

**NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION
Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles
Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

This application has FIVE sections which are all REQUIRED to be filled out in full. To avoid disqualification, all application areas must be concise and complete; certifications must be signed and dated. Applications missing required information will be returned to applicants for correction if identified before submission deadline for resubmittal before the deadline.

SECTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

- 1. Project Name:** Stagecoach OHV Trail grant
- 2. Project Timeline:** August 2023 – December 2024
- 3. Applicant Name:** Southern Nye County Conservation District

Mailing address: PO BOX 631 Beatty, NV 89003

Phone: 775-277-0509

Email: matthew.rader@tnc.org

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

- ☐ Partnership
- ☐ Non-Profit
- ☐ For-Profit
- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Federal
- ☒ State
- ☐ County
- ☐ Local
- ☐ Municipal
- ☐ Other (specify): add here.

*If legal entity, must include proof of good standing in the entity's state of incorporation is required.
([NAC 490.1345](#))*



06/08/2023

Applicant Signature Date
(Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)

- 5. Project Manager:** Matthew Rader

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Phone:775-277-0509

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Alternate Contact: Melany Aten

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Phone:775-625-0901

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

- ☐ Federally Managed Public Land (see **Note*** below)
- ☐ County
- ☐ City
- ☒ Private Land Owned by TNC
- ☐ Lease: Attach copy of lease with expiration date.
- ☐ R&PP: Attach copy of lease with expiration date.
- ☐ Other (specify): Click or tap here to enter text.

****NOTE:** If the proposed project is to be carried out on public land, attach any applicable written agreement with any government entity having jurisdiction over that land, including permits, leases, easements, and rights-of-way. ([NAC 490.135](#))*

7. Landowner / Public Lands Manager Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address: The Nature Conservancy 639 Isbell Rd Reno, NV 89509

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Email: matthew.rader@tnc.org

8. The Landowner (Public Lands Manager) Must provide a letter that includes:

a) For Public Lands - A letter of support for impacting the land from the governmental entity having jurisdiction. ([NAC 490.135](#))

b) For Private Land – Documented Interest in the land - *Proof of ownership, lease, rental, easement, right-of-way, written agreement or other legal instrument, scope inclusive to document ability to complete the proposed project; and to operate and maintain the proposed project for a period of not less than 25 years after its completion or for the normal life of the project, whichever is longer.*

9. Project Costs:

List grant request and matching funds directly related to the project:

State OHV Grant Request:\$22,015.00

Matching Funds: \$20,035.00

Total Project Amount:\$42,050.00

10. What are the sources or Partners for your leveraged (matching) funds?

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

☒ Other: Describe additional funding source(s) TNC partner inkind matching through labor and project oversight. DCNR CD staff program inkind for project oversight and grant management.

11. Contemporary letters of support are required (attach to grant proposal):

- a) Provide documentation from **Project Partners**, if not included elsewhere in this application, agreeing to provide matching funds or effort.
- b) TWO Letters of support from Non-profit organizations.

12. Project Type: check all that apply: ([NRS 490.069 Sec.2c](#))

- ☒ Studies or planning for trails and facilities for use by owners and operators of off-highway vehicles.
- ☒ Mapping and signing of trails and facilities.
- ☐ Acquisition of land for 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 and features ancillary to a trail.
- ☐ Safety training and education related to the use of off highway vehicles and registration.
- ☐ Efforts to improve compliance with and enforcement of the requirements relating to off-highway vehicles. ([OHV Enforcement Statistics Form](#) & [NRS 490 Memo](#))

13. TRAIL or FACILITY USERS:

Describe how this project impacts other trail users, communities, or others in outdoor recreation, include conflict mitigation strategy if necessary

- Enhance flood protection for residential and commercial properties in the Town of Beatty by protecting ongoing restoration of vegetation/ecosystem functions.
- Enhance greenbelt and provide for non-motorized river trail system, in Town of Beatty, which will attract and retain tourists, increase recreational opportunities for residents and increase property values.
- Reduce chances of federal endangered species listing of Amargosa Toad and other endemic aquatic species.

