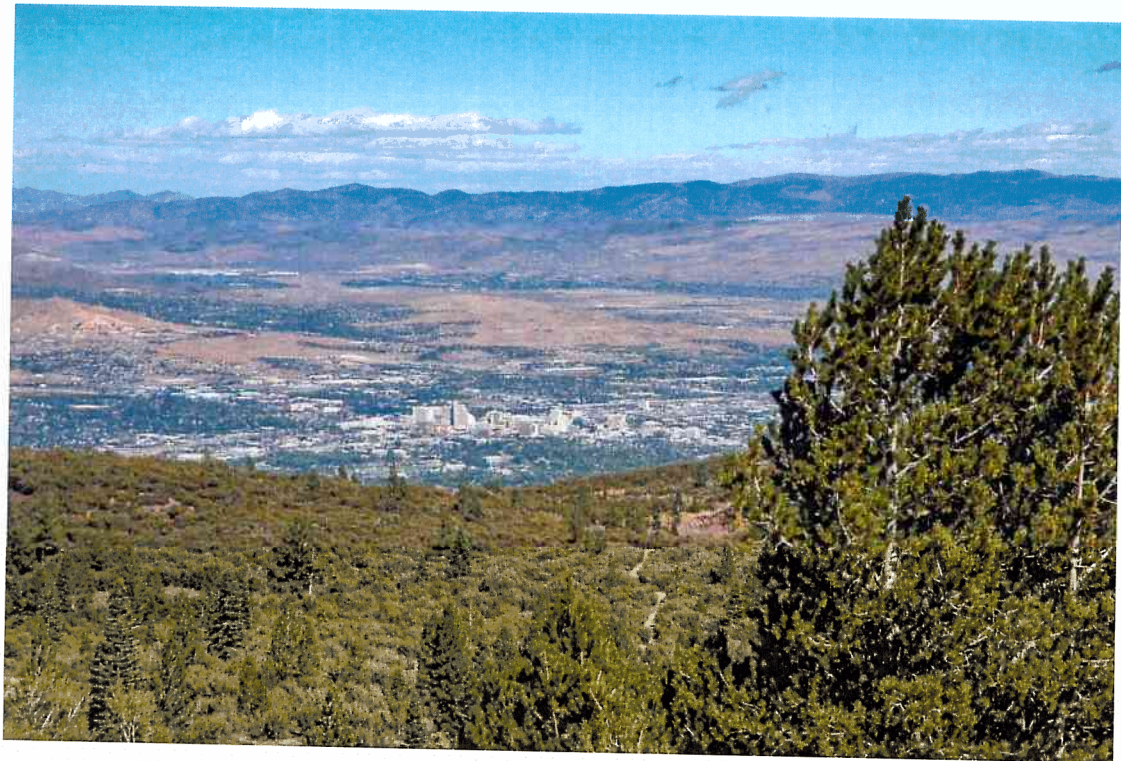
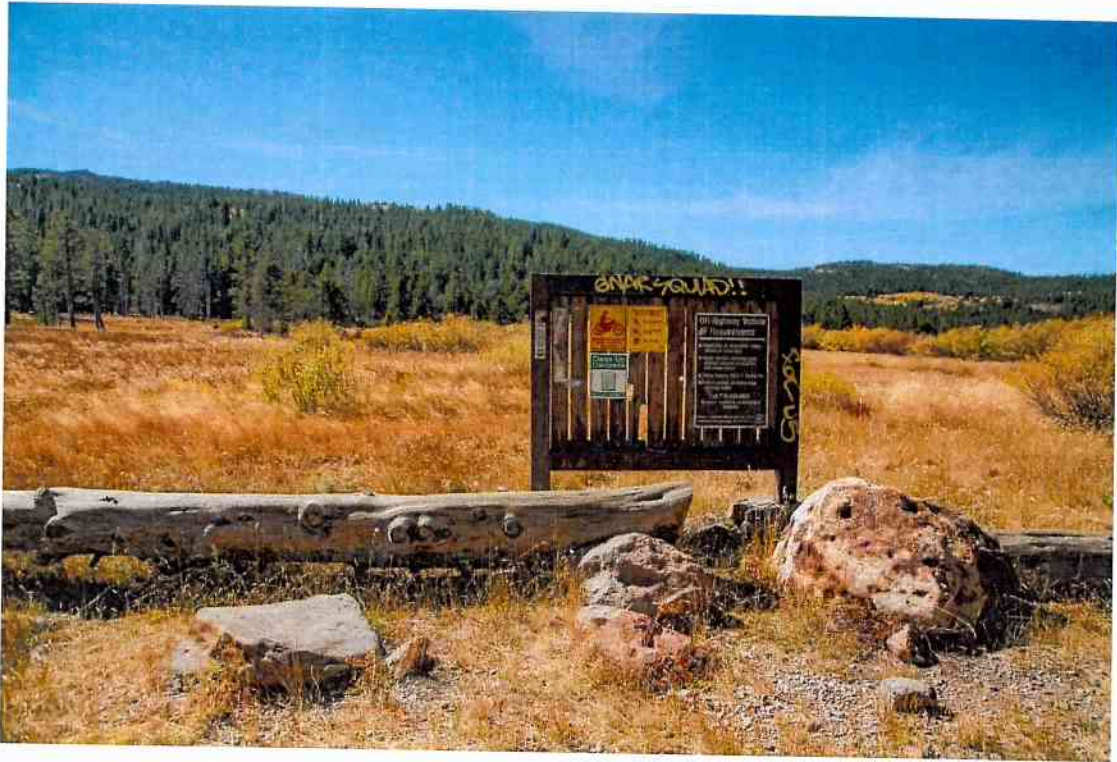
Forest Service

