## 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.

#### **SECTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION**

#### 1. Project Name: Moon Rocks OHV Development and Maintenance Grant

2. Project Dates: Expected Start: Jan, 1 2021 Expected Completion: Jan, 1 2026

#### 3. Applicant Name: Carson City District BLM

Mailing address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road

Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775-885-6000

Email: pamar@blm.gov and acallan@blm.gov

#### 4. Classification of Applicant: (check one)

**X** Federal  $\Box$  State  $\Box$  County  $\Box$  Local/Municipal  $\Box$  Other:

 $\Box$  Partnership  $\Box$  Non-profit  $\Box$  for Profit  $\Box$  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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<u>U/12/2020</u> Date

Applicant Signature (Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)

#### 5. Project Manager: Paul Amar and Arthur Callan

Mailing address: Mailing address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road

Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775-885-6000

Email: pamar@blm.gov and acallan@blm.gov

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

**X** Federally managed public land  $\Box$  Private Land  $\Box$  County  $\Box$  City

□ Other:

□ Lease; Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

□ R&PP; <u>Attach copy of lease with expiration date.</u>

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: Carson City District Office BLM

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Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775-885-6000

Email: pamar@blm.gov and acallan@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:	\$200000	62.5%
Other Funds:	\$120000	37.5%
Total Project Amount	\$320000	100%

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

**X** Federal  $\Box$  Private  $\Box$  In-kind  $\Box$  City/County **X** Other

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

Type here: \$120,000 in matching funds 37.5%: \$5000 BLM Cultural Inventory, \$15000 BLM Funded Route Inventory, \$4000 for BLM EA, \$5000 for Volunteer Labor (approx. 200 volunteer hours), \$66000 in BLM Equipment Purchase/Usage, \$20000 in BLM Purchased Barrier Material.

#### **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). <u>Please attach them to the application</u>.

#### 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: Cultural Inventory
- □ 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

X Construction of new trails and facilities

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

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

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

X 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)

Mountain Biking	Hiking/Backpacking	🛚 Equestrian
Single track motorcycle	□ Snowmobiling	□ Snowshoe/ski
▲ ATV quads	✤ Dune buggy	🛚 UTV Side by side
■ Race Course ■ Ski	lls riding course	

Moon Rocks OHV area will primarily be managed for motorized recreation including: dirt bikes (including single track trails), ATV's, UTV's (side by sides), and 4x4's (rock crawlers, prerunners, jeeps, buggies, etc.) The area historically has held Special Recreation Permit (SRP) events: poker runs, motorcycle races, truck races, horse endurance, rock crawling competition, skills riding, Remote Control (RC) events, vending and various other SRP's. Non-motorized use of the area will continue to be allowed and will include Camping (RV and tent), Mountain Biking, Hiking/Backpacking, Photography, Equestrian, etc.

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).

Moon Rocks OHV Development and Maintenance Grant will be divided into three components: 1) Planning: an environmental assessment (EA) will be written in order to address the development and maintenance of existing trails, roads, staging areas, restroom facilities, dumpsters, and signage. Planning will also include the cultural work needed for the project. 2) Design: after the EA and cultural work have been accomplished the design and layout of staging areas (bathrooms, learners loops, kiosks, signage, dumpsters), road maintenance (11 miles), and trail maintenance (35 miles of Special Recreation Permit (SRP) routes (green), 37 miles of user submitted routes (red), and 509 miles of routes to be inventoried/assessed (grey) within existing disturbed areas will begin. The final design

component will be an administrative area specifically built for law enforcement and recreation; the 200 x 200 ft area will consist of a helicopter pad for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and two shipping containers for LEO UTV storage and Recreation supplies. 3) Construction: spring of 2021 the BLM will be on the ground implementing the design plan. Defining staging areas with barriers, concrete restroom pads construction, sign/kiosk installation, dumpsters locations marked and placed, learners loops defined, road maintenance (grading/materials placed/drainage), and trail maintenance (whoop removal, drainage, and recontouring). Construction of the LEO/Recreation administrative area will also be completed. Additional cultural work needed will also be addressed at this time. This will include utilization of BLM matching funds for supplies, route inventory, and volunteer labor for some of the work to be accomplished.

