

Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite Nevada

October 31, 2017

Jenny Scanlan, Executive Secretary
Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle's Program
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
901 South Stuart St., Suite 1003
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Ms. Scanlan,

Attached is the grant proposal for the Kokopelli ATV Club in Mesquite, Nevada from January 2018 to January 2020. The Kokopelli ATV Club, along with its partnering OHV Clubs, intends to assemble and place 650 road/trail marking signs in southeastern Lincoln County, Nevada to mark road/trails between Mesquite, Nevada and Caliente, Nevada. This will provide connectivity from Mesquite to Caliente and to the Silver State Trails system. Additionally, we plan on placing approximately 10 safety signs at key entrances to backcountry lands warning recreational users to carry proper supplies and equipment for their vehicles and themselves.

As a follow-up to this grant we intend to indefinitely continue our partnership with the BLM in maintaining these signs. We also intend to apply for additional grants to: develop maps for this area, provide maintenance for the installed signs, provide minor maintenance for the roads and trails, continue trash pickup, and install additional trail marking and informative signs identifying landmarks, sensitive environmental habitat, and historical areas. Our continued goal will be to provide connectivity to recreational opportunities in state parks, national monuments and wilderness areas, and other trails to the west, east, and north of the trails we already marked.

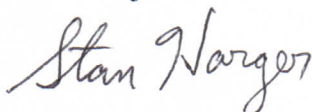
The Kokopelli ATV club members, our partner OHV and environmental clubs, the City of Mesquite, Nevada, the City of Caliente, Nevada, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, and the Caliente BLM office urge your positive consideration of the attached application.

Sincerely,

Bob Adams, Kokopelli ATV Club President



Stan Harger, Kokopelli Club Legislative Liaison and
Grant Project Director



Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Bradley Crowell Director
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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
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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:
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:** OHV Road/Trail Signs for Lincoln County NV
2. **Project Dates:** Expected *Start*: January 2018 Expected *Completion*: January 2020
3. **Applicant Name:** Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite NV

Phone: 503 559-9500 Stan Harger, Project Manager or
307 631-7631 Bob Adams, Club President

Mailing address: _Stan Harger 642 La Scala Dr., Mesquite, NV 89027

Email: stanharger@msn.com

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

☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local/Municipal ☐ Other: _____
☐ Partnership ☒ Non-profit ATV Club ☐ 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).

Kokopelli ATV Club business ID # NV20161202527

5. **Project Manager:** Stan Harger

Phone: 503-559-9500

Mailing address: 642 La Scala Dr., Mesquite, NV 89027

Email: stanharger@msn.com

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

7. **Landowner:** BLM (Bureau of Land Management)

Contact: Christopher Carlton, Field Manager

Phone: 775-726-8100

Mailing Address: PO Box 237, 1400 South Front St., Caliente, NV 89008

Email: ccarlton@blm.gov

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

see attached CX and letter

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

State OHV Grant Request: \$70,384 _____

Other Funds: \$38,663 in-kind matching _____

Total Project Amount \$109,047 _____ 100%

What are the sources of your leveraged (other) funds? Please describe source(s).

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

Volunteer labor from Kokopelli ATV Club will manage the project, assemble signs, supervise and place/install signs with help from two other OHV and Environmental Organizations/Clubs and Mesquite High School FFA students. The Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps will also provide sign installation labor, utilizing college-age students interested in conservation work, and charge a significantly discounted rate for labor and per diem. While the Corps does provide a stipend for their employees, it is at a much-reduced rate from the normal hourly rate which represents a significant in-kind contribution to this overall project. (Please see budget item and attached contract for a further explanation of the charges for their services.)

The Caliente BLM office will supply some signs for "Tread Lightly", "Pack It In and Pack It Out" and other signs to be posted in areas of environmental sensitivity.

In preparation for this grant, the BLM office in Caliente has done the background work to clear this signage project and future projects with a Categorical Exclusion (CX).

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
- X **“Primary”** Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
- ☐ Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities
- ☐ Construction of new trails and facilities
- X **Secondary** 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.
- X **Secondary** 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)

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| X Mountain Biking | X Hiking/Backpacking | X Equestrian |
| X Single track motorcycle | X Snowmobiling | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe/ski |
| X ATV quads | X Dune buggy | X Side by side 50” or wider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Skills riding course | |

General public use roads and trails

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).

The primary purpose of this project is to identify and mark intersections along two key routes (approximately 90 miles each) and any connecting loops in southern Lincoln County from Mesquite to Caliente, Nevada with 650 Carsonite-type signs. A total of approximately 200-300 miles of roads and trails are to be marked. This signage will also provide connecting routes between Mesquite, Nevada and Caliente, Nevada with the Silver State Trail System.

In preparing this grant application, the Kokopelli ATV Club personnel identified and mapped the GPS coordinates of intersections on key routes between Mesquite, Nevada and Caliente, Nevada, and the Silver State Trails System using Garmin Base Camp. This information was shared with the

BLM Caliente office which then gave us their go-ahead with a Categorical Exclusion (CX) to place signs at the intersections on County/BLM lands. This Categorical Exclusion will allow us to place additional trail and road marking signage with the BLM's approval and without the requirement for further NEPA or other studies.

We also intend to place ten Informational Safety Signs near the entrances of key travel routes to warn travelers of potential dangers (e.g., dehydration, exposure to extreme cold or heat) and suggest equipment and supplies vital to their safety and survival. On these signposts we will post Tread Lightly and/or Pack It In & Pack It Out signs as well. Additionally, we will place BLM signs marking sensitive eco-zones and habitat in areas identified by the BLM. *All signs* will be marked with lettering or stickers stating this is "Your Nevada OHV Dollars at Work".

As we travel the routes, we will pick up trash, identify and communicate any road/trail hazards to the appropriate maintenance personnel in Lincoln County or the BLM. With their permission, we will address minor hazards such as boulders, trees, and minor erosion problems in the roads/trails.

