NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM 2020 GRANT APPLICATION <u>PAGE 1</u>

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.

SE	CCTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION
1.	Project Name: Green Mountain Area OHV Trails Maintenance
2.	Project Dates: Expected Start: June 2020 Expected Completion: August 2020
3.	Applicant Name: Great Basin Institute
	Mailing address: 16750 Mt Rose Hwy, Reno NV 89511
	Phone: (775) 674-5497
	Email: kdose@thegreatbasininstitute.org
1.	Classification of Applicant: (check one)
	□ Federal □ State □ County □ Local/Municipal □ Other:
	□ Partnership ⊠ Non-profit □ for Profit □ Individual
If t	the applicant is a corporate or legal entity, proof of good standing in the entity's state of
nc	corporation is required. NAC 490.1345 (Note: grantees must have the capacity to implement
an	d accomplish proposed project and properly administer awarded funds).
-	11/12/2019

Applicant Signature

(Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)

Date

5. Project Manager: Kevin Dose

Mailing address: 16750 Mt Rose Hwy, Reno NV 89511

Phone: (775) 674-5497

Email: kdose@thegreatbasininstitute.org

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

□ 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,

4. 7. Landowner: USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

leases, easements, and rights-of-way. NAC 490.135

Contact: Joshua Nichols

Phone: 775-778-6109

Mailing Address: 660 South 12th Street - Suite 108, Elko NV 89801

Email: joshua.nicholes@usda.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: \$112,686.10 62%
Other Funds: \$68,750.77 38%

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

 \boxtimes Federal \square Private \boxtimes In-kind \square City/County \square Other

Please <u>describe</u> additional funding source(s):

Type here: In-Kind matching contributions derived from the difference in Independent Sector's 2019

Volunteer Labor Rate and the rate Great Basin Institute AmeriCorps volunteers earn during the service project, as well as the AmeriCorps Education Award paid in cash to volunteers at completion of service. In-Kind matching contributions derived from GBI side-by-side OHV and trailer use; rates based on current private business rental rates. Cash matching contributions derived from mini-excavator rental costs paid by USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

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	5 490.069	Sec.2c)	check all	I that apply:
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☐ 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 al	l that apply)				
	■ Mountain Biking	☐ Hiking/Backpacking	☐ Equestrian			
	☐ Single track motorcycle	■ Snowmobiling	☐ Snowshoe/ski			
	⊠ ATV quads	☐ Dune buggy	■ UTV Side by side			
	☐ Race Course	☐ Skills riding course				
	Please explain how you into	end to manage user interaction	ns:			
	This project will focus on r	naintaining existing OHV trail	ls/routes in the Green Mountain			
	area of the Ruby Mountain	ns. While hikers visit the area to access the Ruby Mount				
	Wilderness, trailheads are a	accessed via OHV routes that a	are scheduled for maintenance			

under this project scope of work. USFS does not anticipate any user conflicts at this time.

13. Scope of Work: Please describe *exactly* what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, surveys, mapping, include miles of trail, trail type and other quantitative 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 V, Scoring Narrative).

Great Basin Institute, in cooperation with the US Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ruby Mountains/Mountain City/Jarbidge Ranger District (RMJD), is requesting funding to enhance OHV recreational opportunities and the safety of OHV enthusiasts. Project efforts will focus on completing corridor and tread maintenance on motorized trails/routes in the Green Mountain area, an important OHV recreation resource for Elko, NV and the surrounding communities. Emphasis will be placed on creating a loop opportunity utilizing Harrison Pass Rd and National Forest Routes 353, 713, and 107 (see project detail map). The impact and scale of required road/trail tread maintenance is such that using hand crew labor would be inefficient and in some cases impossible due to the scope of work required to address identified issues. To complete identified road/trail grading and excavation projects, USFS trained operators will utilize the Sutter 500 Trail Dozer (partially funded with Nevada OHV Commission grant funds in 2018) and a miniexcavator. As opposed to requesting funds to rent the mini-excavator, we are requesting grant funds to complete the purchase of one mini-excavator that USFS has been renting from Komatsu Equipment. With a current rental investment of \$22,499.20, Komatsu

contacted USFS staff to notify that only \$35,500.80 remained in payments to own the equipment. This equipment, like the Sutter 500 Trail Dozer, will significantly increase project production rates and be a valuable asset to OHV trail maintenance projects for years to come. If funds are approved to support final purchase, USFS will make this equipment available to the Nevada OHV community, only requiring use of USFS trained operators, as well as fuel and maintenance fees. USFS will house and maintain the equipment at the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisors Office in Sparks, NV.