#### 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
- X BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
- X NOHVCC Handbooks

Other:

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

#### $\Box$ No X Yes

Number of projects funded: 1: CCDO Education and Enforcement Grant

Amount of funding Received: \$95,000

Number of projects Completed: Education and Enforcement Grant ongoing.

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

#### **Project Location:**

County: Washoe

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Reno, NV Center of project: Latitude: 39.832688 Longitude: -119.754824 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: 23N Range: 20E Sections: 16-22,27-34; Township: 22 N Range 20E Sections:3-10, 15-22, 27-30

X 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** 

**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:** 

**X** Record of Decision (ROD)

X 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.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Item Description	Item Description	OHV Grant Request	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Cost
Contracts: studies	Cultural Inventory: Route Inventory:	\$50,000	\$5,000 \$15,000	\$0	\$70,000
Contracts: planning , design, engineering construction	EA: OHV Design:	\$40,000 \$10,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$54,000
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe, actual costs	Equipment Operator Labor:	\$25,000			\$25,000
Volunteer or donated labor/in- kind # Hrs. skilled labor @\$24.14/hr. (not required but is important for scoring higher) (You will have to provide paperwork for this in your reporting to receive score points)	200 volunteer hours. Trail Maintenance Sign Install	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment – cost- # of days. Attach estimate or quote.	CCDO Backhoe CCDO Grader Trail Rakes LEO UTV		\$5,000 \$7,500 \$3,500 \$50,000		\$66,000
Purchase of Materials, Items & cost or group of items.	Signs Kiosk Gravel Containers Steel Fence Barriers	\$5,000 \$6,000 \$10,000 \$16,000 \$13,000 \$0	\$20,000		\$70,000
Travel Costs, Per - diem	LEO Holiday Weekend Coverage	\$25,000			\$25,000
Vehicle gas and maintenance standard is now at	8-	<b>\$0</b>	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000

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.58 per mile. Estimate miles.		5		
Other: be specific				and the case of the second
Totals	\$200,000	\$115,000	\$5,000	\$320,000
Percentages	62.5%	35.9%	1.5%	100%

#### **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.
- If attached additional pages, ensure the question being answered is referenced. (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?

The Moon Rocks area has a long history of motorized recreation use dating back to the 1950's. In the last 60 years the advancements in technology have brought more and more people out to moon rocks to recreate. This valid form of recreation is sustainable if managed utilizing the three E's approach to recreation management (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement). The grant proposal will address all three E's.

Engineering: The CCDO has prioritized moon rocks in three phases. This grant application focuses on phase one of planning and development through an EA and cultural work. The EA will address the need for management as it relates to human health and safety: trail maintenance, road maintenance, rest room facilities, refuse containers, signage, kiosks, and construction of administrative area.

Education: The education component of this grant will be addressed through high quality signage, kiosks, definition of youth learners loops, and LEO/recreation staff directly contacting people recreating at moon rocks. The CCDO education and enforcement grant (2019) will also be continued to develop and be utilized.

Enforcement: BLM Rangers are a critical part of the grant. One of their primary functions will be enforcement of OHV registration. A large portion of the grant match is

the equipment and staff utilized by LEO staff for enforcement and EMS. This grant will afford the LEO staff the "teeth" they need to accomplish the difficult job of enforcing supplemental rules developed through the environmental assessment process to address all issues of human health and safety.

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)

This grant serves as the first phase of three for the Moon Rocks OHV area. Staging areas will receive grading, drainage, signage, kiosk, and boundary delineation. Existing youth loops will be considered for development into youth learners loops. Trail maintenance will consist of whoop removal, drainage added, narrowing, corner work, and contouring approximately: 35 miles of SRP routes, 37 miles of user submitted routes, and 509 miles of routes to be inventoried/assessed. Single track trail will receive a high priority for maintenance with assistance from volunteer groups such as Reno Area Dirt Riders. Rock crawling routes will receive maintenance in the form of graffiti removal, oil/gas spill kit clean up and availability, and nail removal. 11 miles of roads within the planning area will be graded, drainage added, materials placed as needed, and speed limits developed and signed. Kiosks will be placed as well as signage throughout the planning area location (via map) and educational information.

A 25-year commitment of maintenance is understood by the District Manager. Maintenance will take place on a quarterly basis as seasons and weather allow. New construction and primary work will take place in spring/summer 2021. Seasonally spring/summer work will address winter runoff. Summer work will focus on trails and roads. Fall and winter work will focus on signage, kiosks and staging areas as weather and moisture allow.