Purchased equipment (OHV trailer and accessories, motorized hammer (REDI Driver) and accessories for driving Carsonite signs), tools and supplies will be kept in a rental storage area (Mayan) in Mesquite or in Club Officers'/Trail Bosses' garages in Mesquite.

The work will be completed between January 2018 and January 2020. It is our intent to complete this work as soon as possible though it is impossible to delineate an exact schedule since it will require multiple trips, using volunteer labor, over two years, in a large geographic area. The timing of volunteer availability will be one scheduling consideration. Weather conditions will also limit work in the high-altitudes near Caliente, Nevada in winter months or lower altitudes near Mesquite, Nevada in the summer months.

Following completion of this project, it is our intent to: continuously maintain the signage we installed, identify other areas where road/trail marking and informational signage are needed in Lincoln and Clark Counties, seek funds to install more signs with greater connectivity to other cities and parks, and develop maps of these routes for public use.

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

X BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails

- ☐ NOHVCC Handbooks

Other: _Sign size and color will be approved by the BLM _____

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

X No ☐ Yes

Number of projects funded: _____

Amount of funding Received: \$_____

Number of projects Completed: _____

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: Lincoln County, Nevada (approximately) 140-160 intersections between Mesquite, Nevada; Caliente, Nevada; and Silver State Trails

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Caliente, Nevada and Mesquite, Nevada

Center of project: (*roughly*) Latitude: N 37° 11.173' Longitude: W 114° 24.061'

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.*

See map supplied by Caliente BLM office with CX

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.)*

See attached photographs of one key entrance to this area/routes from Mesquite Nevada which will get an entrance sign and a Carsonite sign as well as warning visitors about sensitive tortoise habitat in this area.

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) - See attached 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.

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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.***



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Section 4 Budget Page 1

Item Description	Item	OHV Grant Request	Federal	Other	Total
Contracts: studies, planning, design, engineering	Identification of GPS locations from Garman Base Camp map 16 hours \$377 BLM and fish and wildlife study for Categorical Exclusion CX	None. (Pre-grant request planning)	Background work for NEPA & Categorical Exclusion CX. Significant \$	(\$377+) pre-grant Significant	\$ 0
Contracts: construction	Contracted workers, Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps installation of signs. Contract includes; 7, 4 day tours utilizing four-man crews (28, 10 hour days), use of a 4x4 heavy-duty truck, a Polaris Ranger UTV, hourly rates, Per diem and fringe benefits for NCC workers and supplies which are detailed further in attached contract. (See detail below)	\$23,390			\$23,390
Direct labor costs Salaries, including fringe, actual costs	Insurance 30 days x 10 people 2 trail bosses overnight, in Caliente, 10 nights @ \$80/night Per diem at \$46 per day/14 days/ 2 people BLM <i>required</i> tortoise awareness training in Caliente, 12 people at \$12 per diem Per diem for 6-man crew, 6 days, out of Mesquite at \$12	\$800 \$1600 \$1288 \$144 \$432			\$800 \$1600 \$1288 \$144 \$432

Sec. 4 Budget Page 2 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>	Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps in-kind contribution*(see attached contract)			\$8034	\$8034
	Grant Administration (materials and equipment ordering, handling, & storage) 60 hours			\$1414	\$1414
	Accounting (record keeping, monthly billing, accounts payable, etc. 192 hours			\$4524	\$4524
	Sign const./labeling 32,490+ labels 200 hours			\$4712	\$4712
	Trail Boss/ supervision and sign installation; 560 hours @ \$23.56/hour			\$13,194	\$13,194
	6-person crew from Mesquite for sign installation for 5, 8-hour days @ \$23.56/hr			\$5655	\$5655
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment – cost- # of days. <i>Attach estimate or quote.</i>	1 Boskie 2000 UTV dump trailer, electric brakes, includes shipping	\$2631			\$2631
	2 positive ground relay/remote dump switch for trailer @ \$150 each	\$300			\$300
	3 UTV/trailer wiring harnesses @\$46 each	\$138			\$138
	1 bed liner	\$92			\$92
	1 tire and wheel rim	\$120			\$120
	6 stake pockets @\$8.49 each	\$51			\$51
	8 1710 utility D rings @\$6.49 each	\$52			\$52
	4 UTV belts @\$200 each	\$800			\$800
	1 REDIboss78 motorized Carsonite post driver	\$1969			\$1969
	1 Carsonite adapter driver	\$650			\$650
	1 Carrying box for driver	\$249			\$249
	1 O ring repair kit for driver	\$39			\$39
	4 traffic cones @\$50 each	\$200			\$200

Sec. 4 budget Page 3 Purchase of Materials List items & cost of each item or group of items.	3 post drivers @\$150 each	\$450			\$450
	1 post guide tubes @\$175 each	\$175			\$175
	2 post hole drivers @\$295 each	\$590			\$590
	2 post pullers @\$250 each	\$500			\$500
	8 shovels @\$10 each	\$80			\$80
	2 72" bar @\$27 each	\$54			\$54
	3 62" rakes @\$20 each	\$60			\$60
	3 first responder first aid kits @\$150 each	\$450			\$450
	3 trauma PACs @\$20 each	\$60			\$60
	3 Igloo coolers @\$50 each	\$150			\$150
	650 Carsonite 66" sign posts @\$18 each	\$11,700			\$11,700
	26,000 numbers for posts	\$1690			\$1690
	10 custom kiosks, 36X36 two-sided warning signs with BLM Nevada logo, 8'X5" square inch metal posts @\$1000 each	\$10,000			\$10,000
	Mesquite labels 1.5X2" letters, 240 @\$.50	\$120			\$120
	Caliente labels 1.5X2" letters, 240 @\$.50	\$120			\$120
	60 Directional arrow labels	\$51			\$51
	Trash Bags	\$50			\$50
	24 Glove pairs @\$5 each pair	\$120			\$120
	20 hardhats @\$15 each	\$300			\$300
	Miscellaneous supplies	\$100			\$100
	20 trash tongs @\$20 each	\$400			\$400
	30 volunteer T-shirts (Your Nevada OHV Dollars at Work) @\$20 each	\$600			\$600
	Artwork for "Your Nevada OHV Dollars at Work" with NV OHV logo	\$35			\$35
	650 Nevada OHV logo 3" @\$1.50 each	\$975			\$975
	5 Nevada OHV logo "Your OHV Dollars at Work" 10" labels for equipment @\$20ea	\$100			\$100
	650 American flag sign stickers @\$.85 ea	\$553			\$553
	40 Labels-Stay on Designated Routes to Protect Threatened or Endangered Species @\$1.70 each	\$68			\$68
	10 Pack It Out signs @\$5.50 each	\$55			\$55
	10 hearing protectors @\$10 each	\$100			\$100

