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Date: October 16, 2017

Subject: Nevada State Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grant Application

To: File

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

The projects that I have chosen to submit include:

1. Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
2. Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities
3. Restoration of areas that have been damaged by the use of off-highway vehicles
4. Compliance and enforcement

Additionally, our partner has submitted an application to the Nevada Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Commission for work on the Inyo National Forest.

1. Esmeralda County - Application for a Preliminary Engineering Maintenance Study Report

These activities, as proposed under the 2018 OHV Grant Application would be implemented dependent upon funding from State Funds. The proposed work includes the routine maintenance and repair of road and trails within the existing road/trail prism, actions to address route widening, mitigation of resource impacts, and installation of signs and route markers on National Forest System roads and trails.

In 2009, a Record of Decision (ROD) was signed, documenting the Forest's Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This EIS/ROD analyzed the effects of and authorized implementation of various work activities, including mitigation of resource impacts on roads and trails, and recurring maintenance of the National Forest Transportation System roads and trails. The work identified within the Nevada OHV Grant Application will implement activities authorized in the 2009 ROD, as well as recurring maintenance and patrol activities as described above. A copy of the 2009 EIS and ROD can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=17479.

The activities potentially funded by the grant would have minimal to no effect to watershed resources, heritage resources, or proposed, threatened, endangered or Forest Service sensitive wildlife and plant species or habitats. There would likely be beneficial effects to these resources since the project activities would maintain and improve drainage and erosion-control features and help define the routes open for motorized vehicle use.



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

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

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

Flood plains, wetlands, or municipal watershed – There are no negative effects to wetlands, floodplains, or municipal watersheds from this project.

Congressionally designated areas such as wilderness, wilderness study areas, or national recreation areas – the projects will not adversely affect any congressionally designated areas.

Inventoried roadless areas or potential wilderness areas – Activities within these areas are limited to resource protective measures and will have no adverse effects on Roadless or Wilderness characteristics.

Research natural areas – There are no RNA's present in this project area.

American Indians and Alaska Native religious or cultural sites – there are no American Indian and/or Alaska Native religious or cultural sites that will be adversely affected within the project area.

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

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



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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
OR MEMORY DEVICE ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION.

DO NOT ATTACH ITEMS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED.

For questions please contact:

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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:** Esmeralda County/ Inyo National Forest
2. **Project Dates:** Expected Start: 7/1/2018 Expected Completion: 6/30/2020
3. **Applicant Name:** Inyo National Forest/White Mountain Ranger District

Phone: 760-873-2441

Mailing address: 798 North Main Street Bishop, CA 93514

Email: shaneahoskins@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:** Shane Hoskins

Phone: 760-873-2441

Mailing address: 798 North Main Street Bishop, CA 93514

Email: shaneahoskins@fs.fed.us

6. State T-Vendor # (if available) _____

7. Landowner: __ U.S. Forest Service/ Inyo National Forest _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _760-873-2441 _____

Mailing Address: _798 North Main Street Bishop, CA 93514 _____

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: \$74,000.00

Other Funds: \$7,200.00

Total Project Amount \$81,200.00 100%

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

Federal Private In-kind City/County Other

Please *describe* source(s):

Type here: Federal Funds of NFRW, FD DS

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

Studies or planning for trails and facilities;

 o Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.

 o 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)

- Mountain Biking Hiking/Backpacking Equestrian
- Single track motorcycle Snowmobiling Snowshoe/ski
- ATV quads Dune buggy Side by side 50" or wider
- Race Course Skills riding course

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).

Type here: The Inyo National Forest has over 50 miles of roads/trails within Esmeralda County and the Forest is applying for a Ground Operations & Management grant completing compliance & enforcement patrols, installation of OHV information boards/kiosks, delineating/confining routes & dispersed campsites, route signing with road numbers on carsonites makers, installation of boundary signs, removing downed trees, distributing OHV recreation maps & safety information, repairing and stabilizing

roads & trails, and completing Archeological and other resource so that information kiosks and signs can be installed along Forest Service Roads. Attached maps include both county maintained and forest service maintained roads. Forest Service will work on both green and red roads.