**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.* 

Moon Rocks phase one will assess and develop each staging area with dirt bike, ATV, and UTV classes in mind for temporary locations. The area is not large enough for permeant course locations. Youth learners loops will be assessed and developed as needed. It is anticipated that Moon Rocks OHV area will be a sustainable location for all OHV training classes including dirt bikes, ATV's, UTV's and Jeeps/rock crawlers.

**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

Mapping, inventory, and assessment will be a large component of this grant. All public information and routes will be made available to OHV.NV.GOV with the exclusion of cultural data, information, and locations.

**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.

Moon Rocks phase one will focus on existing trails, staging areas, and roads for recreational activity from a human health and safety standpoint. All maintenance and signage will be done with best management practices in mind. Future development in phase two and three will look at connectivity and new construction of a stacked loop trail system. Nearby locations to be assessed include BLM OHV area Fort Sage in Doyle California (approximately 25 miles away).

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?

As discussed in section 5.1, Moon Rocks phase one will utilize the 3E's (Engineering, Education, and Enforcement) for OHV management. The EA and cultural work is needed in order to not only keep Moon Rocks open, but to create a highly functional and quality recreation experience for the users of all ages and abilities. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process utilized in the development of this EA will address resources of the planning area: cultural, wildlife, plants, range, hydrology, and wild horse and burros, etc.

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.

Moon Rocks Phase one is the start of a cultural shift of how Moon Rocks is currently being utilized by recreationist. There are a high number of people visiting Moon Rocks in a responsible manner. Unfortunately, there are also a high number of people not using Moon Rocks irresponsibly in the form of dumping, trash shooting, graffiti, road damage, trail damage, sign damage, burning pallets and leaving nails, resource damage (driving on vegetation), and unsanctioned events. Without the funding from this OHV grant it is highly probable that insufficient funds exist to manage this unwanted behavior and could lead to area closures.

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.

The CCDO is very fortunate to have several user groups highly interested in taking care of moon rocks. These groups have written letters of support including Reno Area Dirt Riders, MRANN, Nevada 4-Wheel Drive Association, Sierra Stompers, Valley Off Road Racing

Association. Friends of Moon Rocks hosted a kick off 100 person clean-up of the area to raise awareness of this planning effort. During the NEPA planning effort public scoping will afford additional public input of Moon Rocks future development.

**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.)

Moon Rocks phase one will have a strong economic impact based on visitation numbers. For several years moon rocks has been seen as a close to home opportunity. The area is loved for its topography, sandy soils and of course rocks. Moon Rocks has become a destination location for single track, rock crawling, side by side riding and ATV's. Both local and non-local users buy gasoline, food, drinks and camping supplies. The popularity has also converted some local users from day using to RV users with increased use/sales of RVs and OHV's. Moon Rocks offers something for all OHV's.

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

Demand for the area can be seen in the high use numbers and unfortunately the side effects. At the recent friends of moon rocks cleanup where an estimated 100 people showed up to clean up, the message was clear. The motorized public want restrooms, dumpsters, high quality trail maintenance for single track and rock crawling. People asked for road maintenance and signs. Another high demand was for increased LEO presence.



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Carson City District Office 5665 Morgan Mill Road Carson City, Nevada 89701 http://www.blm.gov/nv



In Reply Refer To:

Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Ste 1003 Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Moon Rocks Development and Maintenance Grant

Dear Nikhil Narkhede:

This letter serves to verify that the Nevada Off Highway Vehicle Grant Program proposal submitted by the Sierra Front Field Office (SFFO), Carson City District Office (CCDO), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and has my support as of November 1, 2020.

The approval includes the application and is sufficient in scope and authority to complete the project (Moon Rocks Phase One) and operate and maintain the project after its completion. This project is located on BLM lands managed by the SFFO and is compliance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP).