	1 Garmin 450 GPS	\$400			\$400
Sec. 4 Budget Page 4 Be right Vehicle Gas and Maintenance standard is now at .54 per mile. Estimate miles.	2 Trail bosses traveling 308 miles from Mesquite to Caliente 7 times	\$2328			\$2328
	2 trail bosses working 14 days out of Caliente averaging 80 miles per day	\$1210			\$1210
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	Desert tortoise training in Caliente	\$499			\$499
	3 vehicles times 308 miles each				
	6 person crew out of Mesquite working 5 days in 6 vehicles averaging 80 miles/day	\$1296			\$1296
Other: be specific					
Other: be specific					
Totals		\$70,384		\$38,663	\$109,047
Percentages					100%
<p>*The Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corp. assures the Kokopelli ATV Club and the Nevada OHV Commission that we will have the able-bodied manpower to complete this large project in less than 2 years. The Kokopelli ATV Club and its partnering organizations will provide supervision for this project, administration of the grant, purchasing of materials and supplies, assembly of the signs and transport to the job site, and help with the installation of the signs. Utilizing the Nevada Conservation Corps for this project will reduce costs for per diem, mileage and overnights for volunteer crewmembers.</p> <p>The Boskie 2000 dump trailer is designed to be used behind ATVs and UTVs on narrow, rugged trails. We will use it to haul supplies and equipment to and from our job sites. It will also be utilized for hauling materials for trail maintenance and hauling out trash on this and future grants.</p> <p>We will use daily work logs to track hours of in-kind volunteer service, per diem costs, and mileage.</p>					



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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**.

X 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. *See attached letters from BLM Caliente Field Office and letter from Lincoln County Commissioners.*

- ☐ 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.
As stated later in the application could compel a ATV club is committed to the ongoing maintenance of the signs.

Letters of Support are limited to three (3). Please attach them to the application.

See attached letters from the City of Caliente, the City of Mesquite and Partners in Conservation

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.**
- **See Attached Reformatted Pages**

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.	See attached
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).	See attached
3	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.	See attached

4	<i>Demand for New Facilities:</i> Please describe the justification (the DEMAND) for NEW facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.	See attached
5	<i>Connectivity:</i> 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.	See attached
6	<i>Environmental Studies:</i> please describe how your environmental studies, project/program is in a highly desired area that will result in maintaining or expanding OHV riding areas.	See attached
7	<i>Design for Conservation:</i> 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.	See attached
8	<i>Existing Facilities:</i> 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”.	See attached
9	<i>Leveraged Projects:</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).	See attached
10	<i>Partnering:</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.	See attached
11	<i>Youth and Family Engagement:</i> Please describe how your project/program helps to engage youth and families.	See attached
12	<i>Economic Integration;</i> 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).	See attached
13	<i>Underserved populations:</i> 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)	See attached
14	<i>Maintenance:</i> 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).	See attached
	Additional justification or project history if you feel important and doesn't fit under a criterion listed above.	Not applicable

Section VII Scoring Narrative

1. Public Education, Law Enforcement and 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.*

Public safety is the primary emphasis of this project. First, we want to assure that travelers into remote areas have the proper equipment and supplies for their survival should they or their vehicles become incapacitated. Second, we want them to know where they are at all times to minimize their chances of getting lost and venturing off-road and across country. Marking intersections along their way with road and trail numbers and ultimately creating maps for public use should greatly reduce this possibility.

The kiosk-type signs will be installed at key entrances to remote areas of public lands to warn/educate users of potential dangers (dehydration, exposure to extreme temperatures, etc.) and suggest equipment and supplies useful for their safety, such as a GPS, spare vehicle tires, significant amounts of water, layers of clothing etc.

All 650+ signs will have the Nevada OHV logo on them which will emphasize "Your Nevada OHV Dollars at Work!" Additionally, all signs will have an American flag on them which should decrease vandalism.

The Dunes and Trails ATV Club from Las Vegas and the Partners in Conservation of Logandale have committed to supporting this grant and assisting Kokopelli ATV Club in the installation of these signs. One example of educational benefits is the interest of the FFA teacher for Mesquite High School in having her students work on this as an FFA project. We believe that getting young people involved in this project (which also includes trash pickup) will help future generations learn natural resource stewardship and the importance of protecting the environment.

Lincoln County Search and Rescue (SAR) will be significantly helped by better trail identification to help locate people in need of assistance more quickly.

2. Trail mapping: *Please describe how your project will move public lands in Nevada towards having travel plans completed and will result in trail mapping and creation of maps for the public.*

Currently, the southern part of Lincoln County has no signs marking its county roads or BLM trails. This makes it very dangerous for anyone but locals to venture out in this vast area because they could easily get lost. Mapping for this area will be followed up with additional grant requests after roads and trails have been properly marked.

Kokopelli ATV Club has GPS'ed the coordinates of the key intersections on routes between Mesquite and Caliente, Nevada and the Silver State trails. The majority of Lincoln County trails are in the BLM Travel Management system with numbers assigned; however, some of the existing trails must still be entered into the system before numbers can be assigned for identification purposes on the signs. We will coordinate with the BLM and set priorities for signage installation based on routes already in the Travel Management system and as more are added to the system. Leveraging the GPS work by Kokopelli ATV Club, we will also lobby for the early addition of more identified routes into the system.