Private

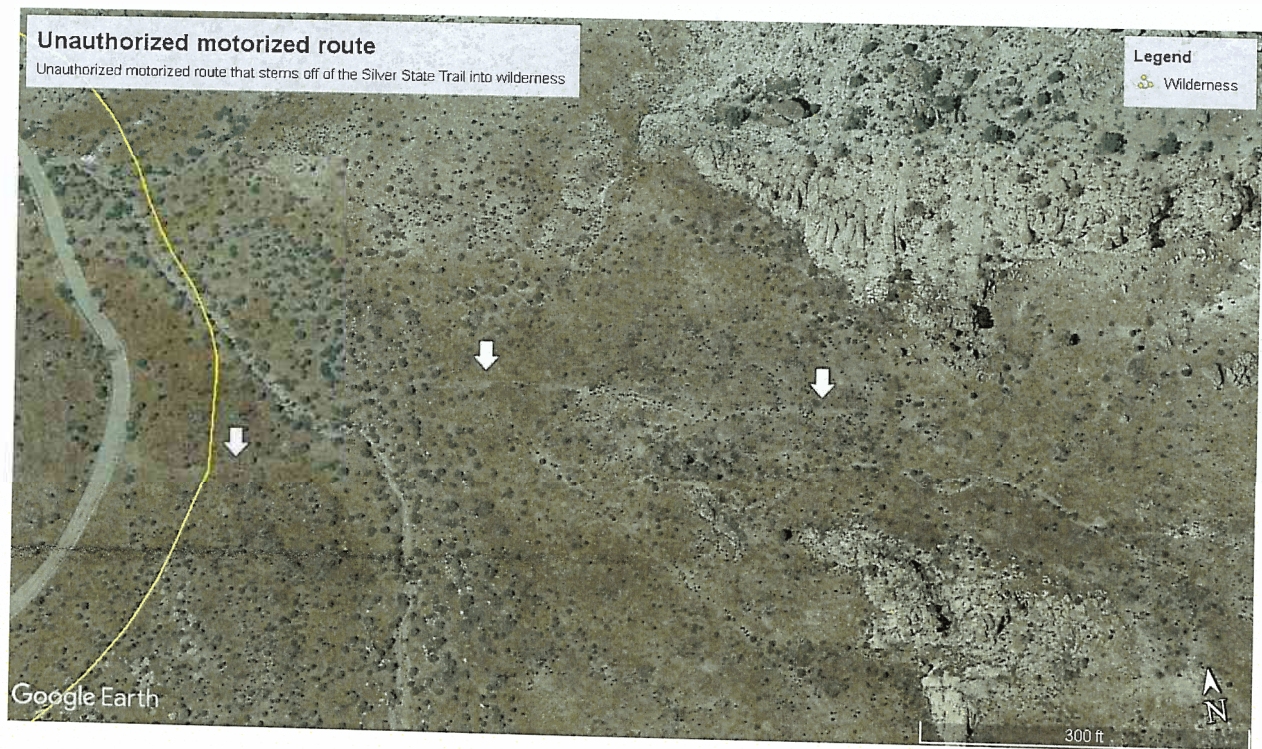
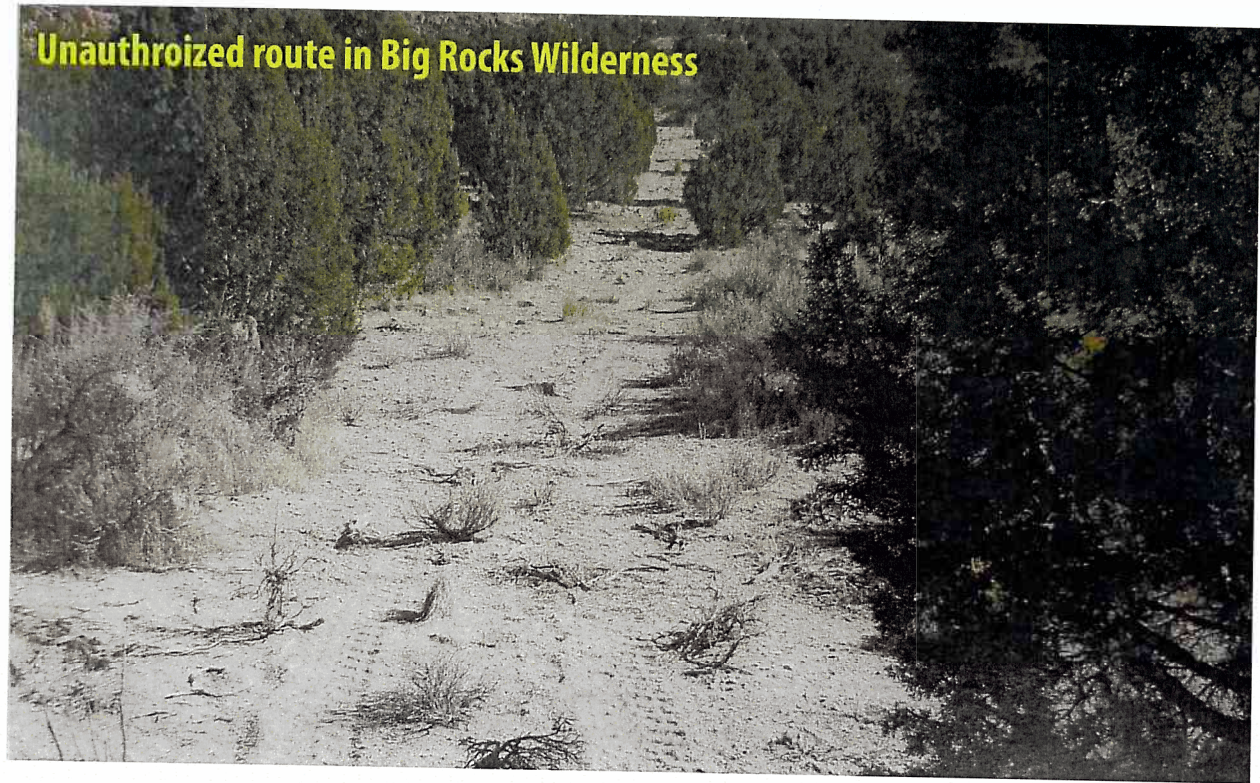
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# Hunter Lake Road Project