The SFFO BLM will utilize this grant funding and the main focus will be Moon Rocks OHV area. These recreationalists include motorcycle (dirt bike), all-terrain vehicles (ATV) side-by-side (SXS) riders, and 4x4 enthousiast.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Amar, Outdoor Recreation Planner at (775) 885-6008 or by email at pamar@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth R. Collum District Manager Carson City District Field Office

#### Attachment B

#### Law Enforcement Strategy

The Moon Rocks area has become a destination recreation area for OHV users in Nevada and surrounding states. The use level increases dramatically over certain Holiday weekends, with several thousand public land users camping and riding OHVs. As an example, Memorial Day weekend experiences approximately 5,000 public land users. A law enforcement presence is imperative to maintain a safe and family-oriented environment for OHV recreation. The Moon Rocks area is patrolled by a single BLM Ranger, but during periods of high visitation, additional BLM LE resources are required to conduct patrols. This grant would provide for funding to bring in supplemental law enforcement resources on these weekends. The increased presence of law enforcement would deter unsafe, irresponsible behavior while increasing the number of educational contacts to promote, encourage, and sustain a safe and memorable OHV experience for visitors to public lands.

#### Education:

This project would focus primarily on educating OHV users on area management directives, encouraging "Off Road Smart" use. By providing a consistent "on the ground" patrol presence, OHV visitors to the area will have the ability to interact on a frequent basis with a uniformed BLM official who can answer questions as they relate to land management, travel management, or state OHV regulations. The end goal of these frequent visitor interaction will be to increase their awareness to make their experience more enjoyable.

#### **Enforcement and Compliance Activities:**

BLM law enforcement officers have jurisdiction and authority to enforce Nevada Revised Statue (NRS) 490 on public lands. Under this project, education, compliance and as a last resort, enforcement of the NRS will be a law enforcement priority. The goal of an increase in patrol presence and commitment to performing OHV registration compliance checks is to ensure more funding is available for improving OHV experiences on public lands throughout the state. In addition, a focus on OHV safety will be a priority, to include proper lighting at night, to limit risk of serious accidents during high-use weekends. Law enforcement patrols will also provide public assistance when needed for motorist assists, medical emergencies, and to provide directions. BLM law enforcement uses a specialized UTV at Moon Rocks, designed specifically for emergency response, to include rescue and transport of patients from rugged terrain.

Logan Briscoe Supervisory Law Enforcement Ranger Zone 1 - Carson City and Winnemucca Districts (Cell) 775-434-5124 (Office) 775-885-6002

# Letters Of Support



November 9, 2020

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

# Re: Moonrocks OHV Grant – Bureau of Land Management

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reno Area Dirtriders represents the off-road motorcycle user community in Northern Nevada. This letter is being provided in support of the Bureau of Land Management's application for funding of its proposed project for the enhancement and improvement of the Hungry Valley Open Recreation Area, more commonly known as Moonrocks.

This area is arguably the most popular OHV recreation location in the immediate Reno, Nevada area and receives significant traffic from both local and out of state users of all OHV types year-round. The entire community would benefit from the BLM's attention to this recreation area. There is a desperate need for the BLM to update its resource database in order to be able to authorize and empower local user groups to step up and provide volunteer efforts to contribute to the stewardship of the area. If authorized by the BLM, Reno Area Dirtriders would be willing to commit 50 hours per year to trail work in the Moonrocks area.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (518) 951-9096.

Sincerely ey Barne lac Difector



November 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Moonrocks Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in support of the Moonrocks grant application as a user group MRANN.

Our Racing organization has been using this area since 1998. We have applied for, and utilized 18 BLM permits in this specific area. This grant will help user groups like MRANN by establishing and maintaining trails that are used by racers and weekend recreators.

MRANN supports the BLM establishing signage, defining roads, addressing human health concerns, and establishing supplemental laws. The BLM effort and support provides protection on recreational lands now and allows for education for future generations, while allowing user groups to enjoy and embrace the natural resources right in their backyard.

If you have any additional question please contact me at wyatt.brittner@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Wyatt Brittner MRANN President



Nevada Four Wheel Drive Association 65 Jasper Lane Dayton, NV 89403 775-246-3212

State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commission on Off Highway Vehicles 90 South Stewart Street, Suite 1003 Carson City, NV 89701

November 12, 2020

Dear Commissioners.

The Nevada Four Wheel Drive Association (N4WDA) is a statewide non-profit organization consisting of volunteers dedicated to the sport of four wheel drive off highway vehicle recreation including Jeeps, trucks, ATVs and UTVs (side by sides). We support the principle of multiple use management of US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other public lands. We also encourage our membership to "pack it in - pack it out" to keep our public lands clean.