This project will also require the assistance of one 5-person Nevada Conservation Corps chainsaw crew to support completion of road/trail corridor clearing projects that will focus on removing trees and brush currently affecting user safety and the ability for mechanized project equipment to access the site. In total, we are requesting funds to support six 8-day work tours, providing 2,400 labor hours of project support.

14.	Standards/Guidelines	that will be	applied to	vour project
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Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide
☑ USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails
☐ BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
□ NOHVCC Handbooks
Other:
Has the applicant received funding from the OHV Dresmon in the most

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

□ No ⊠ Yes

Number of projects funded: 3

Amount of funding Received: \$247,324.98

Number of projects Completed: 2

Prior USFS/GBI RMJD Trail Maintenance Project Accomplishments:

In 2017, NVOHVC funded one projected dedicated to OHV trail maintenance on the RMJD. GBI and USFS combined efforts to maintain and enhance approximately 18 miles of total OHV trail; GBI completed corridor clearing on 10.7 of the 18 miles.

<u>SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS</u>

Project Location: Ruby Mountains-Mountain City-Jarbidge Ranger District

County: Elko

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Elko

Center of project: Latitude: 40.343 Longitude: 115.601

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.
☐ 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 aerials help the scoring committee to
understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.)
SECTION III - Federal Lands or Other
Federal Environmental Compliance
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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.

If NEPA	or planning is a part of the project describe the steps in the Scope Section I, #13.
	Not applicable
	Other compliance documents already completed. (do not attached the EA or EIS)

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 <u>for the completion of the project</u> 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.

The proposed budget and matching contribution details are located at the end of the application and prior to the project map.

SECTION V - PRIORITIES AND SCORING NARRATIVE

THE SCORING PRIORITIES ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY.

Address the following eleven (11) 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.
- <u>If attached additional pages, ensure the question being answered is referenced.</u> (If not applicable, answer N/A.)
- 1. Law Enforcement Strategy that addresses registration enforcement, including Public Education & Outreach aimed at increasing renewals and new registrations: Please describe how your project will increase the number of OHV registrations on the district. How will the equipment and time be used to increase OHV safety and awareness? What is your department's history of patrolling for safe OHV Recreation?

This project does not currently have a law enforcement strategy that addresses registration enforcement.

2. Enhancement or Maintenance of existing trails and facilities: Describe the maintenance intervals for your project. How will maintenance needs be prioritized and how often will your project hold a maintenance/trails enhancement event? HOW will your project be maintained and WHO has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or trail.(note: a minimum of 2 maintenance/trail events are required per year)

The focus of this project is to maintain existing OHV trails/routes in the Green Mountain area of the Ruby Mountains to address access and user safety concerns. Sections of the trails/routes are overgrown with brush and pinyon-juniper trees, making travel difficult. Furthermore, sections of the trails/routes are impacted by erosion and require significant work to the tread surface to improve user safety and future water flow patterns. Due to significant reductions in operating budgets for trail and road maintenance, we are requesting grant funds to complete the needed deferred maintenance projects. As evidenced in the attached transmittal letter, this project has the full support of the US Forest Service Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ruby Mountains/Mountain City/Jarbidge Ranger District.

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.

This project does not have a public training program component.

4. Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities: If a mapping component is included in the grant, please describe how it will be integrated with the current web mapping application found on OHV.NV.GOV

All USFS trails/routes associated with this project are currently part of the Ruby Mountain Motorized Vehicle Use Map and included on the OHV.NV.GOV web mapping application.

