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Date: 10/31/2017

To whom it may concern;

As the District Ranger on the Carson Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest I want to express my support and backing for the Ground Operations Grant request that the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are applying for.

The funding that is being requested will help the districts to improve the OHV/OSV programs and ultimately provide a better product and experience for motorized recreation in Nevada. I am also in support of the proposed work at Dance Hill. Dance Hill is a culturally significant area that is of importance to not only the USFS, but the Washoe Tribe as well. We both desire to protect the area while improving the available OHV experience and opportunities in and around the area.

If you have any questions or would further like to discuss please contact the Carson Ranger District Office at 775-882-2766.

Sincerely,

Irene Davidson  
District Ranger





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**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES GRANT PROGRAM**  
**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**NEVADA COMMISSION ON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES**  
**NRS 490**

**FALL 2017 GRANT APPLICATION**

**(RFA APPENDIX A)**

**APPLICATIONS DUE**

**November 1, 2017, 4:00 PM, PST**

*Please mail early; Applications postmarked prior to 4:00 pm on November 1, 2017 but not received prior to that time are untimely and will not be considered.*

***NOTE: this is the State OHV program, NOT the Federal Recreational Trails Program***

SUBMIT: ONE FULL COLOR COPY, DOUBLE SIDED  
BY MAIL OR HAND DELIVERY  
(8.5" X 11" ONLY. MAPS MAY BE 11"X17" NO LARGER)

TO: NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM  
ATTN: DCNR J. SCANLAND  
901 S. STEWART STREET, SUITE 1001  
CARSON CITY, NV 89701  
AND  
ONE ELECTRONIC FILE; PDF VIA EMAIL [jscanland@ohv.nv.gov](mailto:jscanland@ohv.nv.gov)  
OR MEMORY DEVICE ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION.

DO NOT ATTACH ITEMS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED.

**For questions please contact:**  
**Jenny Scanland**  
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**NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM**  
**GRANT APPLICATION**  
**Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**  
**Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles**

**Project # \_\_\_\_\_ (State admin only)**

**This application has seven (VII) 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 INFORMATION**

1. **Project Name:** Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District Zone Ground Operations
2. **Project Dates:** Expected *Start:* January 1, 2018 Expected *Completion:* December 31, 2019
3. **Applicant Name:** Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest-Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts

**Phone:** 775-884-8122

**Mailing address:** 1536 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Email:** cnicholes02@fs.fed.us

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

☒ Federal   ☐ State   ☐ County   ☐ Local/Municipal   ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Partnership   ☐ Non-profit   ☐ For Profit   ☐ Individual

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

5. **Project Manager:** Cody Nicholes

Phone: 775-884-8122

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

Email: cnicholes02@fs.fed.us

6. **State T-Vendor #** (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Landowner:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

9. **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*

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

State OHV Grant Request:    \$196,685

Other Funds:    \$17,560

Total Project Amount    \$214,245    100%

***What are the sources of your leveraged (other) funds?***

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

Please describe source(s):

Leveraged funding for this project will come from the USFS. The Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts will provide appropriated federal dollars as match through planning and management of the grant and projects. The Washoe Tribe may provide match funding as well through labor associated with the planning and oversight of the Dance Hill Project.



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
- ☒ Compliance and enforcement

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

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

- |                                                             |                                                        |                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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"/> Side by side 50" or wider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Course                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course          |                                                               |

Timbersled (modified motorcycle for over the snow-use)
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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 VII, Scoring Narrative).

With the proposed funding, the Carson Ranger District and Bridgeport Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest plan to conduct summer and winter season ground operation and patrol activities in the Nevada portions of each district. The work will be carried out by seasonal OHV/OSV technicians and permanent recreation staff. These ground operation activities will not only improve and sustain OHV recreation but will also provide continual OHV access to areas on each of the districts so that other recreation activities such as camping, hiking, backpacking, fishing, hunting, wildlife and plant life viewing, and horseback riding can take place and can continue to occur on National Forest Lands.

The following activities will be performed by OHV Techs:

- Routine field patrol to Nevada areas to check for OHV use
- Designated route and trail maintenance to include; removal of brush, branches, and loose rocks and down logs from the route corridor.
- Install, repair and replace signage to keep motorized recreation on designated routes
- Install, repair and replace barriers to keep motorized recreation on designated routes
- Maintain erosion control structures
- Educate the public on Nevada Registration requirements and provide information on how and where to register their OHVs
- Enforcement of registration requirements along with all other National Forest Lands rules and regulations through citations and warnings as Forest Protection Officers.

Funds will also be used to;

- Purchase of materials to maintain informational kiosks
- Purchase and installation of gates for areas with seasonal closures
- Purchase of PPE (gloves, equipment, communication, etc.), tools, and any materials need to maintain kiosk boards; i.e. woods, hardware, paint, etc.

#### **Winter-Tahoe Meadows**

With the proposed funding, the Carson Ranger District plans to provide a stronger presence at the Tahoe Meadows area during the snowmobile season. With the proposed funding, the Carson Ranger District hopes to expand the presence there and provide a stronger motorized patrol efforts to educate and enforce registration and riding rules, maintain boundary signs more often and adjust with the changing weather conditions, as well as maintain informational kiosks and beacon checkers.

The following activities will be performed by OSV Techs:

- Install and maintain riding directional and regulation signs
- Maintain and monitor boundary signs along non-motorized areas

- Maintain and update all OSV related information at OSV staging areas
- Maintain seasonal closure signs with the changing conditions
- Remove downed trees in the riding corridor
- Handout Winter Recreation maps to show OSV opportunities in the areas

**\*\*When available signs and posts used will be made of recycled or natural goods. Most barriers will be created by using natural materials found at the site**

### **Dance Hill OHV**

Dance Hill, located outside of Gardnerville in the Dresslerville Pit area is an area of cultural concern. OHV use along with all other forms of recreation on the National Forest systems land are allowed in the area. With increased activity in the area there has been unauthorized user created roads and trails formed that pass through the critical cultural area.

There are authorized system designated roads in the area that allow for legal travel up and around the site. The plan with this site will be to install metal fence barriers at the beginning and ends of the unauthorized user created routes. Boulderings and other closure features such as tank traps and dips will be installed also as needed. The unauthorized user created routes will also be ripped or scarified and will have erosion controls in place and jute netting to promote natural revegetation. The metal fence barrier will be installed by a contractor and the dirt work will be done by the USFS road crew. Revegetation efforts and scarifying of soils will also be done by the USFS separate of grant funding.

To promote the legal use of the authorized designated routes, improved signing will be installed to mark the road as well as an informational kiosk with a map identifying the legal open routes in the area and information and education about OHV regulations, proper and safe use of OHVs, and principles of tread lightly. An interpretive kiosk may be installed after formal tribal consultation at Dance Hill to educate users on the cultural importance of Dance Hill and why the closures and restoration work in the area is necessary.

Surveys and NEPA will be conducted prior to the construction of the fence. Specialists on the district will survey the area and report any findings. Once reports are completed, a determination will be made. If a Categorical exclusion is sufficient, it will then be provided. Funding for specialists time is being requested. Funding for specialists will include, Archeology, Botany, Wildlife, and Recreation.

### **Timeline**

Based on timeframes associated with getting agreements in place and implemented, the proposed project would be completed by the end of calendar year 2019. This will give adequate time for projects such as the Dance Hill site to be implemented and completed along with all field going ground operation activities taking place.

**Funding**

Priority for funding is as follows;

- 1) Ground Operation Funds for OHV/OSV crews to be in the field performing program functions and Forest Protection Officer activities. Cost-\$125,600
- 2) Dance Hill Barrier Fence/Restoration Project. Cost-\$71,085

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funding Received: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of projects Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Project Location:**

County: Washoe County/Douglas County/Lyon/Mineral

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Reno, Nevada or Carson City, Nevada

Center of project: Latitude: 38°52'50.2"N Longitude: 119°43'02.2"W

**Maps are a very important part of the application. They are 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: 11 Range: 20 Sections 27 **\*\*Dance Hill**. The overall project encompasses the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District.
- ☐ 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 in the following format. This budget should align clearly with your scope of work from #13.

- ***Please follow this format as much as possible*** and be very specific, as your application will rate higher. You may create your own spreadsheet.
- Reminder, include all sources of funds for the completion of the project including federal, in-kind, private/city/county and state funds.
- ***Attach copies of estimates and identify what each contract will include.***
- ***Attach copies of all quotes/estimates.***

Item Description	Item	OHV Grant Request	Federal	Other	Total
Contracts: studies, planning , design, engineering					
Contracts: construction	Welded Metal Barrier Fencing at Dance Hill Site-est. 1,000ft	<b>\$60,000</b>			<b>\$60,000</b>
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe, actual costs	2-Carson Summer OHV Techs-100 days each/\$140 per day each	<b>\$28,000</b>			<b>\$28,000</b>
	2-Brideport Summer OHV Techs-100 days each/\$140 per day each	<b>\$28,000</b>			<b>\$28,000</b>
	2-Carson Snow Ranger/OSV Tech-100 days each/\$140 per day	<b>\$28,000</b>			<b>\$28,000</b>
	Carson OHV Manager-100 days/\$286 per day-	<b>\$28,600</b>			<b>\$28,600</b>
	Carson Rec. Staff Manager-5 days/\$426 per day	<b>\$2130</b>	<b>\$2130</b>		<b>\$4260</b>
	Carson Archaeologist-5 days/ \$382 per day	<b>\$1910</b>			<b>\$1910</b>
	Carson Botanist-5 days/ \$362 per day	<b>\$1810</b>			<b>\$1810</b>
	Wildlife Biologist-5 days/ \$447 per day	<b>\$2235</b>			<b>\$2235</b>
	Bridgeport Rec Staff Manager-5 days/ \$386 per day		<b>\$1930</b>		<b>\$1939</b>
	USFS Road Crew/3 days/\$1,000 per day	<b>\$3,000</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>