3. Access: *Please describe how your project ensures protection of access. Explain what access/opportunities would be lost or restricted.*

if the project doesn't occur.

Continued and improved access for everyone to enjoy and appreciate these natural resource environments is the number one goal for the Kokopelli ATV Club. It is our intent by marking the roads and trails in this vast area to encourage greater recreational use for all, not just OHV.

Safety/informational signs and road and trail markers are anticipated to reduce the possibility for people to become lost and encourage more of the general public to enjoy this great natural resource. The signs should also keep more people on the marked roads and trails and help reduce off-roading in sensitive areas. This should help mitigate some of the concerns of environmentalists.

It is the Kokopelli ATV Club's intent to remove garbage/trash from the marked routes during the project. Additionally, we will be providing minor maintenance on some of the roads and trails and/or notifying BLM in Lincoln County of hazardous conditions.

Expanded use and the economic development brought to the communities of Mesquite and Caliente will reinforce the value of assured access. Without these improvements to address identified needs, access might needlessly be restricted in the future.

4. Demand for new facilities: *Please describe the justification (the demand) for new facility development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.*

While installing trail signs is the primary emphasis of this grant, the mayor of the City of Mesquite has identified the possible availability of one new safe staging area where people could park their vehicles and OHV trailers when traveling southern Lincoln County trails.

5. 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.*

This project would improve connectivity across 85 to 90 miles of open country between Mesquite and Caliente, Nevada. It would also provide connection to the Silver State Trail System and the Kershaw Ryan State Park. There are numerous mines in this area such as the Delamar Mine and its associated ghost town which would be connected to the roads and trails to be marked. These sites should eventually have informational kiosks explaining their historical significance that could be developed with future OHV grants.

6. 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.*

The environmental study for this grant project has already been completed by the BLM office and the favorable results formed the basis for granting a Categorical Exclusion (CX) so that we can place signs on roads and trails throughout Lincoln County without additional studies being done. This is a great aid to the OHV community and will expand OHV use of these trails. Many of the trails that have been used for years in this vast area have never formally been identified and brought into the BLM system. Identifying and marking them will make them part of the OHV system for future generations.

7. 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.*

As part of our partnership with the BLM office in Caliente, they will provide us with signs such as “Tread Lightly”, “Pack It In and Pack It Out”, “Sensitive Habitat Areas -- Stay on Roads/Trails” that we intend to add to our warning signposts at the entrances to key areas. We will also place sensitive habitat signs wherever the BLM would like us to in the areas we are working. This will include stickers on the Carsonite signs we will be placing at intersections in sensitive habitat area for the desert tortoise. Keeping people on the marked roads and trails will help reduce off-roading in sensitive areas.

The BLM will also be providing training for the Kokopelli ATV Club’s key personnel (Trail Bosses) about the desert tortoise and its habitat.

8. Existing Facilities: *Please describe how your project assists in the maintenance and/or rehabilitation of existing facilities. “Taking care of what is already there to protect the investment.”*

The Kokopelli ATV Club feels very strongly about protecting our public lands. As we travel these areas to place signs, we will pick up trash found and/or notify the BLM or the County of significant trash dumps. We also will take high school students with us so they can learn and appreciate what it means to be good stewards of the land.

9. Leveraged Projects: *Please describe how your project leverages private, BLM, USFS, state, local government or in-kind funding, services or donations (considered as investment in the project).*

The BLM will supply us with signs specifically encouraging visitors to be careful not to damage the environment. We will continue conversations with the City of Mesquite regarding providing OHV staging areas. The Kokopelli ATV Club and the clubs in Las Vegas and Logandale are volunteering the services of their members to help with sign installation as a project donation. The Nevada Conservation Corps will provide labor at a discounted rate as an in-kind contribution.

10. 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.*

The Kokopelli ATV Club is partnering with the BLM on this project. The Las Vegas Dunes and Trails ATV Club and Partners in Conservation of Logandale will be working cooperatively with us to install the signs for this project. We will be in contact with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue (SAR) group to get their input on our safety signs and get permission to list them as one of the sign sponsors.

We will also be partnering with the Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps to do significant amounts of this work especially in the hard-to-get-at areas between Caliente and Mesquite. They will provide us with younger laborers for sign installation at a significantly reduced hourly wage and per diem. They will also provide their vehicles and equipment and will camp out for three- or four-day periods in remote areas saving significant amounts of travel time and expense. The Kokopelli ATV club will provide overall supervision for their work and supply them with pre-labeled signs and some tools to help them with the installation. This partnership will assure that this project gets completed in as timely a manner as reasonably possible.

Further, we have engaged in dialogue and solicited letters of support from the City of Caliente, the City of Mesquite, and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. See attached.

11. Youth and Family Engagement: *Please describe how your project helps to engage youth and families.*

The FFA teacher at Mesquite High School, Terri Knight stated that this would be a good project for her students and believes that they would be very interested in participating. Soon after this grant is approved, we will be following up with her to make arrangements for her students to work with us.

12. **Economic Integration:** *Please describe how your project 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).*

See attached letters from the Cities of Caliente and Mesquite.

13. **Underserved Populations:** *Please describe how your project helps to meet the needs of underserved regions and populations (e.g., identify people and neighborhoods without access to trails, establishes outdoor recreation opportunities for them; or creates new recreational opportunities not currently available in the area).*

We strongly believe that marking these roads and trails between Mesquite, Nevada and Caliente, Nevada and ultimately mapping it will provide recreational opportunities for the public (non-locals) who currently would not venture into these vast, unmarked areas for fear of getting lost, seriously injured, or worse.