After completing maintenance projects, the team will collect map data for the Green Mtn Loop Trail that will connect National Forest Routes 353, 713, and 107 with Harrison Pass Rd. This data will generate an Avenza geo-referenced PDF map and KMZ file for the Nevada Mapping Collaborative team to publish on the OHV.NV.GOV web mapping application.

5. 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.

This project will maintain USFS trails/routes in the Green Mtn area of the Ruby Mountains that provide connectivity to Elko County's Harrison Pass Rd, forming a loop for the public to enjoy. In addition to providing connectivity with Harrison Pass Rd, National Forest Routes 353, 713, and 107 provide connectivity to Carville Creek to the north, Tayn Creek to the south, and several authorized spurs.

6. Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation: Describe how the environmental studies, conservation and/or planning will mitigate resources impacted by OHV recreation. How will your project contribute to the conservation of our natural resources?

One of the maintenance focuses for this project is to address water flow and erosion impacts on the existing trail/route system. The team will implement projects that improve water drainage patterns and thus improve sustainability of the overall trail/route system. Improving current road and trail conditions will contribute to habitat conservation by providing users with a safe route that limits impact in a defined area and discourages creation of renegade trails. As the roads and trails become impassable, users will begin to create their own paths to circumvent access issues and safety hazards, thus potentially damaging environmentally sensitive areas.

7. 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.

This project will focus on improving access to the existing OHV road and trail system. The impacts of erosion and tree growth into the corridor are endangering access to important recreational opportunities due to safety concerns. If left unaddressed, future access could be lost or highly discouraged due to hazardous conditions.

8. 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.

GBI developed this project in collaboration and with full support from USFS RMJD staff, as well as Elko County, and 5th Gear Power Sports (local OHV equipment retailer). This strong cross section of public support highlights how important our project initiatives are to the local community.

9. Economic Integration: Please describe how your project/program increasing Off Highway Motorized recreation in the 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.)

This project focuses on improving current conditions for the region's expansive OHV road and trail systems in the Green Mountain area of the Ruby Mountains. In doing so, this project will continue to enhance OHV recreational opportunities for the region and provide the foundation for attracting visitors to the area. The additional visitation to the region will have a direct impact to economic growth through tourism dollars.

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

This project is not requesting funds to support new trails, facilities, signs, or amenities.



Nevada Conservation Corps Restoration Crew Cost Estimate



USFS Humbolt Toiyabe and NV

Project Name:	OF	IV Green Mtn Loop	Trail Maintennace	Partnering Organization:		OHV Commission		
NCC Staff Preparer:	CC Staff Preparer: Scott Scherbinski			Number of 8-day Tours			6	
Date Estimate Prepared:	Tue	esday, November 12, 2	2019	(One 5-person crew	/ x 10 hrs/da	y)		
Labor		Hourly Rate	Hours - 1 Tour	Labor - 1 Tour			Total Labor	
Project Manager (1)	\$	15.50	40	\$	620.19	\$	3,721.15	
AmeriCorps Crew Leader (1)	\$	10.00	80	\$	800.00	\$	4,800.00	
AmeriCorps Crew Members (4)	\$	8.46	320	\$	2,707.69	\$	16,246.15	
			440	\$	4,127.88	\$	24,767.31	
Fringe Benefits		Hourly Rate	Hours - 1 Tour	Fringe - 1 Tour			Total Fringe	
Project Manager	\$	8.30	40	\$	332.03	\$	1,992.20	
AmeriCorps Crew Leader	\$	7.42	80	\$	593.48	\$	3,560.89	
AmeriCorps Crew Members	\$	6.66	320	\$	2,130.92	\$	12,785.54	
			440	\$	3,056.44	\$	18,338.63	
Vehicle Lease		Lease Rate	# of Vehicles	Lease - 1 Tour			Total Vehicle Lease Cost	
1 - 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck	\$	340.00	1	\$	340.00	\$	2,040.00	
Perdiem Cost		Daily Rate	# of Days - 1 Tour	Perdiem - 1 Tour			Total Perdiem Cost	
Crew	\$	7.25	40	\$	290.00	\$	1,740.00	
Project Manager	\$	15.00	4	\$	60.00	\$	360.00	
						\$	2,100.00	
Equipment and Supplies		Rate	Quantity	# of Unit	ts		Total Equipment Costs	
InReach Substription (Months)	\$	19.95	months	3		\$	59.85	
Chainsaw Bar Oil	\$	39.95	gallons	30		\$	1,198.50	
Chainsaw Fuel	\$	3.25	gallons	60		\$	195.00	
Spool of Chainsaw Chain	\$	347.00	spools	1		\$	347.00	
Chainsaw Scabards	\$	59.95	per scabard	6		\$	359.70	
Chainsaw Chaps	\$	89.99	per chaps	6		\$	539.94	
Chainsaw Bars	\$	79.95	per bar	6		\$	479.70	
Chainsaw Maitenance Service	\$	175.00	per saw	6		\$	1,050.00	