Volunteer or donated labor/in-kind # Hrs. skilled labor @\$23.56/hr. (not required but is important for scoring higher) <i>(You will have to provide paperwork for this in your reporting to receive score points)</i>					
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment – cost- # of days. <i>Attach estimate or quote.</i>					
Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	<b>Interpretive Kiosk</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>
	<b>PPE (gloves, batteries, comm. Units, helmets, etc.)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>			<b>\$4,000</b>
	<b>Sign Materials (wood, printed map signs,</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>			<b>\$6,000</b>



	<b>marker posts etc.)</b>				
Vehicle Gas and Maintenance standard is now at .54 per mile. Estimate miles.	<b>Vehicle Mileage (4WD truck) for Ground Operation Activities-25,000 miles</b>		<b>\$13,500</b>		<b>\$13,500</b>
Other: be specific					
Other: be specific					
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$196,685</b>	<b>\$17,560</b>		<b>\$214,245</b>
<b>Percentages</b>		<b>92%</b>	<b>8%</b>		<b>100%</b>

## **SECTION VI – TRANSMITTAL LETTERS and LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

**Transmittal Letter(s):** transmittal letter(s) must be submitted **and attached to this application**. They must be signed by the appropriate club or agency head, (Chairperson/President of the organization or other authorized official) AND by **the landowner**.

- **Land Owner:** a letter of support by the landowners (county, city, state, federal, private) stating that they have read and agree (1) to the application (2) that the applicant'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 NAC 490.1355 (3) and any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to them. The State may require the landowner/agency to be co-grantee on the grant agreement/contract.
- A commitment to maintain the trail/facility, and allow for motorized access to those facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project, by the appropriate entity.
- **Letters of Support are limited to three (3).** Please attach them to the application.

## **SECTION VII – SCORING NARRATIVE**

**Address the following 14 questions in the order listed below.**

- **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	<b><i>Public Education, Law Enforcement &amp; Outreach:</i></b> <i>Please describe how your project/program will incorporate public education and/or outreach to increase registration and showcase the benefit of OHV communities, including registration events.</i>	<p>The proposed ground operation project will provide funding for summer OHV techs to patrol and serve as points of contact for the public in the Nevada portions on both the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District. These techs will make public contacts each day in the field to check registration, provide information about the forest and district, and provide OHV opportunities and information.</p> <p>The OHV techs will also enforce the rules and regulations both of the state of Nevada and USFS in regards to OHV registration as well as all USFS CFRs. The OHV techs will be certified as Forest Protection Officers with citation authority. The OHV techs will also work closely with Law Enforcement staff on issues as needed. The techs will also manage and update all informational kiosks with current OHV information, riding opportunities, MVUM maps, and a display to show what the NV registration looks like</p>
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		<p>and hand information out on how and where to register.</p> <p>OSV Techs will mark riding boundaries at Tahoe Meadows as well as maintain and post current OSV information on bulletin boards at the OSV staging area. OSV techs will also monitor and maintain the OSV beacon checker signs as well. Having more presence at Tahoe Meadows during the winter season will improve the snowmobile user experience as well as limit and reduce the conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreation in the area.</p> <p>Registration events will be organized at the Galena Creek Visitor center to allow for OHV/OSV owners to stop in and register their vehicles, get OHV opportunity information and maps, and also get educated on the various rules and regulations as well as principles of Tread Lightly. Events will be held for both winter and Summer.</p> <p>With field presence, a new informational kiosk (with area information, maps, and regulations), and with correct signing of designated routes in the Dance Hill area, the USFS will be able to accomplish the goal of educate the public on proper OHV use as well as being able to accomplish the protection of the cultural site and its importance to the Washoe Tribe.</p>
2	<p><b>Trail Mapping:</b> Please describe how your project /program will move public lands in Nevada towards having travel plans completed and will result in trail mapping and creation of maps for the public. (With landowner/manager approval).</p>	<p>All forest roads on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts have already had Travel Management plans completed. A Motorized Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) has been created for all designated routes on both districts and are available to the public in paper form as well as downloads on the Humboldt-Toiyabe website.</p> <p>Many of the designated route markers on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District already have QR barcodes on them and the remaining will continue to receive the barcodes. OHV recreationists with smartphones can scan and link maps of their area with all OHV riding opportunities to their smartphone.</p> <p>All designated routes on both districts have been signed with the appropriate series of numbers to identify the roads and correlate with the MVUM map.</p>

		OHV techs will also manage, replace, and update all of these route markers as needed.
3	<i><b>Access:</b> 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.</i>	<p>With the proposed funding in this project, the OHV programs on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts will be able to expand and improve their efforts in the NV portions of the districts. Due to funding/budgets, OHV techs have been limited and mostly relegated to working in CA because of Green Sticker Grant Funding of the program. The OHV Programs on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts work toward providing correct OHV information for the public.</p> <p>OHV techs work to keep all on the ground information at kiosks up to date, designated route markers in good condition with clear to read numbers, and installation of closed route markers on areas that are not part of the designated system such as roads that go through sensitive areas to keep OHVs out of the area to allow for the non-designated routes to rehab and routes that are not sustainable or user created. By keeping open designated routes marked, keeping non-designated routes closed, and providing up to date correct information and education to the public on OHV use, this will help to keep OHV opportunities in good standing and to help foster the growth of OHV use with the public.</p> <p>The same goes for winter snowmobile use. Keeping riding boundaries marked correctly and information current as well as having OSV techs in the field to make public contacts, we can improve and increase the overall positive experience for the public.</p>
4	<i><b>Demand for New Facilities:</b> Please describe the justification (the DEMAND) for <b>NEW</b> facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.</i>	With the proposed project, the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts are not proposing any new development. Instead, the districts are proposing funding to maintain what we currently have and bring everything up to standard so that we have a stronger presence in NV. The districts want to be able to have "more boots" on the ground and have OHV techs out there routinely making contacts with the public to help the public user recreate responsibly and within all the regulations. The desire is to improve the overall experience for the public by giving them that presence and contact in the field that has been limited/missing.

5	<p><b>Connectivity:</b> Please describe the increase in connectivity between trails, facilities and other locations that your project/program would provide when completed. Attach maps if necessary. i.e. towns, parks, areas, trails etc.</p>	<p>In the proposed project there will be no new trail or facilities created. How the project will benefit the connectivity of OHV community is through education and identification of trails. Having the crew resources available in the NV portions of the district, the designated trail system will be able to be better identified through route marker installation, proper riding areas boundaries will be marked to limit illegal OHV/OSV use, improved maps with OHV/OSV opportunity information at trailhead at staging area kiosks, and through public contacts and answering questions about OHV/OSV opportunities.</p> <p>Public Outreach events such as the proposed registration events along with other Recreation Outreach events that the districts participate in will further to reach the public and answer questions. At these events we will be able to hand out maps, pass on TREAD Lightly information and convey all OHV/OSV rules and regulations associated with the USFS and Nevada.</p>
6	<p><b>Environmental Studies:</b> please describe how your environmental studies, project/program is in a highly desired area that will result in maintaining or expanding OHV riding areas.</p>	<p>There are no environmental studies associated with this proposed project.</p>
7	<p><b>Design for Conservation:</b> please describe how your project/program considers water and habitat conservation. Example: how the trail features are designed to be sustainable while protecting environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat area.</p>	<p>All of the designated trails and roads associated with this project have been constructed for some time.</p> <p>OHV Techs will work to sign closed routes and maintain and repair barriers around sensitive areas to keep OHVs out of sensitive areas such as riparian and meadow areas. By reducing and hopefully eliminating all illegal incursions into these sensitive habitat areas, we can increase overall health of the habitat which in turn will benefit the flora and fauna of the area and ultimately the OHV and Public Land recreationists by providing that intrinsic value of being in nature.</p> <p>At Dance Hill, the proposed project looks to implement a metal barrier fence along with bouldering and other dirt work type efforts to eliminate non-designated user created routes that go through culturally sensitive areas. By installing the metal fence along with the other barriers and providing information to the public on the revegetation/rehabilitation efforts in the area we hope</p>

		to be able to protect the area, also provide education to the public on proper OHV use and available opportunities, as while not taking away any identified designated OHV opportunities.
8	<b>Existing Facilities:</b> <i>please describe how your project /program assists in the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of <b>Existing</b> Facilities. "Taking care of what is already there to protect the investment".</i>	<p>The proposed project funding will help the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts to "take care of what we have" by allowing for the budget to get more people into the field working for the public land user. With very limited and constrained budgets, the OHV/OSV program on both districts relies solely on grant funds to operate. Those funds as mentioned above come California Department of Parks and Recreation. There is limited amount of available funding that can be spent outside of CA lands, some coming from RTP grant funds and some from appropriated federal dollars, but it is not nearly enough to allow for the needed presence in NV.</p> <p>The desire is to increase our workforce and exposure in NV and be able to mimic our OHV/OSV program in California and provide the same experience, education, enforcement, and opportunities that we have and currently been able to do.</p>
9	<b>Leveraged Projects:</b> <i>please 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).</i>	In the proposed project, the USFS will be providing match time towards the grant. The project will utilize Washoe Tribe contributed time towards the development and implementation of the Dance Hill site work. Match time will come from USFS Rec. Staff officers on both districts and district biologists and archaeologists.
10	<b>Partnering:</b> <i>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.</i>	<p>The USFS continually makes itself open to the public to address any of its interests and concerns. The recreation departments at each district are very open and listen to all aspects and point of views from the public. In instances where we can make quick change we do so and for long term projects we engage and provide the public opportunities to make recommendations and provide comments through various agency processes we go through.</p> <p>The USFS routinely engages the public in local education and opportunity events. The districts setup and man booths at local events to pass out OHV/OSV information/maps and discuss available opportunities, participate in community based organized events such</p>