14. SCOPE of WORK:

- a) Provide description of project, with quantitative goals including applicable components e.g.,

studies, planning, mapping, trail & facility description, course or service provided, equipment maintenance, storage. storage studies, if applicable

- 1) Install perimeter fencing around Stagecoach River parcel (parcel 4 in figure 1) to protect river habitat from incompatible vehicle use.
- 2) Install signage indicating alternative and allowed OHV trail near parcel.
- 3) Create a low-maintenance passive walking trail system through the parcel to encourage tourist visitation as well as resident use to increase the appreciation of the benefits of a properly functioning and diverse riparian corridor.

b) What is the timeline for completing this project within 24 months of an award. ([NAC 490.1375](#)):

- 1) Hiring fencing company for installation by Nov 1 2023.
- 2) Develop signage information and mark locations for installation by Nov 1 2023.
- 3) Mark out the low-maintenance walking trail system through parcel but Nov 1 2023.
- 4) Install fencing and signage indicating alternative and allowed OHV trail near parcel by March 1 2023.
- 3) Build low-maintenance passive walking trail system through the parcel by May 1 2023.

15. STANDARDS/GUIDELINES - that will be applied to your project:

a) How does your project conform to *Local, County, State or Federal* guidelines, plans, processes, or zoning?

Project has been discussed locally for a long time and has consensus across all parties that the trails need to be identified and the sensitive areas need to be protected from increased traffic. Local partners and the conservation district have been discussing these impacts for a long time and have been working with The Nature Conservancy to address some impact to the sensitive areas and species.

The long term goals in this area to create a walking path through the area to increase tourism and recreation and to provide direct and improved access to the approved ATV and UTV trailheads that are designated on BLM lands.

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

☒ No

☐ Yes, if yes, complete the questions below:

Number of Projects Funded: 0

Amount of Funding Received: 0

Number of Projects Completed: n/a

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: Nye

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Beatty

Center of project: Latitude & Longitude: 36.319443, -116.75530

Include Electronic Files: (.KMZ/.KML .GPX or SHP)

Required Maps:

For all maps, include a legend, north arrow, scale, and map name. Topographic maps preferred and maps larger than 11"x17" will not be accepted. You may include *additional* aerial/google maps.

1. General location map (showing project area within the state or county)
2. Detail map indicating specific project elements (e.g., structures, trail alignment)

Attach the following photographs:

At least two (2) overviews of the project area from different angles and distances.

NOTE: 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 **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 attach the EA or EIS)
- ☒ Not applicable

SECTION IV - BUDGET

Proposed Budget: Provide your budget details to include, at a minimum, the items in the following table. You may create your own spreadsheet and attach to the application.

Your budget must align clearly with your scope of work from Section 1, #14. Be specific, as your application will rate higher.

Reminder: Include all sources of funds for the completion of the project including federal, in-kind, private/city/county and state funds.

Attach copies of estimates to support your budget and identify what each contract will include.

EXAMPLE BUDGET

Item Description	OHV Grant Request	Matching Funds / Contributor	Total Cost
Contracts: Environmental studies			
Contracts: design, engineering & construction			
Direct labor costs: Salaries, including fringe, actual costs			
Volunteer or donated labor/in-kind # Hrs. skilled labor @\$27.20/hr. Note: Not required but is important for scoring higher			
Purchase or rental of equipment - Specify type of equipment – cost- # of days. <i>Attach estimate or quote.</i>			
Materials – Purchase or rental of materials for project			
Travel Costs, Hotel Nights, Per-diem			
Vehicle gas and maintenance standard is now at .655 per mile. Estimate miles.			
Other: (Specify)			
Totals			
Percentages			100%

SECTION V – PRIORITIES AND SCORING NARRATIVE

Grants will be scored based on answers to the Ten (10) criteria listed below. Each criteria carries a weight determined by the OHV Commission and voted upon during the public meeting for this application. See grant scoring sheet , with Grant announcement for weights.

1. Planning, Environmental Studies, Conservation: *Describe how the environmental studies,*

conservation and/or planning will mitigate resources impacted by OHV recreation. How will your project contribute to the conservation of our natural resources, while enhancing OHV opportunities? ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\).1,6,7](#))

This project strongly supports conservation of natural resources in the Amargosa River channel while providing opportunities for OHV recreation. The project will enhance over a decade of restoration effort along the river channel by excluding OHV traffic from the sensitive riparian habitat. Signage and physical improvements to a dedicated river crossing will ensure continued access to OHV trails in the Beatty area. The access point is a popular kick-off point for “poker” rides and recreational travellers. The buildout of a walking trail through the sensitive river section will ensure continued access for individuals to connect and recreate appropriately.