Summer 2018 beginning of Archeological & Resource survey, Forest Service patrols, carsonite installation for route identification, minor trail maintenance work.

Summer 2019 after completion of resource surveys the installation of information/mapping kiosk, continuation of route patrolling, carsonite installation, delineating/confining routes & dispersed campsites.

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: Esmeralda County

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Dyer, NV

Center of project: Latitude: 37.859644° Longitude: -118.246668°

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: _____ Range: _____ Sections _____
- Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)

- Maps larger than 11x17 will not be accepted

Please attach the following photographs:

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

SECTION III - Federal Lands or Other

Federal Environmental Compliance

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

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

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

SECTION IV - BUDGET

Proposed Budget: Provide your budget details 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
Conduct field surveys and site specific clearances, perform monitoring for 50 miles of roads	Resource Specialist-Wildlife Biologist, Botanist, Archaeologists	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$25,000.00
Assist with complex mapping/data issues for end of year mapping reports.	Resource Specialist – GIS program Manager	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00		\$3,200.00
Process raw GPS data from field units, enter data into geodatabase & create maps for end of year reporting.	Resource Specialist – Seasonal Rec/Eng Data GIS Technicians	\$2,000.00	\$1000.00		\$3,000.00
Patrol & monitor of OHV routes, public contacts, performing route marking & signing, installation of information boards, trail maintenance activities, sign placement.	Seasonal OHV Recreation Technicians (3 person crew)	\$30,000.00	\$0.00		\$30,000.00
Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	Route marking 3 X 4, Single Letter/Number Decal, Reflective 0-9 & A-Z	\$2,600.00	\$0.00		\$2,600.00
Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	24 boxes of 54-in. DUAL-Flex Fiberglass Marker Post, w/ one pointed end	\$7,000.00	\$0.00		\$7,000.00
Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	6x6 – 1 Panel Kiosk With sign panel x4	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		\$5,000.00
Vehicle Gas and Maintenance standard is now at .54 per mile. Estimate miles.	10,000 Miles * .54 per mile	\$5,400.00	\$0.00		\$5,400.00
Totals		\$74,000.00	\$7,200.00		\$81,200.00
Percentages		90.27%	9.73%		100%