		<p>as large scale cleanup projects that utilize local 4wd clubs and public, as well as partnering with 4WD/ATV groups to sponsor and adopt areas and trails.</p> <p>The USFS has worked with the Washoe Tribe on the Dance Hill proposal and project for approximately a year. We have had numerous field and office visits to look at boundaries, talk about the cultural importance of the site, and what implementations we can move forward with to protect the integrity and importance of the site.</p>
11	<b><i>Youth and Family Engagement:</i></b> Please describe how your project/program helps to engage youth and families.	<p>Through public contacts in the field and at public outreach events will have our biggest opportunity to engage the youth and family population. One of the most increasing ways that we have had an opportunity to reach youths, is through the growing use of UTVs or side by sides. Families are now getting out together as a whole by using UTVs. We are seeing younger and younger children now getting out with Mom and Dad in UTVs because now they can be belted in (in many cases 5 point harness belts) and helmeted and able to participate. Families are more comfortable with the added safety and comfort that UTVs provide that they are getting out and recreating on OHVs.</p> <p>In CA, our OHV rangers routinely encounter families on UTVs and are able to talk to them and ask about their experience. Also as the USFS, we always have Smokey swag to hand out to the kids to leave that positive encounter with both the parents and kids.</p> <p>At the public outreach events and registration events, we are able to do much what we would do in a field contact setting, but in a more neutral and accommodating area for all members of the public to attend and to ask questions and seek/gather OHV/OSV information.</p>
12	<b><i>Economic Integration;</i></b> Please describe how your project/program develops outdoor recreation opportunities that help local and/or regional economies grow (e.g., economic impact, additional OHV funding sources, improved user or business group participation).	<p>The Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts manage 980,000 acres of public land in Nevada with over 1,000 miles of open OHV/4WD roads and trails. With the proximity of the districts to urban areas and populations, there is increased growth of OHV use on public lands. With the available roads and trails and winter OSV areas near the populated areas, power</p>

		<p>sport shops in the Reno/Carson Areas have grown their businesses. Also with the conversions available for UTVs and dirt bikes for over the snow travel, those businesses have seen an increase as we have seen an increase in use in the field.</p>
13	<p><b>Underserved populations:</b> Please describe how your project/program helps to meet the needs of underserved regions and populations. (e.g., identify people and neighborhoods without access to trails, and establishes outdoor recreation opportunities for them; or creates new recreational opportunities not currently available in the area)</p>	<p>Since the proposed project and program of work takes place on public land there is no exclusion to use. The only limiting factor to using public lands and accessing them can be the travel to the public lands which there are many transport options available for public use.</p> <p>Anyone with a 4WD vehicle and in many cases a car can access public land trails and roads. The only limiting factor associated with recreating on public lands is having the knowledge of their location which will be addressed through public contacts, maps at trailhead kiosks, and through public outreach events which will be addressed through the proposed project.</p>
14	<p><b>Maintenance:</b> although this OHV grant program requires maintenance of all facilities funded for 25 years or the normal life of the project, we would like you to please describe <b>HOW</b> your project will be maintained and <b>WHO</b> has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service/program. (Please also attach letter as described in Section VI).</p>	<p>The Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District will continue to have an OHV/OSV program moving forward regardless of the proposed funding in the project. The program will remain in place and will continue and make the best of what it can. With additional funding in the proposed project as well as future funds that could be acquired each year to support the program, the expanse and effectiveness of the program will increase and have a positive impact on OHV/OSV use in NV. The ability to have OHV/OSV techs in the field making public contacts improves NV OHV and improves the ability of the USFS to reach its mission goals.</p> <p>The Carson Ranger District and the Washoe Tribe will work together at Dance Hill to maintain the metal barrier fence and all barrier implements and cover any costs associated with the repair if needed.</p>
	<p>Additional justification or project history if you feel important and doesn't fit under a criterion listed above.</p>	<p>The Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts through CA Green Sticker Funds have operated a successful OHV/OSV Program. With the funding that has been provided the districts have been able to get OHV/OSV techs out into the field to make those public contacts and keep all operation items associated with the</p>



		<p>program functional and up to date in the field to assist the OHV owner in enjoying their experience. In a field season, OHV/OSV techs make thousands of contacts. With the proposed funding from NCOHV, the districts will be able to provide the same experience to the public in NV.</p>
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## SUMMARY OF TOTAL PROPOSED COSTS

Project: WEST CARSON STREAMBANK FENCE  
Facility: USDA Forest Service  
Contracting Officer: Tanya Spanfellner

***L and I Fence Construction, Inc.***

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					Materials	Labor	Totals
Item #	Description	Quantity	unit	\$ per Ea			
1	Mobilization	1.00	L S	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
	INSTALLATION OF A 1 RAIL PARKING BARRIER				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	LABOR TO PREP AND INSTALL	1200	ft	\$ 32.00		\$ 38,400.00	\$ 38,400.00
3	MATERIALS				\$ -		\$ -
	4' 2 7/8" DRILL STEM POSTS SPACED AT 10 FT	122	EACH	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,440.00		\$ 2,440.00
	SADDLE CUT FOR TOPRAIL					\$ -	\$ -
					\$ -		\$ -
4	WELDED CONTINUOUS TOP RAIL 2 7/8" DRILL STEM	1200	FT	\$ 8.00	\$ 9,600.00		\$ 9,600.00
5	MISC/CONCRETE/WELDING/ CHOP SAW/FITTINGS	1	LS	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 2,800.00
	L AND I FENCE PROPOSES UTILIZING HEIGHT AND DEPTH						\$ -
	SPECS OF ORIGINAL SOLICITATION AND SUBSTITUTING						\$ -
	2 7/8" DRILL STEM FOR WOOD MATERIALS.						\$ -
	DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF SUBSURFACE ROCK, PIPE						
	WOULD BE A SOUND SUBSTITUTE. THE ONE RAIL						
	DESIGN WOULD STILL ALLOW HORSE/ ANIMAL/ & FOOT						
	TRAFFIC OVER BARRIER, AND WOULD STOPVEHICLES						
	FROM ACCESS. CONCRETE WOULD BE USED WHERE						
	ROCK WAS NOT PRESENT TO SECURE POSTS.						\$ -
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	HINDER ANIMAL & PEOPLE ACCESS						
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## **Documentation of Categorical Exclusion**

### **USFS - Carson Ranger District and Bridgeport Ranger District Ground Operations**

**Carson Ranger District and Bridgeport Ranger District, Humboldt – Toiyabe National Forest.**

**Washoe County, Douglas County, Lyon County, Mineral County, Nevada**

**October 2017**

#### **Proposed Action:**

This project consists of routine motorized route/trail annual maintenance including logging out fallen trees, brushing, and maintaining / installing route designation markers and route closed markers, maintaining and replacing informational kiosks, and maintaining all installed road closure barriers. This project will focus on addressing annual maintenance on the designated motorized routes and trails on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger District.

#### **Location:**

#### **Categorical Exclusion:**

The CEQ has identified specific actions that may be categorical excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, if there are no adverse impacts to extraordinary circumstances (36 CFR 220.6 (a); FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30). This project is consistent with the national Environmental policy Act because the activities outlined in this decision fit within the following identified categorical exclusion: Repair and Maintenance of Trails (FSH 1909.15, Ch. 30 Sec. 31.12(4)).

#### **Decision:**

I have decided to allow these maintenance activities and repair of existing structures as described in the proposed action. I have determined that these activities require no further analysis.



Irene Davidson

10/31/2017

Carson District Ranger

Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California  
Tribal Historic Preservation Office/Cultural Resources Office  
*Protect, Preserve, Promote Washoe Culture*



Irene Davidson, District Ranger  
Humboldt/Toiyabe National Forest  
Carson Ranger District  
1536 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, NV 89701

October 26, 2017

Subject: Dance Hill Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Davidson,

As the Director for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California; it is with great pleasure that we are sending you this Letter of Support for the grant application for trail work at what is known as "Dance Hill" located in Douglas County, Nevada.

As the director of the THPO I have had worked closely with the Humboldt/Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF) on many projects and this particular project is culturally sensitive and important to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. The proposed work will reduce unwanted activities that threaten and harm the natural cultural resources and will provide rehabilitation of lands scarred by unauthorized off road activities.