- 2. Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities:** *If a mapping component is included in the grant, describe how it will be integrated with the current web mapping application found on OHV.NV.GOV ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\).2](#))*

This project would provide an access point to Indian Springs Well Rd, a recommended route on OHV.NV.GOV . Signage would display a copy of the Beatty Trails V.2 with an indicator of current location.

- 3. Demand for New Facilities:** *Provide justification for NEW facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities. ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\).3,4](#))*

The Stagecoach section of the Amargosa River needs these proposed recreational and conservation improvements. These improvements would provide multiple user groups easier and safer access to the river. Hikers and bikers would benefit from the designated trailhead and signage. OHV users would also benefit from improved access across the river corridor. Trailhead improvements provide environmental stewardship benefits by directing users to designated areas and away from sensitive habitat, discouraging unauthorized vehicle use, and reducing erosion caused by lack of existing facilities.

- 4. Enhancement or Maintenance of existing trails and facilities:** *How will maintenance needs be prioritized and how often will your project hold a maintenance/ trails enhancement event? HOW will your project be maintained and WHO has committed to the ongoing maintenance of the facility or trail (note: a minimum of 2 maintenance/ trail events are required per year). ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\).3,4,5,6](#))*

Fence repairs and trail maintenance will be performed by the property owner, The Nature Conservancy, under the direction of the Amargosa River project manager in partnership with local volunteers, the Southern Nye County Conservation District, and Beatty General Improvement District. We currently have a yearly Amargosa River cleanup event every April. The Amargosa River project manager also performs maintenance as necessary on a

minimum monthly basis.

- 5. Connectivity/Loops:** *How will the project impact connectivity of OHV trails, facilities, and local communities? Include maps of areas impacted by your project and describe those impacts. ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\) 2,5,6](#))*

This project will promote access across the river to a robust OHV trail network while protecting private property undergoing river restoration. There are plans for numerous mountainbike, hiking, and OHV trails around Beatty on public and private lands. This project will form several important connections 1) OHV access from US95 across the Amargosa River to trails on the west side of US95 2) walking access to along the Amargosa River 3) protection of sensitive habitat to ensure goodwill for continued OHV recreation.

- 6. Access:** *Describe how your project improves OHV access in the project area. Explain what access/opportunities would be lost or restricted if the project does not occur. ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\) 6,7](#))*

The project will create a designated access point to cross the Amargosa River. Currently, OHV users drive down the river channel causing disturbance to the species inhabiting the river channel. Oasis Valley speckled dace and the Amargosa Toad rely on the river habitat for breeding and feeding. If access is not controlled via fencing and designated crossing point- the access may point may be cut off entirely. This project represents an important coordination between conservation and recreation goals.

- 7. Training:** *Describe the goals and objectives of your public safety training program. Is it a nationally recognized certification? What sets your safety training program apart from the others? ([NRS 490.069, 8](#))*

This project does not include a training program.

- 8. Law Enforcement Strategy that addresses registration enforcement, including Public Education & Outreach aimed at increasing renewals and new registrations:** *How will your project increase the number of OHV registrations on the district. How will the equipment and time be used to increase OHV safety and awareness? Reference the Law Enforcement Statistics reporting form. ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\) 8, 9](#))*

The project will, in part, highlight local OHV, hiking, and biking trails. Signage will include language describing safety, awareness, and appropriate registration. With increased awareness of opportunities for recreation there will likely be more interest in pursuing OHV registration to access the trails. Additionally, by facilitating a point of access, enforcement will have a less scattered area to interact with users.