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)**

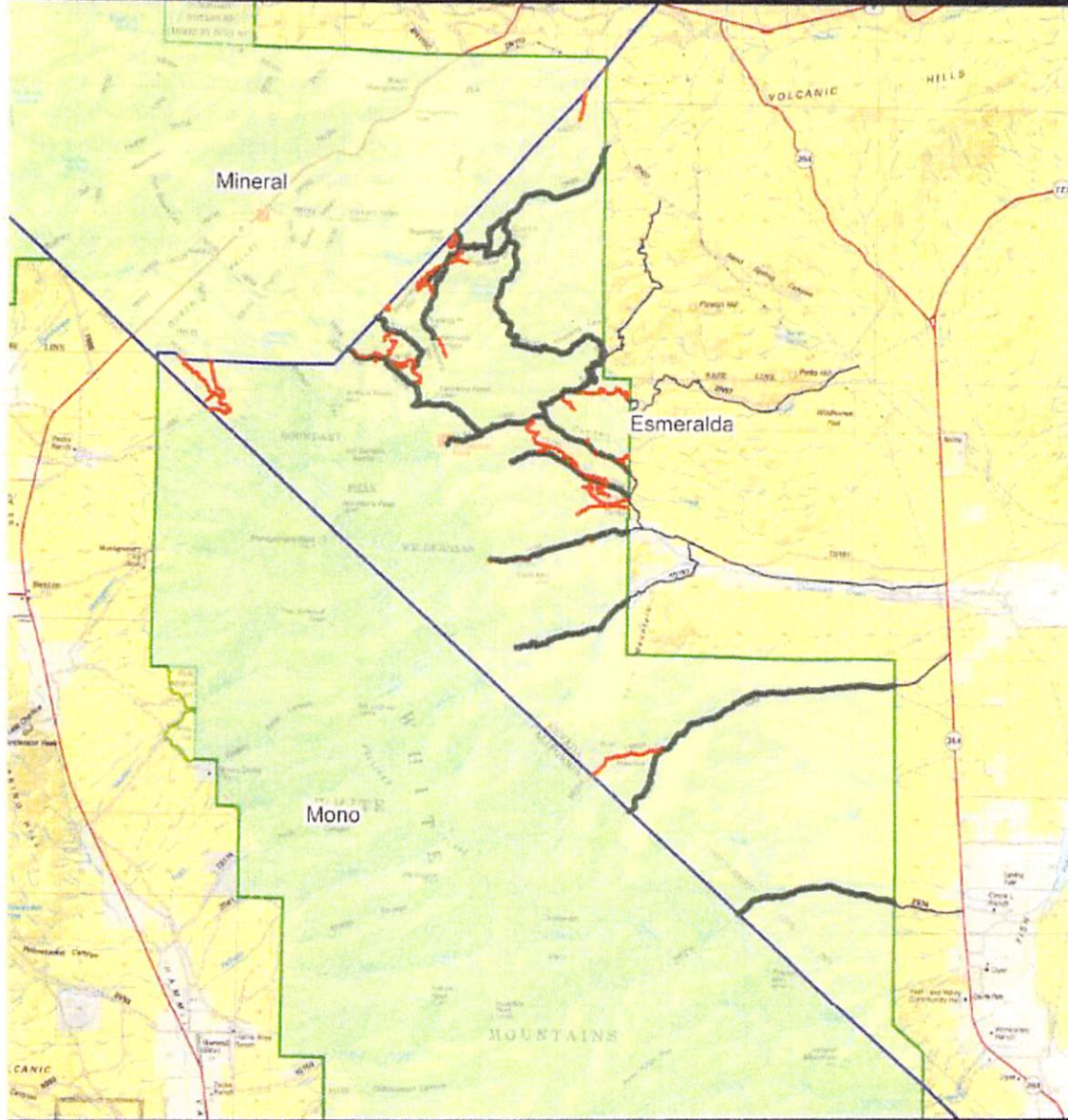
1	Public Education, Law Enforcement & Outreach: Please describe how your project/program will incorporate public education and/or outreach to increase registration and showcase the benefit of OHV communities, including registration events.	With the OHV grant the Inyo National Forest will be able to properly sign all roads and trail with carsonsite markers and Forest Service system road numbers. In addition to providing route condition and regulation information, OHV patrollers would monitor and maintain routes and engage the public by promoting safe riding techniques, providing maps/directions when needed, and responding to accidents when they occur. As a result, this grant will provide the additional support necessary to keep the Inyo National Forest moving toward integrated resource and OHV recreation management, thus allowing for a higher quality OHV recreation experience. The installation of kiosk with OHV related information would connect with the public through quality maps and information regarding safety & Tread Lightly messaging, and the distribution of OHV recreation maps.
2	Trail Mapping: 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).	Data collection and management will inform planning processes and determine where to focus maintenance efforts. In addition to collecting OHV use summary and effects from various user types and distribution on Forest Service roads and trails. Which provides a better idea of what uses are occurring on Forest