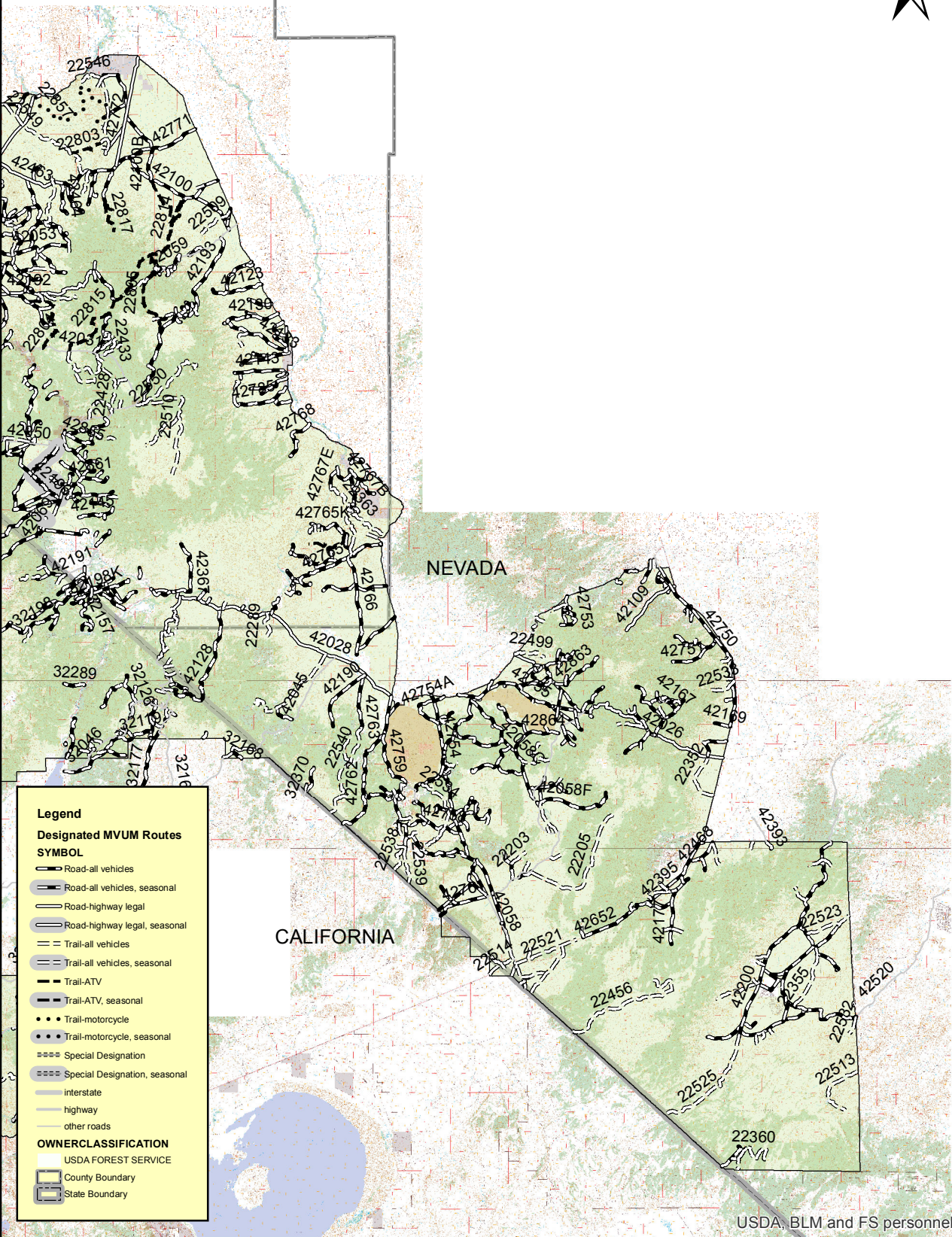
Thank you and please call me at (775) 265-8600.

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Darrel Cruz, Director  
THPO/CRO