Vehicle Mileage	Mileage Rate	Miles/Truck/1 Tour	Mileage - 1 Tour		Total Mileage
(1) GBI 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck - 6 work tours \$	0.58	450	\$	261.00 \$	1,566.00
(1) GBI 4x4 Project Manager Truck - 3 work tours \$	0.58	450	\$	261.00 \$	783.00
(1) USFS 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck - 2 work tours \$	0.58	450	\$	261.00 \$	522.00
				\$	2,871.00

Total GBI Direct Cost:

Total GBI Administrative Costs:

USFS Equipment Operator Labor		Daily Rate	Quantity	Total Labor
Operator Labor - Equipment Operation	\$	75.50	32 \$	2,416.00
Operator Labor - Project Travel	\$	286.70	32 \$	9,174.40
	-		\$	11,590.40

USFS Vehicle Rental	1	Weekly Rate	Quantity		Total Labor		
1 - 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck	\$	80.00		4 \$	320.00		
Mini-Excavator Equipment Purcase		Rate	Quantity		Total Labor		
(1) Mini-Excavator Equipment Purchase	\$	35,500.80 \$	1.	00 \$	35,500.80		

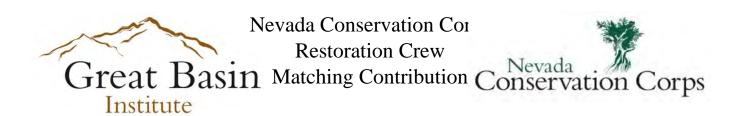
 TOTAL BUDGET:
 112,686.10

 Crew Cost per tour (80 hour/8-day tour):
 \$ 18,781.02

51,475.62

10,928.27

21.23% \$



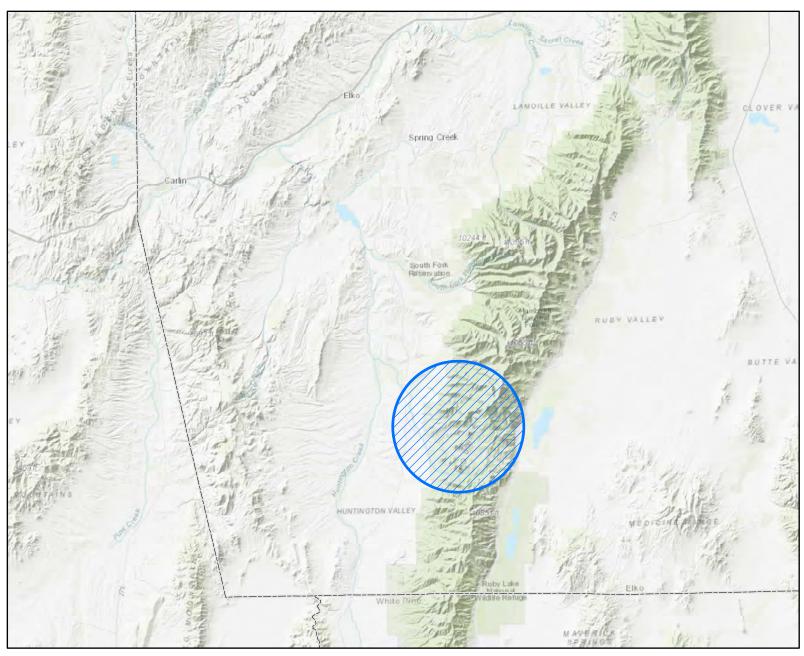
In-Kind Contribution	Rate*	Wage Difference		Quantity	Total	
(1) AmeriCorps Crew Lead Difference In Labor Rate	\$ 25.43	\$	8.01	480	\$ 3,845.51	
(4) AmeriCorps Crew Member Difference In Labor Rate	\$ 25.43	\$	10.31	1,920	\$ 19,793.91	
(5) AmeriCorps Member Education Awards	\$ 3.58		NA	2,250	\$ 8,062.15	
GBI UTV Rental - (24) Days	\$ 500.00		NA	24	\$ 12,000.00	
GBI UTV Trailer Rental - (3) 8-day Tours	\$ 550.00		NA	3	\$ 1,650.00	
USFS Mini-Excavator Cash Contribution	\$ 22,499.20		NA	1	\$ 22,499.20	