N4WDA fully supports the proposed Bureau of Land Management, Carson District, application for the **Moon Rocks Development and Maintenance Grant** which will improve staging areas, existing roads and trails, the addition of restroom facilities, fencing, trash control and increased law enforcement.

Many of our members live nearby and pursue their OHV activities in the Moon Rocks and surrounding areas. We look forward to the ability to hold events, including rock crawls and poker runs for the OHV public.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence Calkins, President

#### SIERRA STOMPERS 4WD CLUB GARDNERVILLE, NV EST. 1999 sierra\_stompers@live.com

To: Nikhil Narkhede NCOHV administrator

### Letter in Support of Moonrocks OHV Area Grant

Responsible trail usage and off-road recreation has been a staple component to the principles of the Sierra Stompers 4WD Club since its foundation in 1999. Many club organized trail and area clean-ups/maintenance have created dramatic improvements to the area off road trails. It is vital to maintain our favorite locations and preserve their continued use along with the ease of access and enforcement of safe use.

As an organization dedicated to being good stewards of our trails and off-road areas, the Sierra Stompers 4WD Club supports the interests in preserving an area frequented by our club members. Moon Rocks has been an area used by off-road enthusiasts for many decades and it is important to retain access through grants used towards area clean-up, maintenance and facilities.

Sierra Stompers 4WD Club fully supports the development and maintenance grant through the Carson City District BLM Office in order to work on roads, existing trails and staging areas. Our club will organize assistance, as able, to help these efforts. We look forward to hearing more about these efforts and preserving our OHV areas.

Please email us regarding the future of these efforts and notify us so we can coordinate efforts to support the patronage of the Moon Rocks Area.



November 5, 2020

Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Off Highway Vehicles Program ATTN: N. Narkhede 901 S. Stewart Street, Ste 1001 Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Moon Rocks Planning, Design and Survey

We are offering this letter in support of the above stated project which is being submitted by the Bureau of Land Management, Their request for funding will provide the needed information and clearances to install bathrooms, improved signing, designated trailheads, and other needed facilities.

Moon Rocks was extremely well known before the increase in use it has seen in 2020. With that increased use it has become imperative that management activities increase before unregulated use leads to resource impacts or loss of opportunity. The Bureau of Land Management cannot prescribe improved management strategies without the proper planning and designs in place.

These first steps in the planning and redesign process will build the framework for a higher quality OHV recreation experience at the Moon Rocks OHV area. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