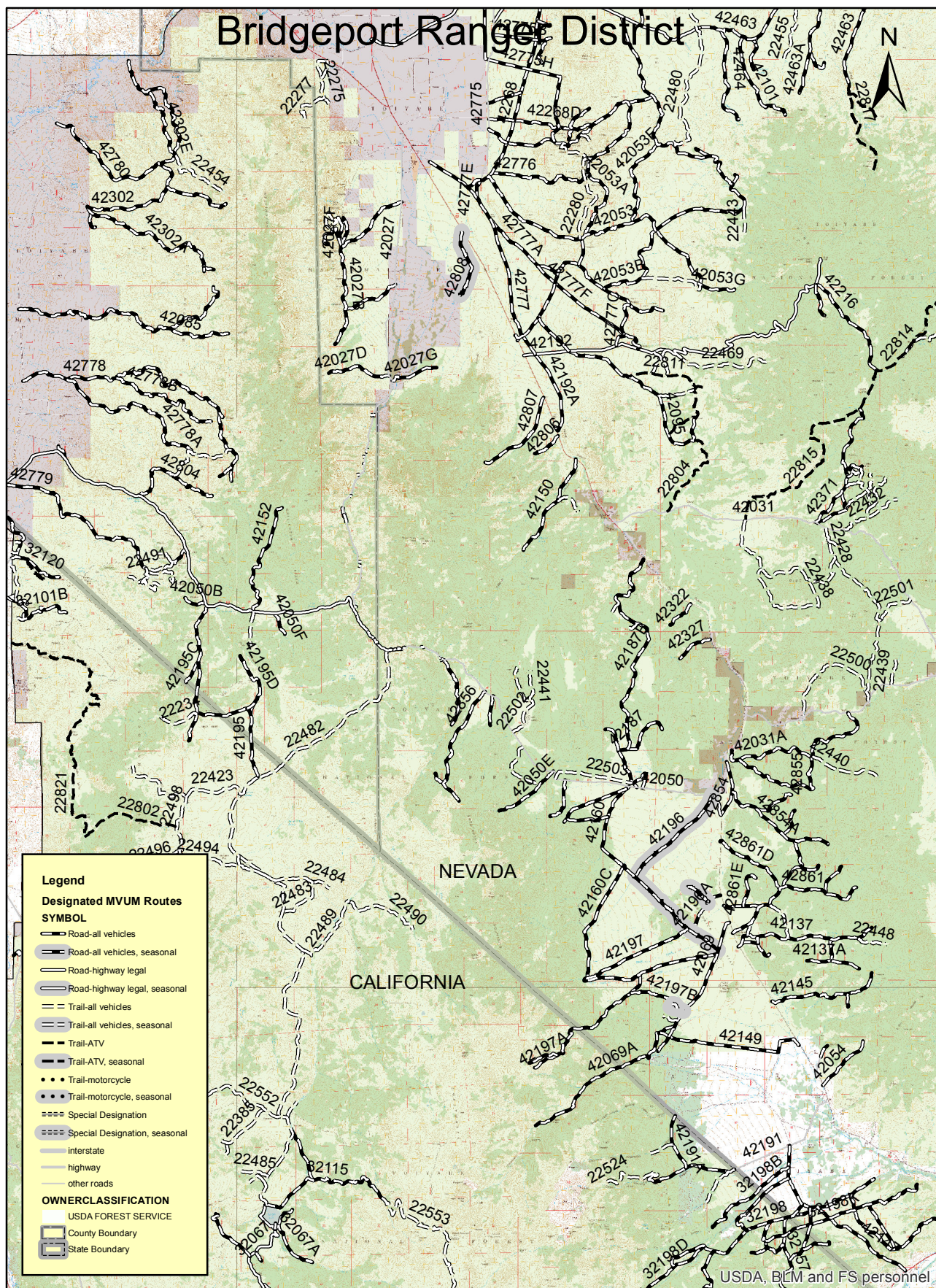


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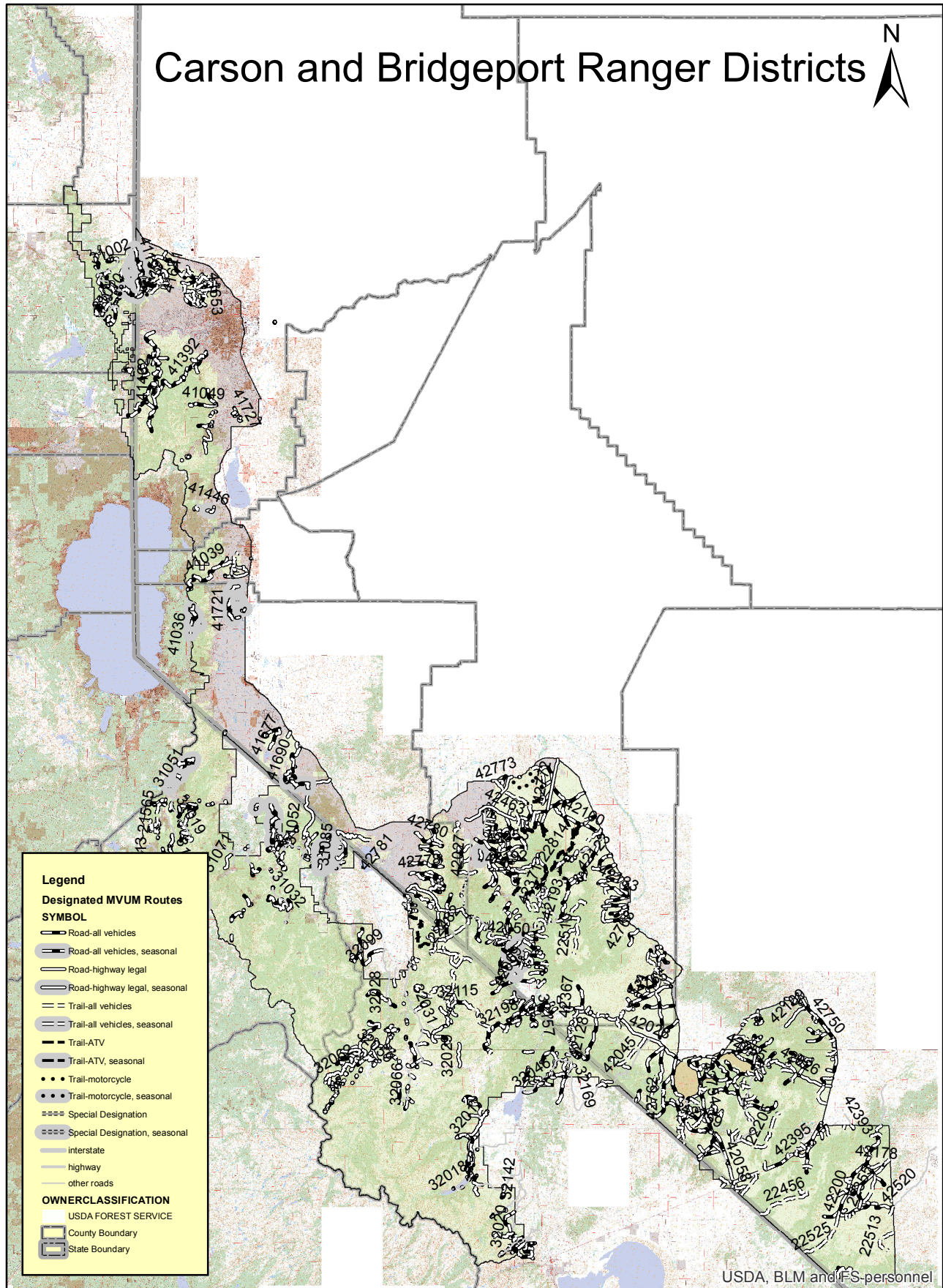
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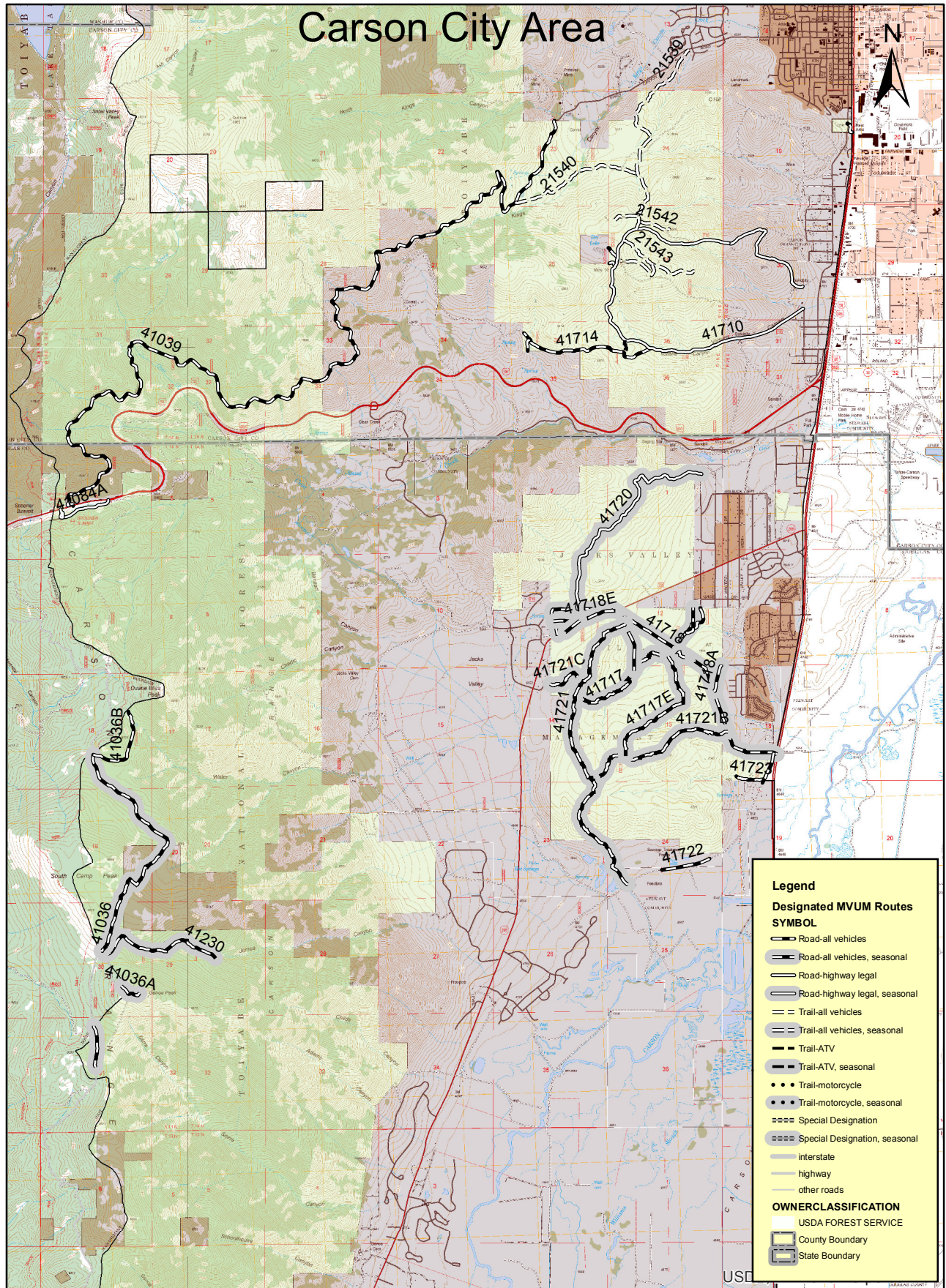


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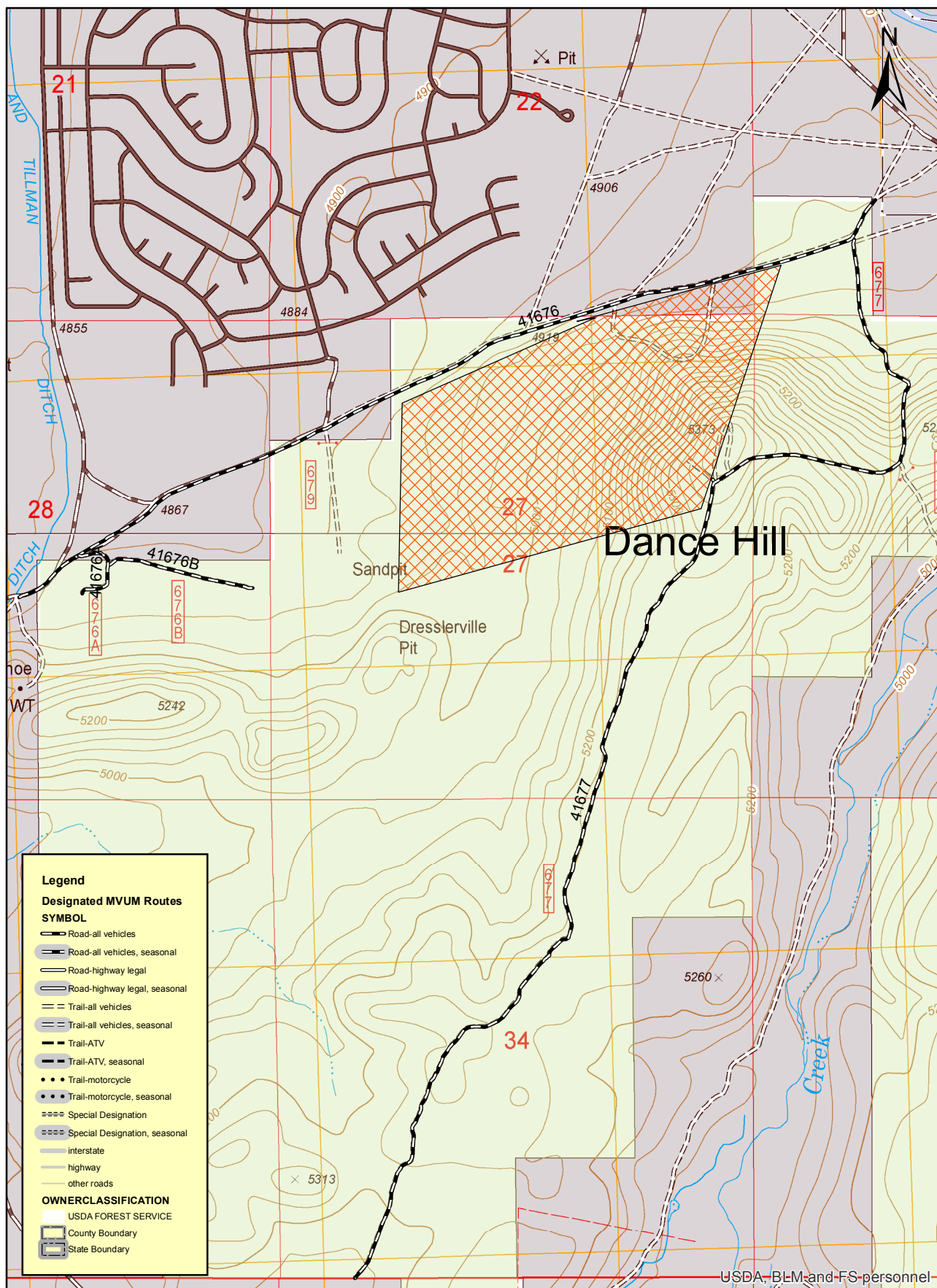