14. **Maintenance:** *Although this OHV grant requires maintenance of all facilities funded for 25 years or the normal life of the project, we would like you to please describe **how** the project will be maintained and **who** has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or continuation of the service/project.*

The Kokopelli ATV club in partnership with the Caliente BLM office is committed to the ongoing maintenance of these signs after this grant. We have purchased approximately 5 to 10% more signs than believed necessary to use for replacement due to vandalism or future loss. If for some unforeseen reason the Kokopelli Club cannot continue this maintenance, all materials and supplies will be given to the BLM office in Caliente. Besides maintaining the signs, we plan to follow this grant with another for the placement of trail marking and informational signage in Clark County and in Lincoln County to provide connectivity with the cities of Panaca, Pioche, and other state parks such as Beaver Dam State Park, Cathedral Gorge State Park, Echo Canyon State Park, etc.



Nevada Conservation Corps Restoration Crew Cost Estimate



Project Name: **Mequite Caliente OHV Signage** Partnering Organization: Kokopelli ATV Club
 NCC Staff Preparer: Mike Serio **Number of 4-day Tours** **7**
 Date Estimate Prepared: Thursday, October 19, 2017 (4 person crew x 10 hrs/day)

Labor	Hourly Rate	Hours - 1 Tour	Labor - 1 Tour	Total Labor
AmeriCorps Crew leader (1)	\$ 10.00	40	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,800.00
AmeriCorps Crew members (3)	\$ 8.46	120	\$ 1,015.38	\$ 7,107.69
		160	\$ 1,415.38	\$ 9,907.69

Fringe Benefits	Hourly Rate	Hours - 1 Tour	Fringe - 1 Tour	Total Fringe
AmeriCorps Crew leader (1)	\$ 3.61	40	\$ 144.51	\$ 1,011.59
AmeriCorps Crew members (4)	\$ 3.24	120	\$ 388.84	\$ 2,721.89
		160	\$ 533.35	\$ 3,733.48

Vehicle Mileage	Mileage Rate	Miles - 1 Tour	Mileage - 1 Tour	Total Mileage
1 - 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck	\$ 0.54	500	\$ 267.50	\$ 1,872.50
1 - Polaris Ranger 500 Crew UTV	\$ 0.54	120	\$ 64.20	\$ 449.40
			\$ 267.50	\$ 2,321.90

Vehicle Lease	Lease Rate	# of Vehicles	Lease - 1 Tour	Total Vehicle Lease Cost
1 - 4x4 Heavy Duty Crew Truck	\$ 171.25	1	\$ 171.25	\$ 1,198.75
			\$ 171.25	\$ 1,198.75

Perdiem Cost	Daily Rate	# of Days - 1 Tour	Perdiem - 1 Tour	Total Perdiem Cost
	\$ 7.25	16	\$ 116.00	\$ 812.00

Supplies	Total Supplies
Carsonite Sign Driver	\$ 200.00
Pilot Hole Driver	\$ 295.00
Garmin InReach Device	\$ 399.00
Crew Laptop	\$ 200.00

Total Direct Cost:		19,067.82
Total Administrative Costs:	21.30%	4,061.45
TOTAL BUDGET:		23,129.26

Crew Cost per week (40 hour/4-day tour): \$ 3,304.18



Nevada Conservation Corps
Restoration Crew
Matching Contribution



Project Name: **Mequite Caliente OHV Signage**

Partnering Organization: Kokopelli ATV Club

NCC Staff Preparer: Mike Serio

Number of 4-day Tours **7**

Date Estimate Prepared:

Thursday, October 19, 2017

(5 person crew x 10 hrs/day)

In-Kind Contribution - AmeriCorps Volunteers	Volunteer Time		Wage Difference		Hours		Total
	Hourly Value*						
AmeriCorps Crew leader (1)	\$ 23.56	\$ 9.95	\$ 20.00	\$			1,392.61
AmeriCorps Crew members (4)	\$ 23.56	\$ 11.86	\$ 80.00	\$			6,640.54
			\$ 100.00	\$			8,033.15
		Total Match:	\$ 8,033.15				26%
		Total Grant Request	\$ 23,129.26				74%
		Total Project Cost:	\$ 31,162.42				

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



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June 20, 2016

Stan Harger
Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite
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Mesquite, NV 89027

Dear Stan,

I am writing this letter in support of the Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite submitting a grant application to the Nevada OHV Commission to place carsonite signs on the roads and trails in Lincoln County between Mesquite and Caliente. This volunteer project would greatly increase the safety of visitors traveling on these roads and trails, and will bring more visitors and economic development to the City of Caliente. The club plans to pick up trash, remove small road hazards, and place signs informing the public about historical areas, safety issues and environmental concerns.

The City of Caliente has an amazing amount of natural resources surrounding it. Grant money has been awarded to the City, BLM, and State Parks to build 40 miles of mountain bike trails and a mountain bike skill park. The Silver State Trail System plus hundreds of miles of OHV trails are enjoyed by more and more visitors each year. Fishing, hunting, camping, & hiking are also very popular year round. I feel we are located in the middle of an "adventure land". The more educational and safety signage the better!
Good luck on your grant application,

Stana Hurlburt
Mayor, City of Caliente

Categorical Exclusion

DOI-BLM-NV-L030-2017-0011-CX

Kokopelli ATV Club Signs

A. Background

BLM Office: LLNVL03000, Caliente Field Office of the Ely District Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: 8300

Proposed Action Title/Type: ATV signage installation

Location of Proposed Action: Lincoln County, Nevada

Description of Proposed Action:

The goal for this project is to install road and trail marking signs in South East Lincoln County between Mesquite and Caliente, Nevada, which will clarify route connectivity between these two cities for OHV and other vehicles. Between 114 and 152 signs would be placed at 38 locations in desert tortoise habitat, but the overall project will include another 500 to 600 signs north of this habitat area on roads and trails between Mesquite and Caliente, Nevada. The purposes for the signs are to facilitate safe travel (minimizing potential safety issues for lost people) and protecting sensitive habitat by encouraging travelers to stay on marked roads and trails. This is the first phase of a project that will eventually include signs that highlight points of interest and other routes between Mesquite and Caliente. The principal source of volunteers will be the Kokopelli ATV Club with support from other interested volunteer groups throughout the region. Numerous other groups have volunteered to help us in this effort, and they will be welcome. All sign placement will be supervised by Trail Bosses from the Kokopelli ATV Club.