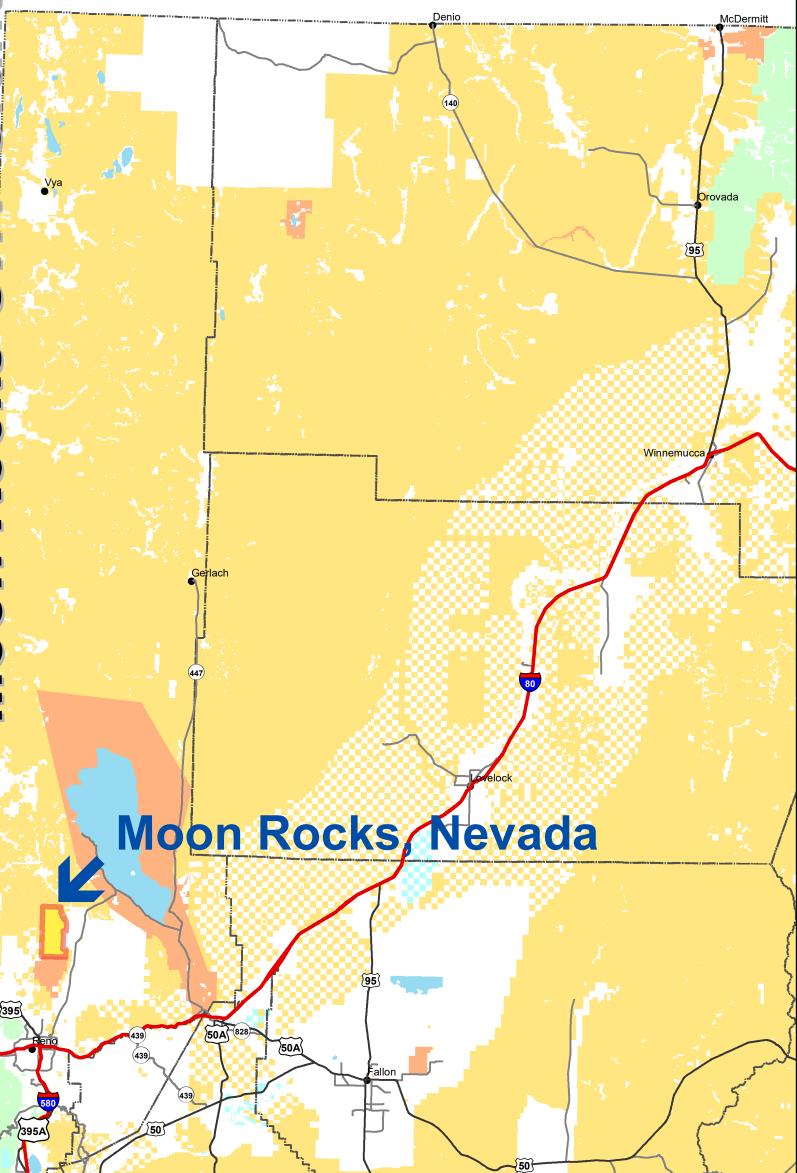
Sincerely,

Marc Hildesheim Program Director

"Creating a Positive Future of Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation" P.O. Box 229, Great Falls, MT 59403 Phone: 406-454-9190 e-mail: trailhead@nohvcc.org

# Maps





#### Land Status

Bureau of Land Management

arson City

Reno Sparks Indian Colony

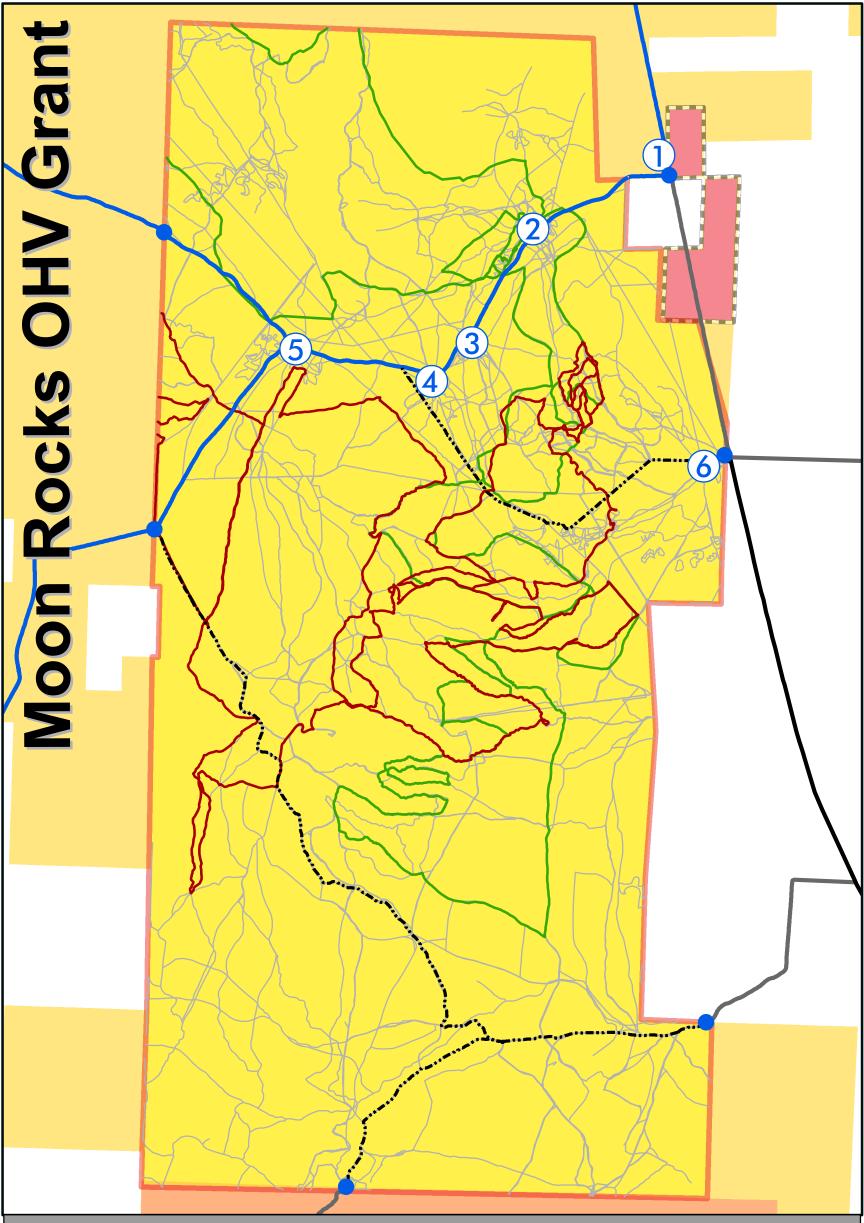
No Warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Ν