# Carson City Area







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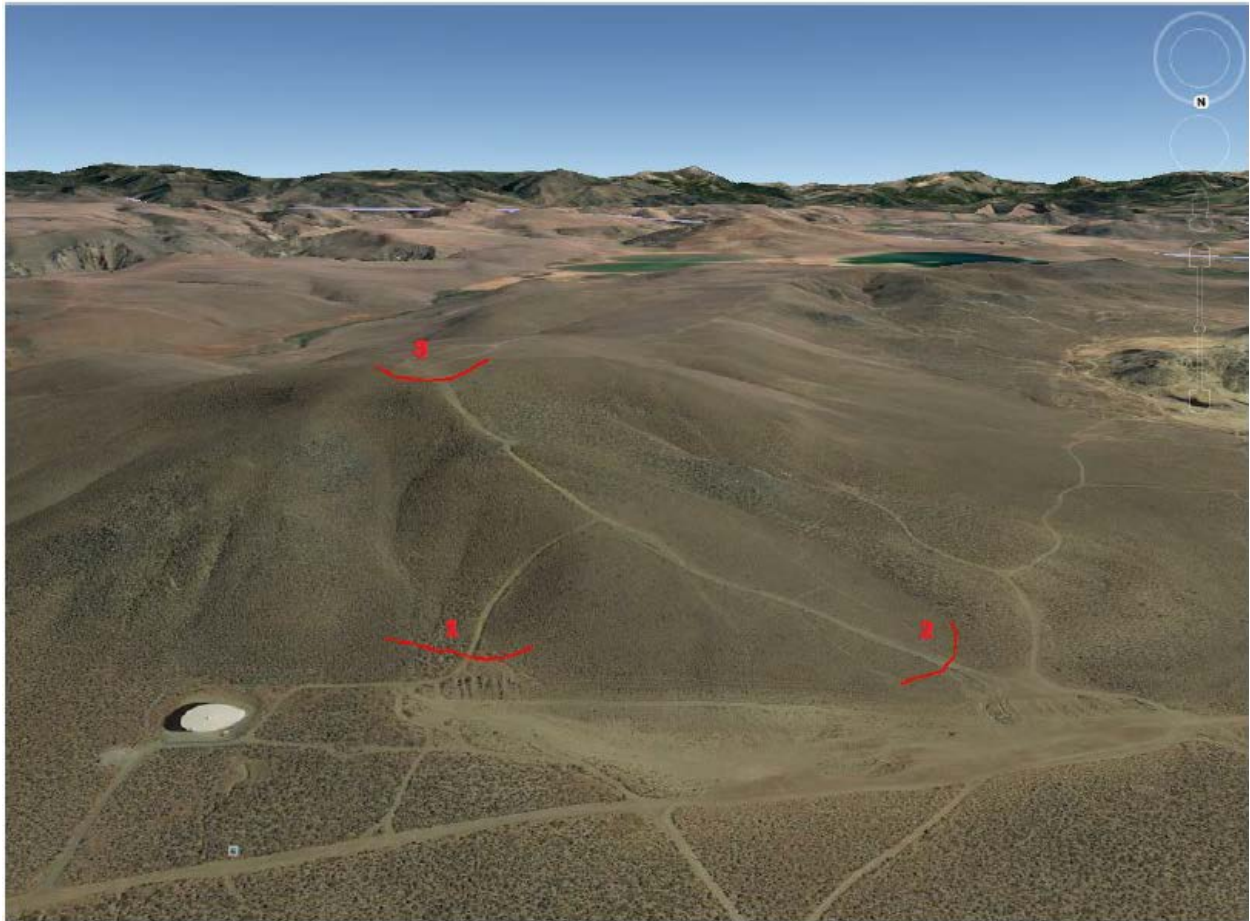
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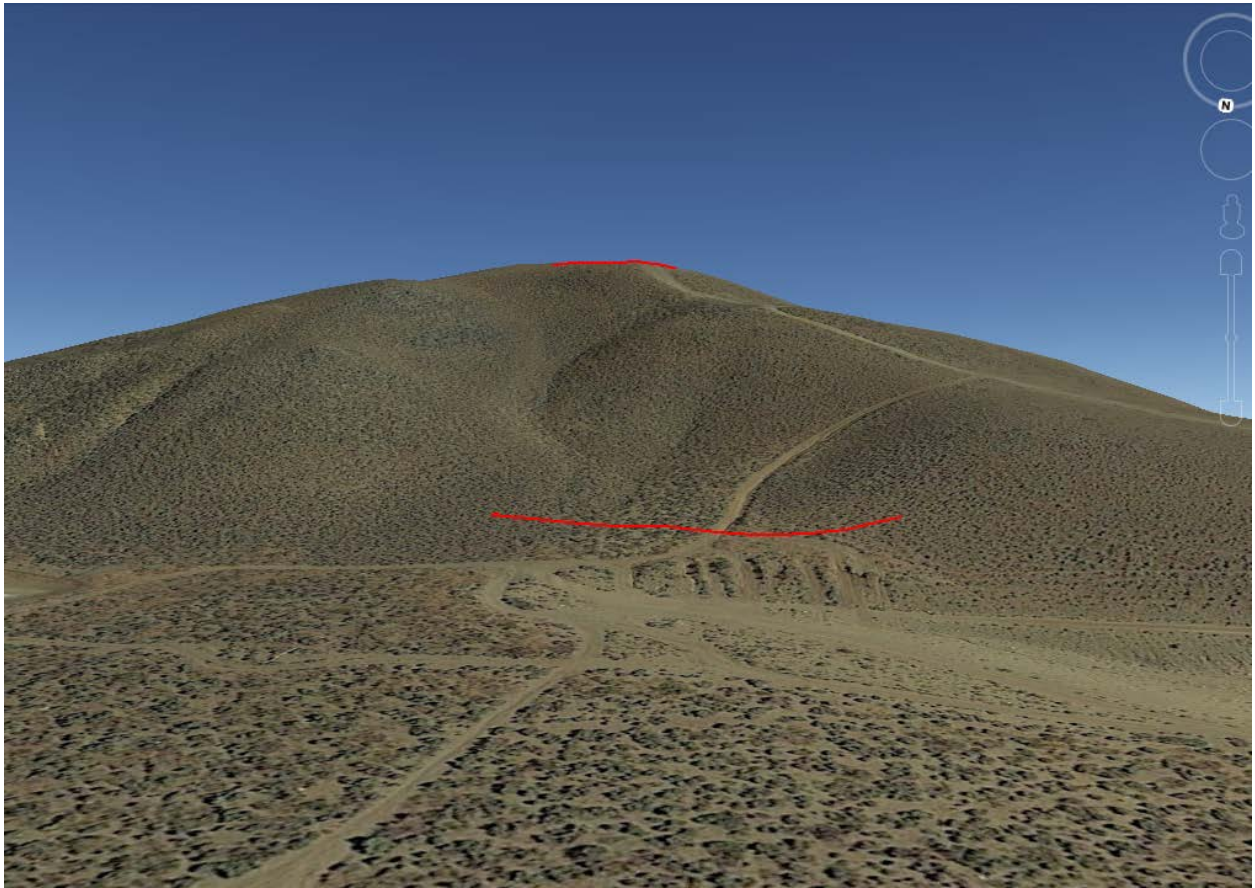
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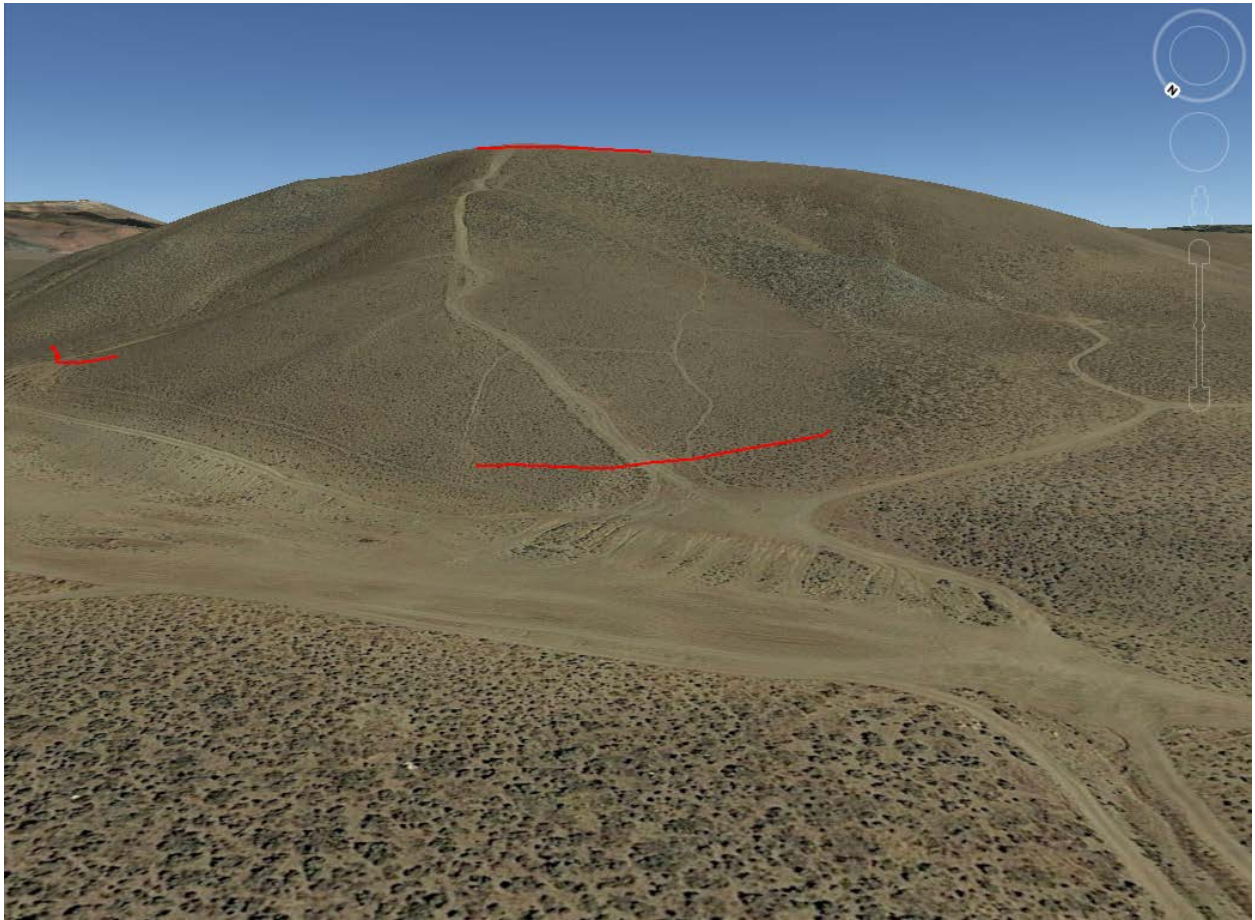