# Silver State Trail/ Big Rocks Wilderness





# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Caliente Field Office  
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Caliente, Nevada 89008-0237  
<https://www.blm.gov/Nevada>

OCT 31 2018

Dear Mr. Witt:

We are happy to respond with a letter of support for the OHV barrier project. Within the BLM Caliente Field Office, we face increasing challenges as tourism, both motorized and non-motorized, continues to grow in Lincoln County. Over the next several years, we will complete construction on 45 miles of new non-motorized trails, including trailheads and other improvements; illustrating the growing demand on our local public lands. We continue to see increasing tourism from both OHV and mountain bike users. We are responding to the increased use with barriers and signage along our wilderness boundaries to keep visitors out of trouble and to preserve the naturalness of the wilderness.

The Friends of Nevada Wilderness group proposes to install OHV barriers along the Big Rocks Wilderness. The Silver State Trail runs along the southern, western and northern sections of the wilderness and in several areas incursions have occurred. Multiple cherry-stems on the western side have been blown out because of unusually heavy thunderstorm activity, causing an undefined boundary that has led to further incursions.

This project would better define motorized routes and the end of designated routes (cherry-stem roads) by installing barriers and naturalizing illegal routes. These type of actions have been analyzed in the Big Rocks Wilderness Management Plan and associated Environmental Assessment, and BLM supports the OHV barrier project proposed by Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

Sincerely,

Chris Carlton  
Field Manager  
Caliente Field Office



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Forest  
Service

Humboldt-Toiyabe  
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Carson Ranger District  
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Date: 10/30/2018

Jenny Scanland  
Off-Highway Vehicles Program  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Ms. Scanland:

This letter is in support of Friends of Nevada Wilderness request for grant funding. Friends of Nevada Wilderness (FNW) would assisting the U.S. Forest Service in marking routes and perform much needed maintenance to three informational kiosks in order to better inform the public of motorized access. FNW will also be designing and providing a map of the designated routes and trails in the Hunter Lake Area for the kiosks. Friends will also enlist the help of volunteers to clean up the dispersed camping area near Hunter Lake. This funding would greatly assist FNW in completing these projects.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF) manages 6.3 million acres in Nevada. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has been working with FNW for over 10 years and we greatly value their services. The grant funding would allow FNW to assist the HTNF in installing and maintaining signs and providing information for motorized routes in the Hunter Lake area.

Install and replacing carsonite signs along motorized trails are categorically excluding from NEPA and under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

Irene Davidson  
District Ranger