		Service System roads and trails to provide the input needed when map updating occurs.
3	<i>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.</i>	Minimal maintenance would occur to roads and trails, resulting in a loss of OHV opportunity as road and trail conditions deteriorate (e.g. decreased quality of directional signage, road and trail hazards not addressed consistently, and lack of drainage/erosion control maintenance). Lack of OHV patrols would hamper the Inyo National Forest's ability to make public contacts, monitor resource conditions, and document/restore OHV trespass. Cultural sites, rare plant populations, and other sensitive resources in the vicinity of OHV use areas would be at greater risk of degradation.
4	<i>Demand for New Facilities: Please describe the justification (the DEMAND) for NEW facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.</i>	N/A
5	<i>Connectivity: 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.</i>	The legal OHV roads and trails which will be maintained, patrolled, signed, monitored, and placed on recreational maps as part of this project access a wide array of non-motorized recreational activities on the National Forest. Trailheads for hikers and equestrians are accessed by these routes (see the Inyo CTUC map for locations). Almost every road and trail leads to opportunities for hunting legal game, creeks for fishing. Dispersed camping is allowed along almost all of the 2200 miles of OHV-legal routes on the entire Inyo National Forest.
6	<i>Environmental Studies: please describe how your environmental studies, project/program is in a highly desired area that will result in maintaining or expanding OHV riding areas.</i>	A 2009 Record of Decision (ROD) was signed, documenting the Forest's Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). This EIS/ROD analyzed the effects of and authorized implementation of various work activities, including mitigation of resource impacts on roads and trails, and recurring maintenance of the National Forest Transportation System roads and trails. National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 5 [36 CFR 220.6(d) (5)], "Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities" and National Environmental Policy Act Handbook, FSH 1909.15, Section 31.13, category 4 [36 CFR 220.6(d) (4)], "Repair and maintenance of roads, trails, and landline boundaries."
7	<i>Design for Conservation: 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.</i>	The activities potentially funded by the grant would have minimal to no effect to watershed resources, heritage resources, or proposed, threatened, endangered or Forest Service sensitive wildlife and plant species or habitats. There would likely be beneficial effects to these resources since the project activities would maintain and improve drainage and

		erosion-control features and help define the routes open for motorized vehicle use.
8	<i>Existing Facilities: please describe how your project /program assists in the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of Existing Facilities. "Taking care of what is already there to protect the investment".</i>	As the Inyo National Forest has finished implementing the 2009 Travel Management Decision, the forest has shifted to maintaining and improving the road and trail system, with a focus on areas with resource and access concerns as identified from soils monitoring. The proposed project will improve route conditions, protect cultural and natural resources, and provide for a higher quality recreational experience. Additional the maintenance activities that will directly enhance and sustain the system include: installation and maintenance of way finding and route marker signs, improving drainage and stabilization, trail and facility maintenance, and monitoring for conditions and treatment effectiveness.
9	<i>Leveraged Projects: 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>	N/A
10	<i>Partnering: 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>	The Inyo National Forest is working with Esmeralda County to support the county's grant application for the completion of an engineering maintenance study for the county roads that access the National Forest. Inyo National Forest will be working in the future with Esmeralda County to improve route signage, public information outreach, forest access, and a road maintenance agreements.
11	<i>Youth and Family Engagement: Please describe how your project/program helps to engage youth and families.</i>	N/A
12	<i>Economic Integration; 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).</i>	N/A
13	<i>Underserved populations: 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</i>	N/A

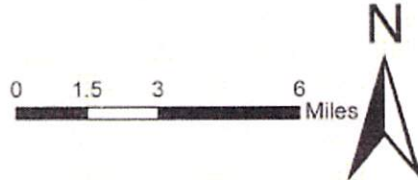
	<i>opportunities for them; or creates new recreational opportunities not currently available in the area)</i>	
14	<i>Maintenance: although this OHV grant program requires maintenance of all facilities funded for 25 years or the normal life of the project, we would like you to please describe HOW your project will be maintained and WHO has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service/program. (Please also attach letter as described in Section VI).</i>	The Inyo National Forest hires every summer a crew of Recreation Technicians that focus solely on OHV related work across the forest to perform route monitoring, report previous winter's damage to roads and trails, replace broken or missing route markers (carsonites), refill the information kiosk with OHV related trail maps, provide the Forest Service presence to answer any question to the visiting public, complete trail maintenance, work with our partners to complete on the ground work.
	<i>Additional justification or project history if you feel important and doesn't fit under a criterion listed above.</i>	N/A