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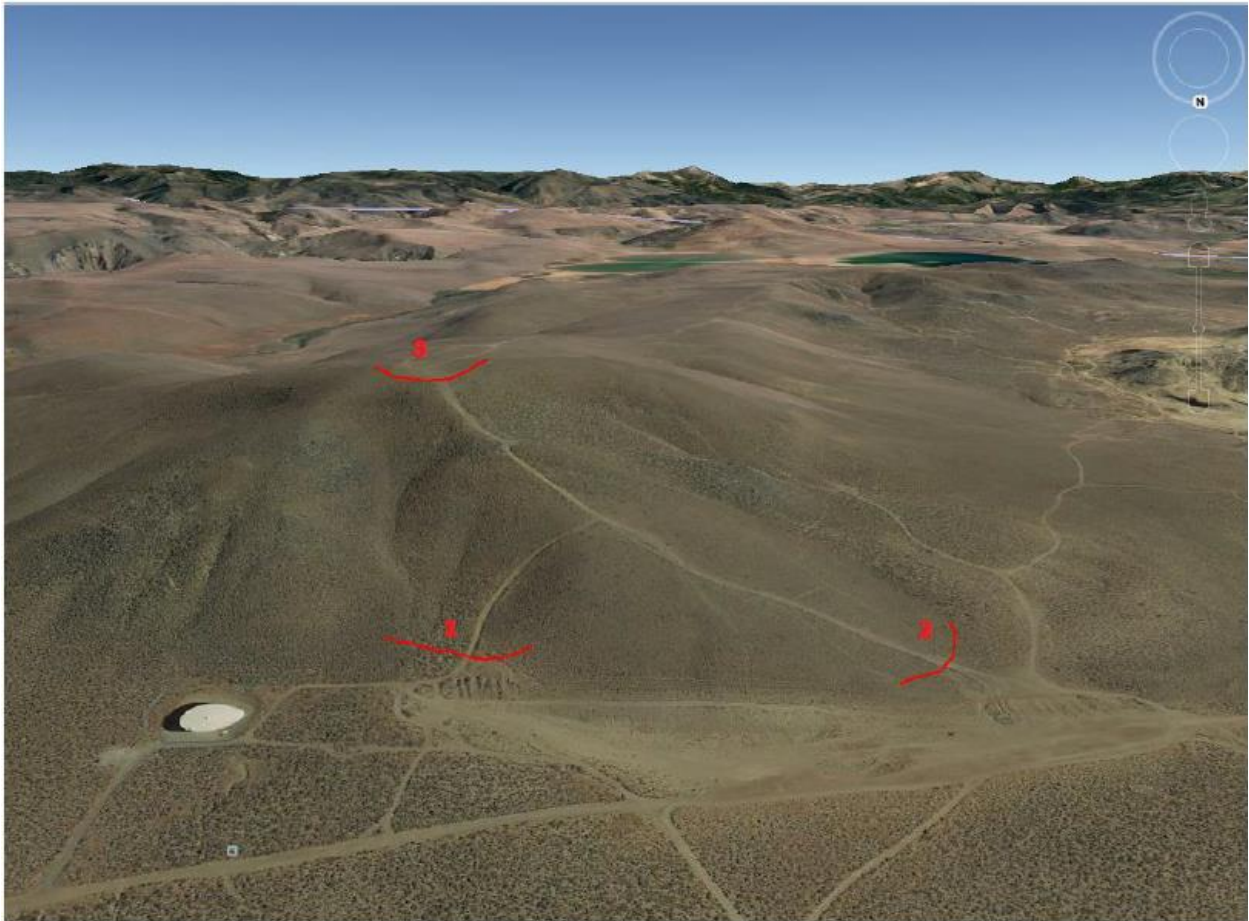
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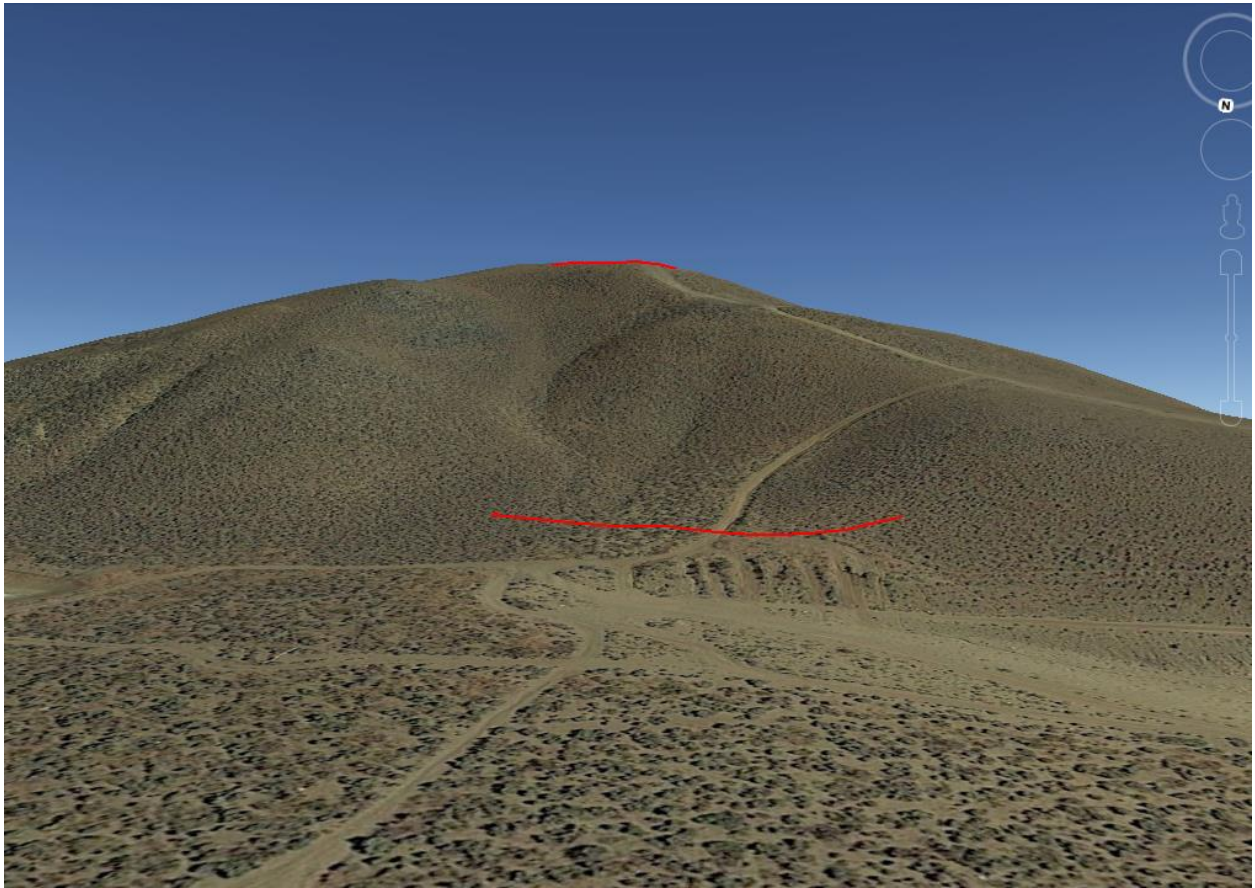
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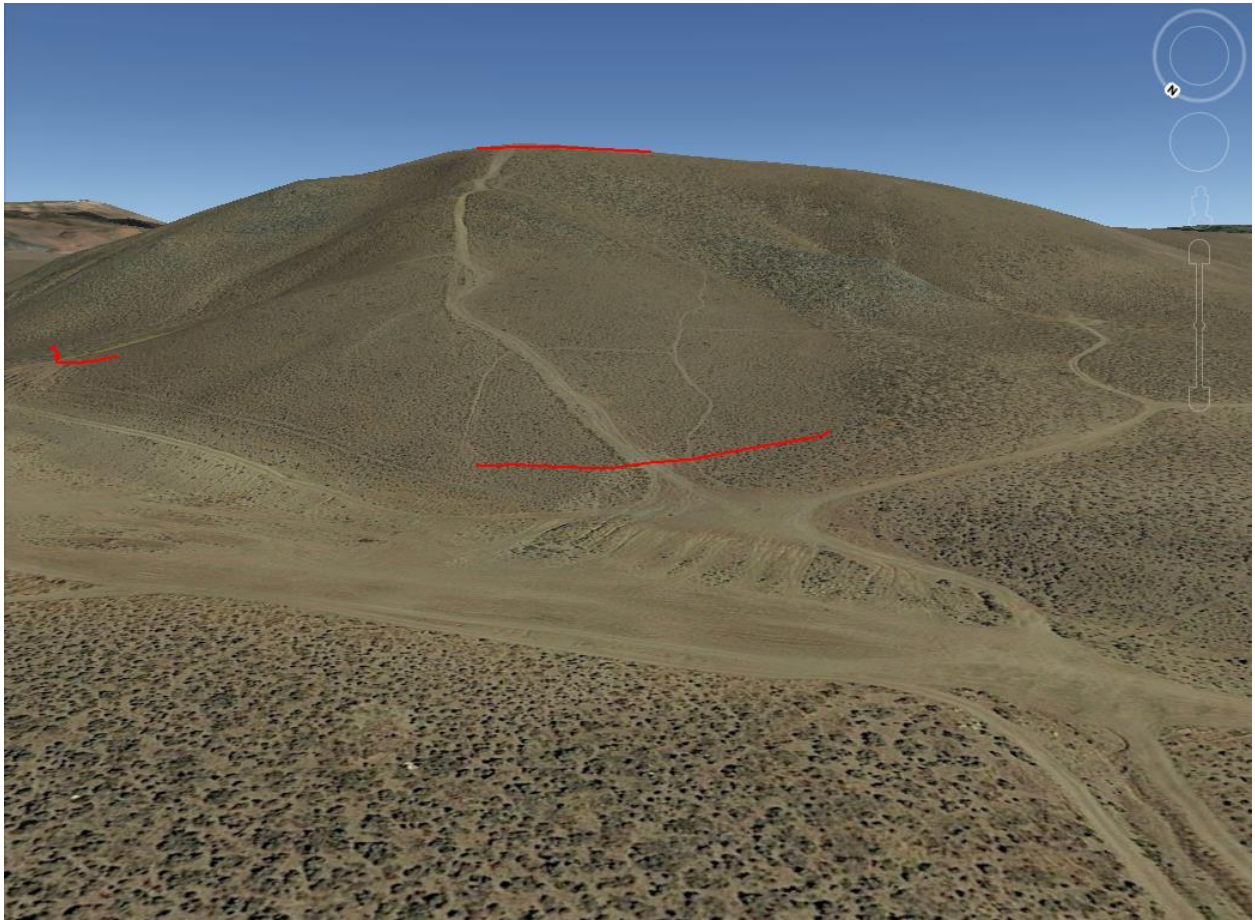
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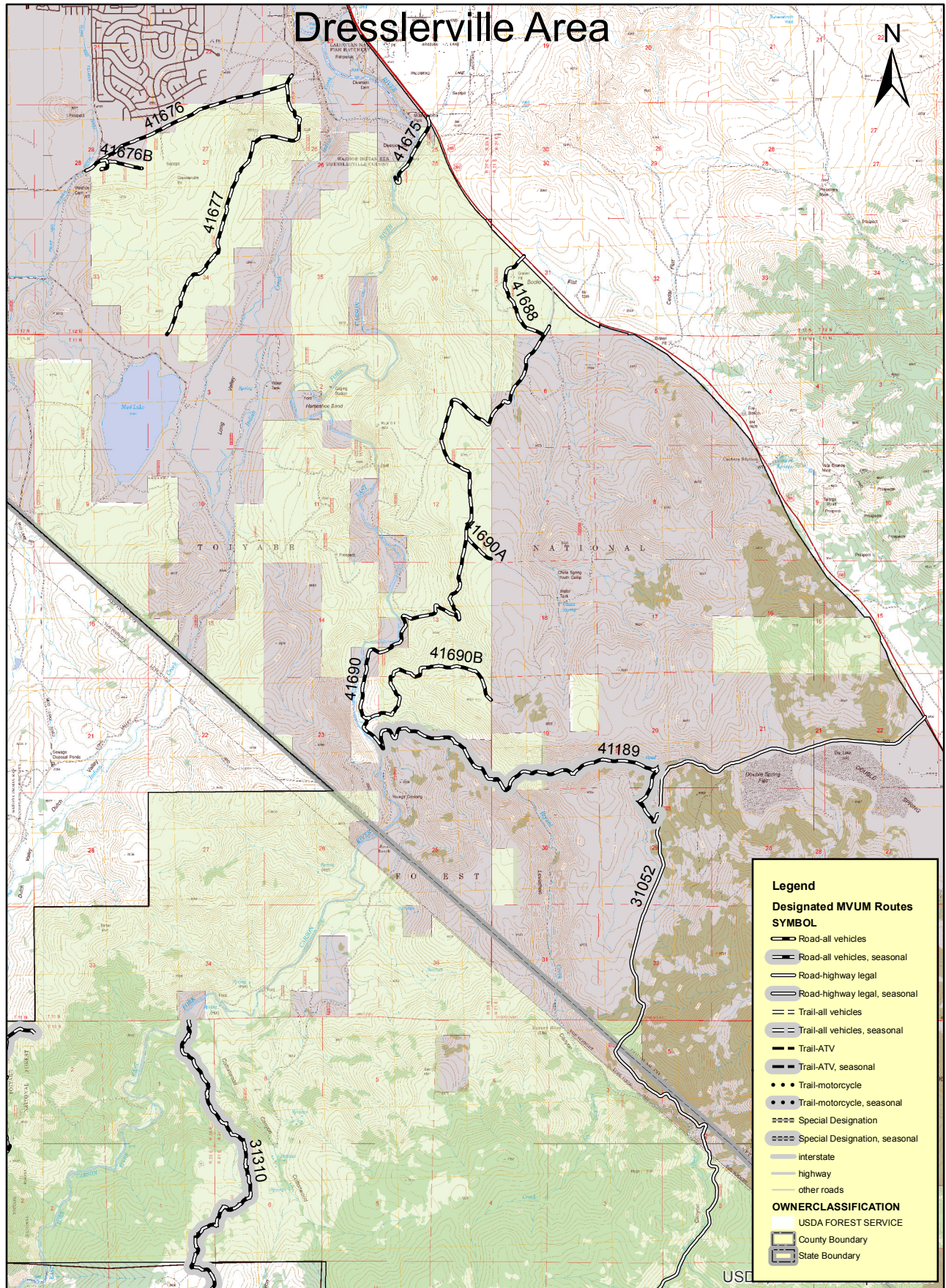