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30 ⊒ Miles

#### Private

Map Produced: Oct 2020



#### **Moon Rock Areas**

1 Admin Area

2 Moon Rocks

3 Middle Flat

4 Big Wash

5 Prospect Hill Jct.

6 Range Land

Proposed Portal Signs

#### Land Status

Private

Bureau of Land Management

Reno Sparks Indian Colony

#### **Routes in Planning Area**

SRP Routes (35 Miles)

- Paved Road (0 Miles)
- Improved Dirt Road (R) (9 Miles)
- Other Known Routes (~509 Miles)
- Numbered Unimproved Dirt Road (P) (11 Miles)

└─ CY 21 Tentative Maintenance Routes (~37 Miles)

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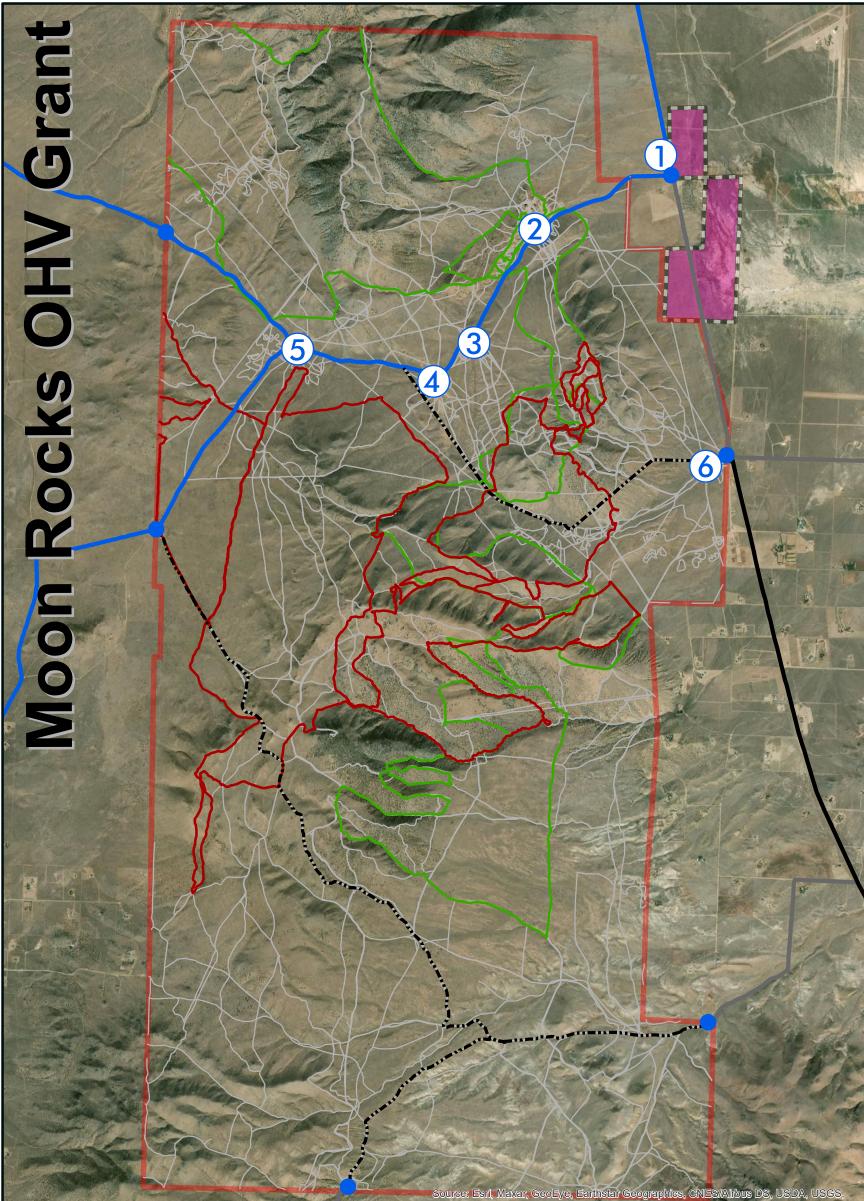