County Maintained Roads in Inyo NF

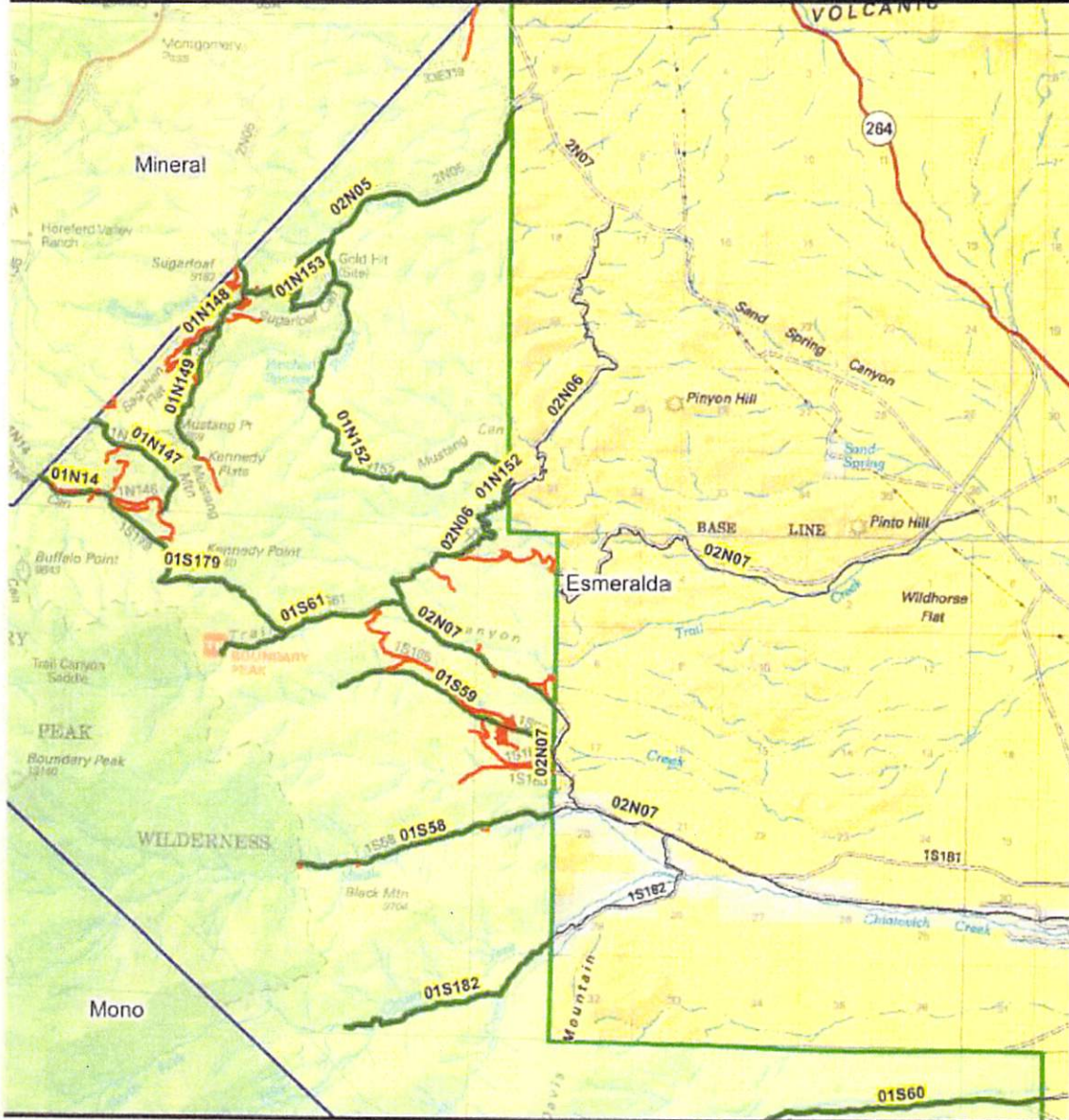


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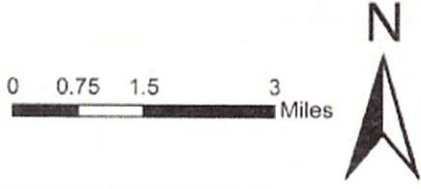