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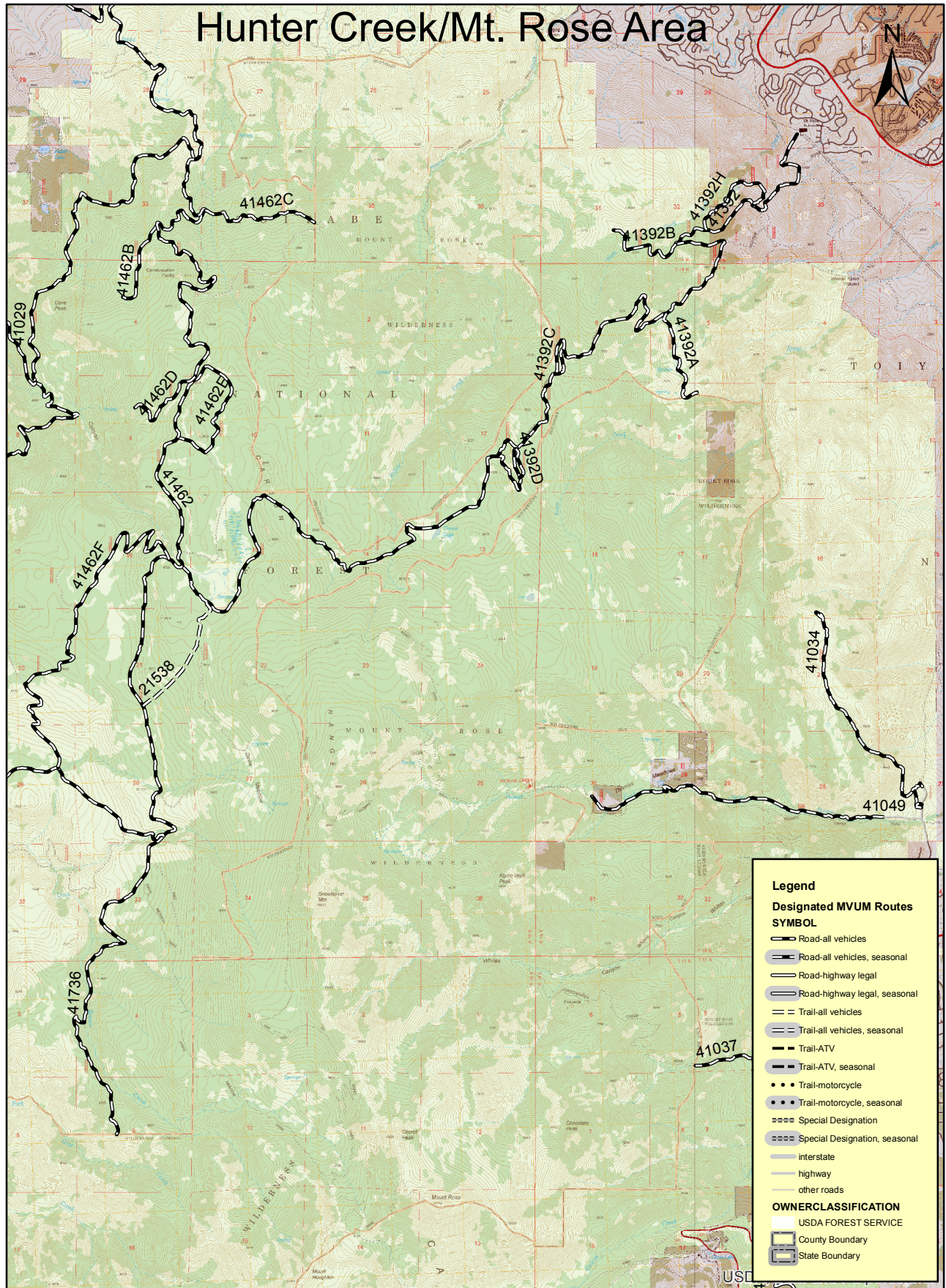


# Dresslerville Area





# Hunter Creek/Mt. Rose Area





# Peavine Area