Total Match:	\$	67,850.77	38%
Total Grant Request	\$	112,686.10	62%
Total Project Cost:	Ś	180.536.87	

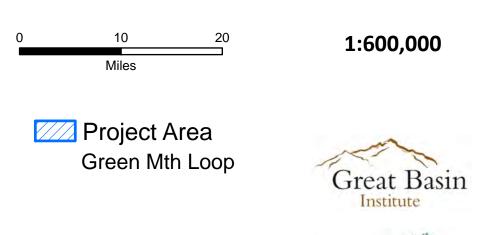
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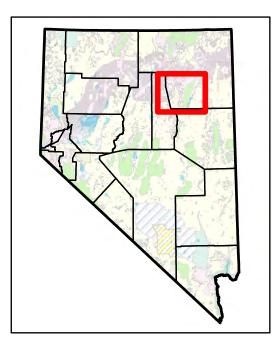
^{*}Based on the value of volunteer time, source: https://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time

Green Mtn Loop Maintenance Project

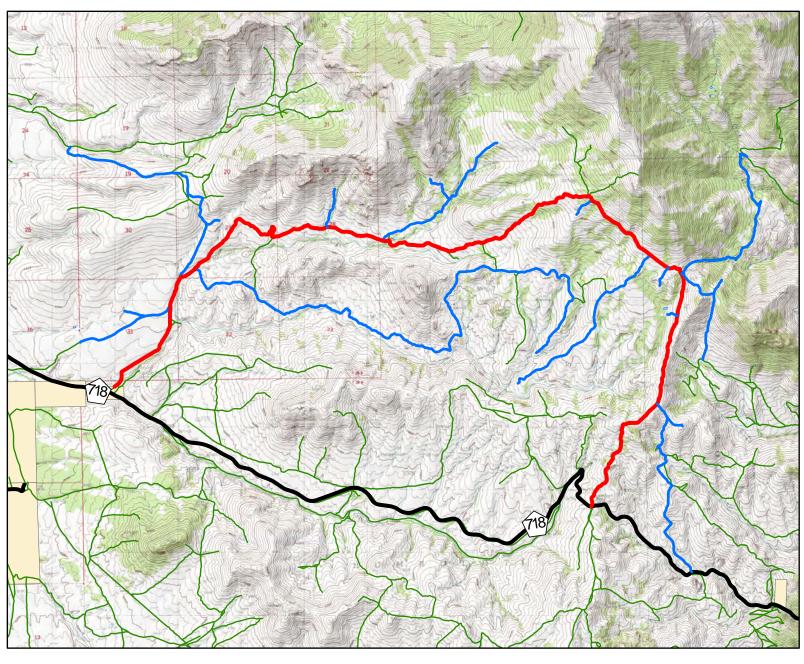


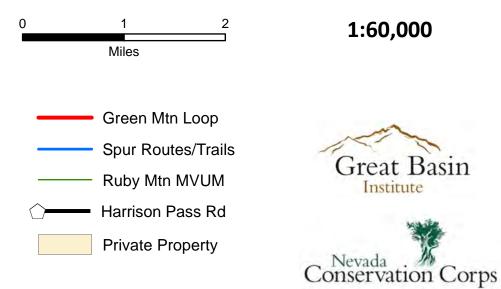
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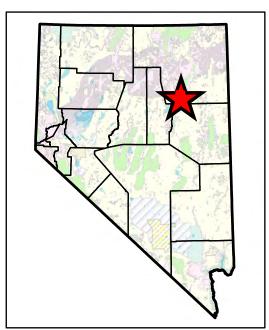




Green Mtn Loop Maintenance Project







Green Mountain Area OHV Trail Maintenance Photo Log



Photo 1: Stream crossing requiring maintenance.



Photo 2: Corridor overgrown with Pinyon-Juniper trees & requiring thinning.

Forest Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Service Mountain City, Ruby Mountains and Jarbidge Ranger District - Elko Office 660 S. 12th Street, Suite 108 Elko, NV 89801 775-738-5171

File Code: 1580

Date: November 11, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I have reviewed Great Basin Institute's Off-Highway-Vehicle proposal dedicated to improving and maintaining OHV trails in the area of Green Mountain and it has my full support and approval. This project was developed in cooperation with the US Forest Service's Mountain City, Ruby Mountain, Jarbidge Ranger District. Receiving requested funding would provide my district with the following:

- Ability to purchase equipment and fund personnel to increase our capacity in maintaining our district's OHV trails and provide resources for long term OHV program support;
- Allow the district to improve and or maintain motorized routes in the area of Green Mountain; and establish an OHV loop from the west side of the Ruby Mountains to the eastside tied into the Harrison Pass road.
- Ability to enhance the overall recreational experience for public users and provide improved access for OHV users recreating in the Harrison Pass area.

Completing the proposed scope of work will allow for the continuation of outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities to the public and the economic benefits to the local communities that these provide. We (the US Forest Service) are committed to using these funds for maintaining our OHV trail system, providing resources to operate specialized trail maintenance equipment, maintaining equipment purchased with grant funding, providing match detailed in the proposal budget, and allowing for motorized access to our OHV trails for 25 years.