The Carsonite-type signs will meet the BLM/Lincoln County requirements for sign color and lettering/numbering for road or trail designation. These signs have a width of approximately 5 to 6 inches with only a 1/8 inch thickness. The signs will be placed at intersections on the right-of-way for roads and trails or as close as possible to prevent damage by road maintenance equipment. They will be installed using hand equipment purchased from the sign suppliers. Because of the difficult access from Mesquite, we plan to use UTVs and ATVs (rather than pickup trucks) possibly pulling a small ATV trailer carrying signs, supplies, and tools. While it is difficult to estimate the amount of manpower and/or vehicles needed to place the signs throughout Southeastern Lincoln County, we will only stop at each intersection once to place 3 to 4 road/trail marking signs barring unanticipated difficulties. Weather and worker availability will determine the time of year for signs to be installed. Since many of our Kokopelli ATV members in Mesquite, Nevada are "snowbirds", our Club's largest workforce is from October through April. Months when temperatures exceeds 90° (particularly in Southeast Lincoln County at its relatively low altitude) will be avoid for the safety of our volunteers.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: The Ely District Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan, as amended

Date Approved/Amended: Approved August, 2008

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

TM-4: ...Until site-specific implementation plans and route designations are complete, motorized travel will be limited to existing roads and trails except when cross-country travel is needed for safety...(p. 76)

TM-5: Limit motorized vehicle traffic to designated routes within desert tortoise habitat outside of designated wilderness. This action will be given a high priority for completion (see also Appendix D). (p. 77)

TM-9: Manage off-highway vehicles in accordance with the following designations (Map 19; showing wilderness areas as closed to OHV use);

- Off-highway vehicle use limited to designated roads and trails: 10,306,500 acres (p. 78)

REC-9: Continue to provide visitor orientation information, interpretive activities, signage, safety programs, and other visitor outreach activities. Familiarize the public with recreational opportunities throughout the planning area and encourage minimum impact or "Leave No Trace" behavior for recreational activities. (p. 81)

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 (Appendix 4 in NEPA Handbook), G-2 Installation of routine signs, markers, culverts, ditches, waterbars, gates, or cattleguards on/or adjacent to roads and trails identified in any land use or transportation plan, or eligible for incorporation in such plan.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2, Appendix 2 apply. Supporting documentation that the Extraordinary Circumstances were reviewed by appropriate resource specialists is attached. This action qualifies as a categorical exclusion from further NEPA analysis.

D. Approval and Contact Information



Christopher Carlton
Field Manager
Caliente Field Office

7/14/17
Date

Contact Person:

Jon Prescott
Planning and Environmental Coordinator
Caliente Field Office

**Extraordinary Circumstances Review as per BLM Handbook H-1790-1, Appendix 5
(516 DM 2, Appendix 2) Kokopelli ATV Club Signs and DOI-BLM-NV-L030-2017-0011-CX**

<u>Will the Proposed Action:</u>	<u>ID Team Member</u>	<u>Y/N or (NP*)</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Date</u>
2.1 Have significant impacts on public health or safety?	Dave Loan	N	DFL	6/7/17
Rationale: No impacts public health or safety are anticipated because installing signage in the areas proposed would aid users in navigating the roads and two-tracks. OHV riders and recreationists report getting lost and stranded in this area currently without the signage.				
2.2 Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas?	Jessicca Patterson Harry Konwin Andy Gault Blake Baker	N N N	JP HK AG	6/7/17 6/13/2017 6/12/17
Rationale: The crew leads would be trained to recognize and avoid cultural resources during sign installation. Ground disturbance would not exceed the footprint of a carsonite signpost and would not have significant impacts on migratory birds or other ecologically or significant critical areas.				
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102(2)(E)]?	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: This action would be installing routine signage at intersections on established OHV routes between Mesquite and Caliente. The carsonite signs would not interfere with the County's road maintenance schedule or exclude other uses from the area.				
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: Posting carsonite signs at intersections or sections of trail for user benefit is a routine action that would potentially reduce impacts to other resources incurred from driving on un-designated routes. The action of installing the carsonite signs itself does not pose any unique environmental risk to users or resources.				
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: This action would authorize the routine installation of directional carsonite sign posts on designated OHV routes to be carried out by a group of volunteers. Any similar actions would be vetted through the NEPA process and considered for impacts to surrounding resources.				
2.6 Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: The OHV routes that would receive the signage are currently designated and heavily used for recreation and permitted races. Sign installation would help prevent users from getting lost and help keep users on designated routes thus minimizing impacts to the nearby cultural and wildlife resources in the area.				
2.7 Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau or office.	Harry Konwin	N	hk	6/13/2017
Rationale: A CRINA was completed on June 13, 2017. The crew leads would be trained to recognize and avoid cultural resources while installing the carsonite signs.				
2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have	Jessicca Patterson	N	JP	6/7/17

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(516 DM 2, Appendix 2) Kokopelli ATV Club Signs and DOI-BLM-NV-L030-2017-0011-CX**

significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species?				
Rationale: On April 24, 2017, BLM received FWS concurrence on a determination of "will affect, not likely to adversely affect". Mitigation measures include a desert tortoise awareness program to all on-site personnel; the majority of work will be conducted during the less-active season; travel will only be on existing roads and trails; and carsonites will be installed using hand tools with no vegetation disturbance.				
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: This action is a routine maintenance activity for the field office. The signs would be placed outside of the County road maintenance right-of-way; volunteer crew leads would be trained by the CFO staff archaeologist and biologist to avoid cultural and wildlife resources when installing the signs.				
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	Jon Prescott	N	JP	6/1/17
Rationale: Lincoln County does not contain any low income or minority populations as defined under EO 12898.				
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).	Elizabeth Seymour	N	EPS	6/7/17
Rationale: There are no identified Indian sacred sites on the lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Ely District, therefore, this activity would not limit access to, or inhibit the ceremonial use of sites protected by EO 13007.				
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).	Cameron Boyce	N	CB	6/20/17
Rationale: On June 20, 2017 BLM conducted a Noxious & Invasive Weed Risk Assessment. Preventative measures are incorporated into the stipulations of the grant to mitigate the possible spread of noxious weeds and non-native invasive species. Vehicles must be properly cleaned to prevent spreading of noxious and invasive weeds.				