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3 Middle Flat

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5 Prospect Hill Jct.

6 Range Land

Proposed Portal Signs

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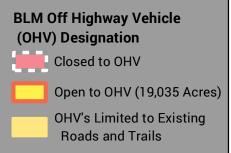
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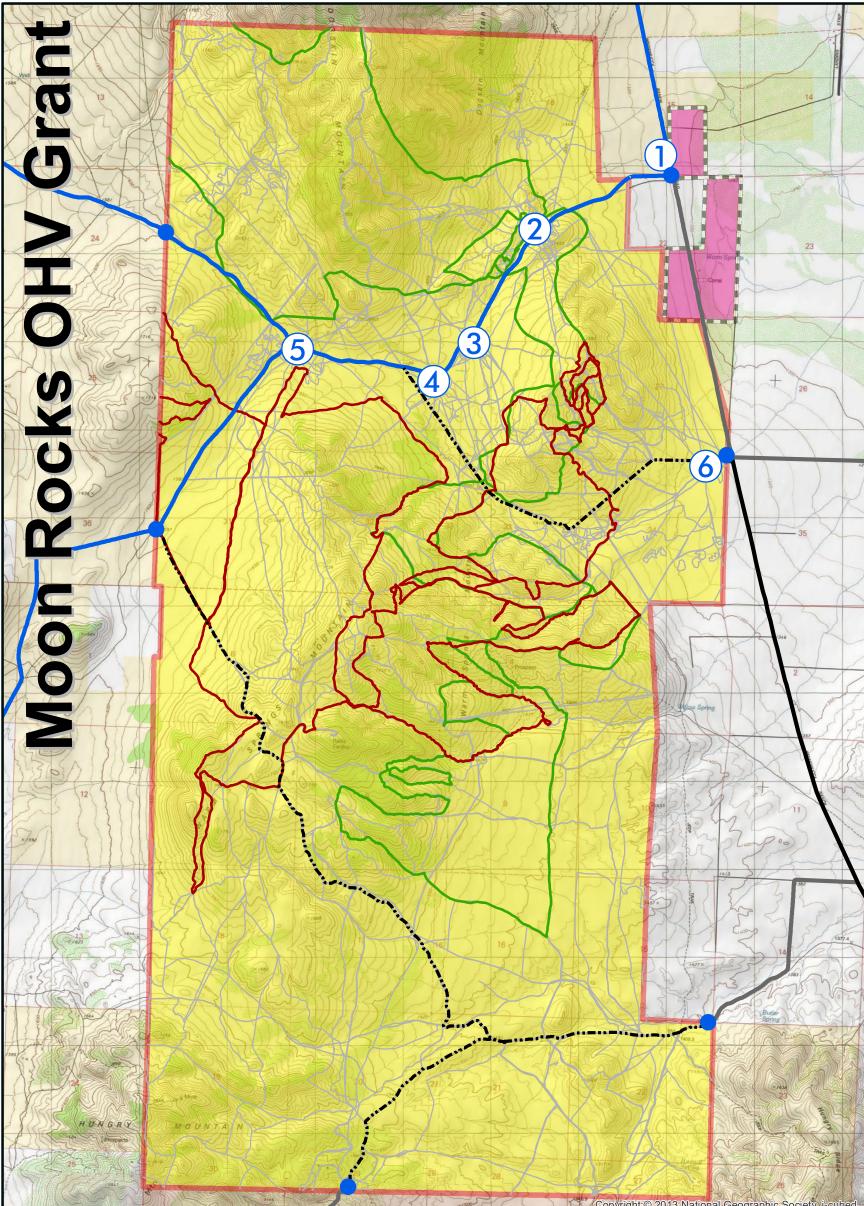


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