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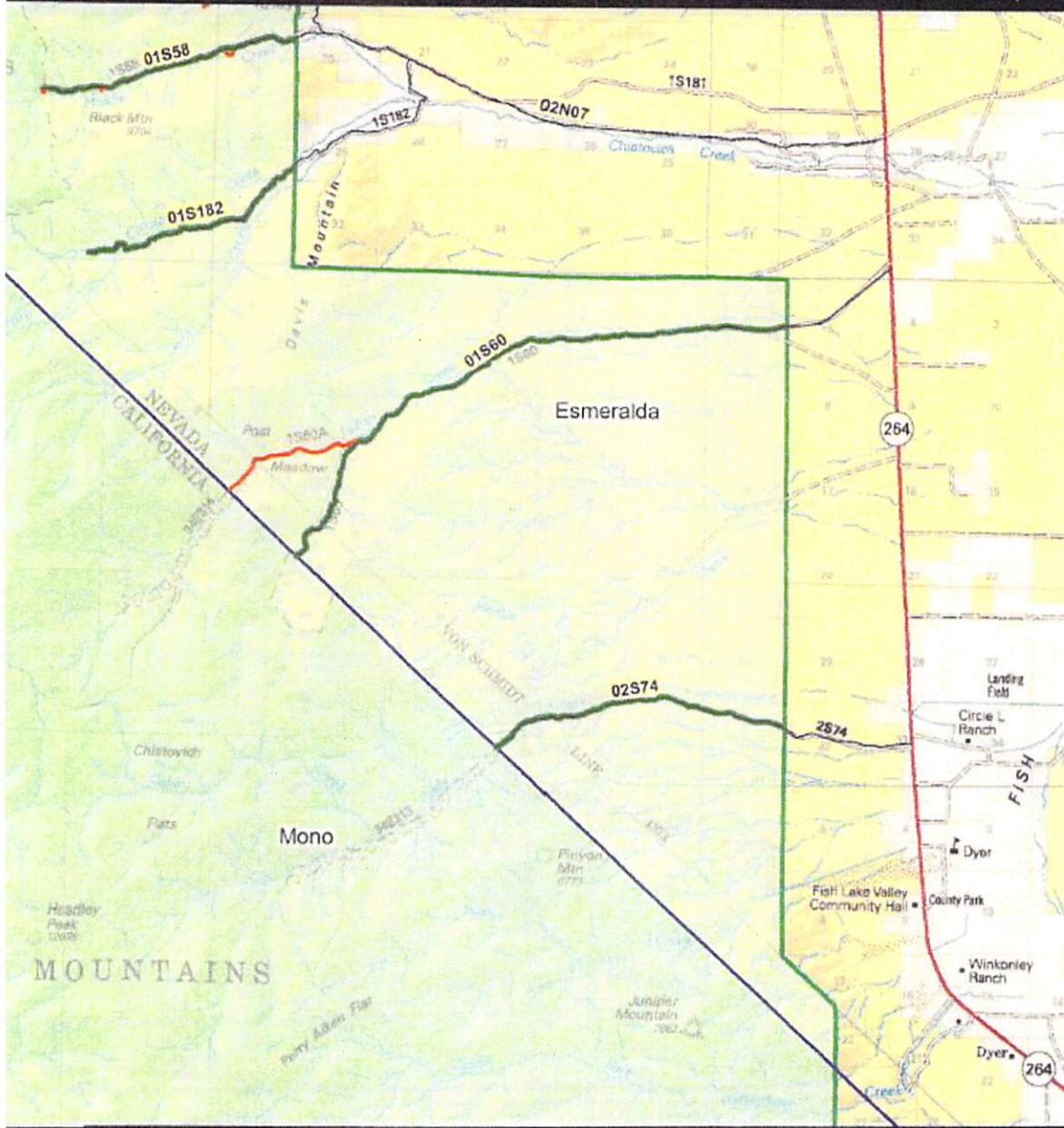


Roads in USFS

County	Counties
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County Maintained Roads in Inyo NF



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