The project is located on public lands managed by the US Forest Service and is in conformance with the appropriate land management permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state and/or federal laws. This proposal is categorically excluded from environmental analysis, a decision document, and project case file under 36 CFR 220.6(d)(4); *Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries.* The US Forest Service's interest in the subject land 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 as stated by NAC 490.1355.

Singerely,

Joshua Nicholes District Ranger





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ELKO, NV 89801

775-738-8933

775-738-9418-FAX

Nov 6th, 2019

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter in support of the U.S. Forest Service and the Great Basin Institute proposal to develop trails and routes on the forest ground for OHV use. This will be of great benefit to the people that are wishing to recreate in the Ruby Mountains and can possibly even be part of the Silver State trail system.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

John Glenn

President

5th Gear Powersports













November 8, 2019

Curtis Moore Elko County Natural Resources Director 540 Court St., Ste. 104 Elko, NV 89801

RE: Green Mountain OHV Loop

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to show that, in my capacity as Elko County Natural Resources Director, I support the funding and construction of the Green Mountain OHV Loop as proposed by the US Forest Service Elko District Office. Elko County is located in Northeastern Nevada, and is heavily dependent on outdoor recreation as an economic driver in addition to extractive industries.

Elko County support increased access to our public lands by every means, and a rehabilitated and reconstructed OHV loop in this area will not only increase opportunities for public lands users to explore the Humboldt-Toiyabe by OHV, but will increase access for fire crews and other essential safety personnel. Elko County is willing and ready to support this effort as a cooperating agency should any NEPA process be necessary.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,

Curtis Moore

Elko County Natural Resources Manager