Categorical Exclusion Applied

CX Authority Citation (choose applicable CX authority and add specific citation)

BLM CX 516 DM 11.9 G2 (BLM Handbook H-1790-1 Appendix 4)



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October 16, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners would like to express their support of the Kokopelli ATV Club of Mesquite in their Grant Application to the Nevada OHV Commission. The Kokopelli ATV Club is proposing to provide signage on the trails that extend from Mesquite to Caliente, Nevada. This is a system of more than 300 miles of trails. Because of the extensive amount of miles that is involved with the trails, signage will help to facilitate safe travel, minimize conditions for people to become lost and protect sensitive habitat. In addition to the signage the Club has expressed the ability to do other things that would be a benefit to the area such as pick up and dispose of trash and identify significant road maintenance problems that need attention and report to the appropriate personnel. The signage will also help to improve the connectivity between the two cities and the Silver State Trail that is designated for OHV's and other vehicles. With all of the travel that would be anticipated from these trails it would be an economic benefit to our County.

The Commission feels that this work would only enhance and make our lands more useful, safe and provide beautification to this area.

Thank you,

Paul Donohue, Chairman
Lincoln County Board of Commissioners

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

Documentation of Categorical Exclusion

**DOI-BLM-NV-L030-2017-0011-CX
July, 2017**

Kokopelli ATV Club Signs

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DECISION

Kokopelli ATV Club Signs

Stan Harger

Kokopelli ATV Club

1209 Augusta Hills

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Sign Maintenance

DOI-BLM-NV-L030-2017-0011-CX

It is my decision to approve the sign maintenance and implement the Kokopelli ATV Club's proposal as described below and as documented in the attached *Documentation of Categorical Exclusion of Federal Action* (CX) associated with the proposal.

Background Information:

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April. Months when temperatures exceeds 90° (particularly in Southeast Lincoln County at its relatively low altitude) will be avoid for the safety of our volunteers.

Scoping and Public Involvement:

An Interdisciplinary team from the Caliente Field Office reviewed the proposed action from June 1 to June 20, 2017. Team members determined that this categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. Documentation relating to this review is contained in the attached CX.

Rationale for Decision:

As determined on the associated *Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and Non-statutory Categorical Exclusion of Federal Action*, the proposed action is in conformance with the Ely District Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (August 20, 2008). The Proposed Action has been reviewed by BLM resource specialists and no further environmental analysis is required as none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

Appeal:

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (Board), U. S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of Hearings and Appeals, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed at the Bureau of Land Management, Caliente Field Office, 1400 S Front St., Caliente, NV within 30 days of either of receipt of the decision if served a copy of the document, or otherwise within 30 days of the date of the decision. If sent by United States Postal Service, the notice of appeal must be sent to the following address:

Bureau of Land Management
Caliente Field Office
P O Box 237
Caliente, NV 89008-0237

The appeal may include a statement of reasons at the time the notice of appeal is filed, or the statement of reasons may be filed within 30 days of filing this appeal. At the same time, the original documents are filed with this office, copies of the notice of appeal, statement of reasons, and all supporting documentation also must be sent to each party named in this decision and to the U. S. Department of Interior (DOI) Solicitor at the following address:

Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region
U.S. Department of the Interior
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2753
Sacramento, CA 95825-1890

If a statement of reasons is filed separately from the notice of appeal, it also must be sent to the following location within 30 days after the notice of appeal was filed:

Interior Board of Land Appeals
Office of Hearings and Appeals
U.S. Department of the Interior
801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22203

This decision will remain in effect during the appeal unless a petition for stay is granted. If the appellant wishes to file a petition pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 2931.8 (b) 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that the appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany the notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. If the appellant requests a stay, the appellant has the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or by other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Approved By:



Christopher Carlton
Field Manager
Caliente Field Office

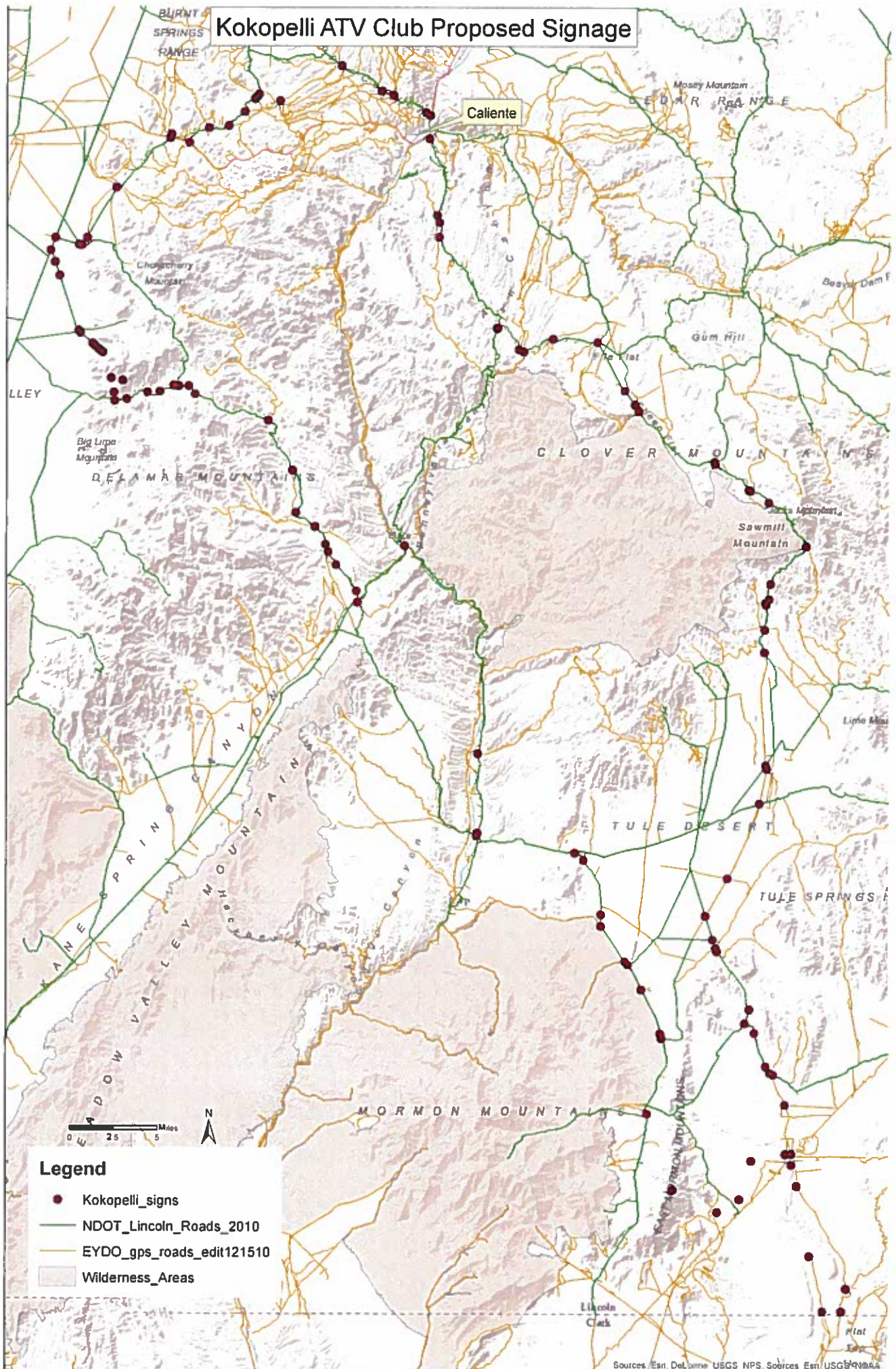
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Attachments

- (1) Documentation of Categorical Exclusion of Federal Action
- (2) Extraordinary Circumstances Review and Rationale

Kokopelli ATV Club Proposed Signage



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October 18, 2017

RE: MESQUITE KOKOPELLI CLUB'S GRANT APPLICATION FOR SIGN INSTALLATION

To Whom It May Concern,

Partners In Conservation (PIC) is honored to write a letter of support for the Mesquite Kokopelli ATV Club's grant application for signage of the multitude of roads between the Clark/Lincoln county border and Caliente. We know this area well and there are hundreds of roads with nary a sign to be seen. Growing up in this area, all of us at PIC have learned the various roads and destinations through the years, but folks that move into this area or visit it are overwhelmed by the sheer number of roads and especially by the fact that many roads intersect and criss-cross each other through Beaver Dam Wash, Tule Desert, East Mormon Mountains, around Lime Mountain, and up, over and across Clover Mountain. A life-time of traveling and camping around Sam's Camp and my husband and I can still take the wrong road and have to backtrack—it is amazing that more people do not get seriously lost over the years.

The Mesquite ATV Club has been talking about installing directional signs on these roads for a while and with Stan Hargar taking the lead, they are now ready to submit a grant request to fund this effort. Stan has decades of experience working with the Forest Service in California on road and public access issues and he is very familiar with working with government entities. Signage is a proven asset to visitors and to the habitat as people stay on roads when they are not lost or confused. Signage is also a benefit to the local economies of Mesquite, Moapa Valley, and Caliente. All the rural communities in Lincoln County need every bit of economic stimulus they can get and signing a network of fun routes from Mesquite to Caliente would bring more visitors to their area. These roads that need to be signed go through such a variety of landscapes and ecosystems from desert washes to ponderosa pines and there are so many roads intersecting back and forth that people can explore an almost endless selection of routes – if they know where they are going and where they have been – hence the serious need for signage.

PIC has extended our support, not only with a letter of support, but also as a partner in helping them with this grant. We are available for whatever we can do to assist them in this worthy, but complex project. Thank you for considering their grant and we urge the commission to understand its need and worth. If we can answer questions or provide more information, please don't hesitate to ask. As a last reminder, southern Nevada is lacking in signage and the simplest of amenities on 'regular' public land; our NCA's, Lake Mead, and Mount Charleston have had ample attention and money, but when it comes to BLM multiple-use land, we need so much. Signage is one of the basic needs we are seriously lacking.

Sincerely,

Elise McAllister, Administrator for PIC

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Stock Tanks Near Beaver Dam Wash



Google Earth

2000 ft

This Google Earth picture shows numerous trails and roads in area just a few miles north of Mesquite Nevada near Three Corners where Arizona Utah and Nevada meet. Without signs marking these trails/roads it is real easy to get lost.



These pictures depict a key entry just north of Mesquite into Lincoln County. At this location there would be an entrance sign warning people of entering this area without being properly equipped. Also, there would be a carsonite sign identifying the trail number and that this is desert tortoise habitat.

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Stock Tanks Near Beaver Dam Wash

360



2000 ft



October 30, 2017

Stan Harger
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Mesquite, NV 89027

Re: Grant Application to Place Trail Signage

The City of Mesquite supports your grant application to the Nevada OHV Commission to place carsonite signs on the roads and trails in Lincoln County between Mesquite and Caliente.

These signs would greatly increase the safety of visitors traveling on these roads and trails and enhance riders' experience in the region. We also appreciate club efforts to beautify the trails and make them more traversable.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Allan S. Litman".

Allan S. Litman
Mayor

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