- 9. Partnering and Leverage:** *Who else is involved in this project? Describe outreach with stakeholders, partners and local governments, that you have communicated with in planning this project. ([490.068, 3 \(g\) 2,3](#))*

The Southern Nye County Conservation District is partnering with The Nature Conservancy, Beatty General Improvement District, STORM-OV, local business owners, and private property owners whose property is along the project border. Local partners and the conservation district have been discussing this project for a long time and have been working with The Nature Conservancy to address various impacts to the river including unauthorized OHV trails. The long term goals in this area is to increase tourism and recreation by providing a walking path and to provide direct and improved access to the approved ATV and UTV trailheads designated on BLM lands.

10. Economic Integration: *How will this project improve OHV recreation opportunities that help local, regional, or state economies grow? ([NRS 490.069 2.\(c\) 7.5](#))*

It is important to integrate various forms of recreation for the local, regional, and state economy. Implementing this project will provide better OHV access, provide a new recreation walking trail, and support conservation. Connectivity between these forms of recreation will attract a broad swath of users to Beatty which will support our local businesses. Beatty, which bills itself as the Gateway to death Valley, is highly dependent on tourism. This project incorporates signage, conservation, OHV access enhancement that will help leverage Beatty's incredible natural and cultural landscape for economic benefit.

Budget

Item Description	OHV Grant request	Matching Funds/ Contributor	Total Cost
Contract Labor	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
Volunteer labor at \$27.20/hr		\$4,500 / TNC Project manager time	\$4,500.00
Volunteer labor at \$27.20/hr		\$5,440.00 Volunteers with TNC to install	\$5,440.00
Volunteer labor at \$27.20/hr		\$2,000 Equipment operator with TNC	\$2,000.00
Material purchased:			
T Posts 6.5 ft qt 150	\$995.00		\$995.00
6 inch treated wood posts qt.120	\$3,600.00		\$3,600.00
Woven Field fence 330 foot qt. 10	\$3,100.00		\$3,100.00
6 foot gates qt. 5	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
12 foot gate qt. 3	\$600.00		\$600.00
Hi Tensile Barbed Wire qt. 3	\$220.00		\$220.00
Signage qt 3	\$3,300.00		\$3,300.00
Smooth wire hi tensile qt 4	\$400.00		\$400.00
3 Point Field Fence tool tractor mount	\$600.00		\$600.00
4 Pallets concrete 60#	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Materials donated:		\$300.00 3 rolls high tensile wire in kind SNCCD	\$300.00
		\$1,600.00 1500 feet field fence in kind SNCCD	\$1,600.00
		\$5,200 Cedar Split rail 200 feet in kind	\$5,200.00
		\$995.00 150 t posts in kind SNCCD	\$995.00
Totals:	\$22,015.00	\$20,035.00	\$42,050.00
Percentages	52.40%	47.60%	100.00%



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Subject: 2023 Summer OHV Grant Application Letter of Support

Dear OHV Grant Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of The Southern Nye County Conservation District's (SNCCD) grant application for proposed recreational developments and protective fencing on TNC land along a section of the Amargosa River corridor known as the Stagecoach Property. SNCCD's proposed project would enhance recreation opportunities while strengthening the conservation of sensitive riparian habitat. The project would expand conservation protection, informational signage and improve pedestrian, cycling, and OHV access. The Stagecoach section of the Amargosa River needs these proposed recreational and conservation improvements which would provide multiple user groups easier and safer access to the river. Hikers and bikers would benefit from the designated trailhead and signage. OHV users would also benefit from improved access across the river corridor. Trailhead improvements provide environmental stewardship benefits by directing users to designated areas and away from sensitive habitat, discouraging unauthorized vehicle use, and reducing erosion caused by lack of existing facilities. The Nature Conservancy supports SNCCD's grant request for proposed improvements. The SNCCD and TNC will continue to work together to ensure appropriate management of the Stagecoach area and ensure project completion.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (775) 277-0509.

Sincerely,

Matt Rader

06/08/2023

Amargosa River Project Manager

The Nature Conservancy



DCNR Nevada Department of
Conservation and Natural Resource

Conservation District Program
3275 Fountain Way,
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Subject: Southern Nye County Conservation District OHV project in Beatty, NV.

Dear OHV Commission and Grant Committee:

Please find this letter in support of a great project proposal for a multipurpose project in Southern Nevada. The Southern Nye County Conservation District has been working with partners to protect and enhance a section of sensitive Amargosa river habitat, while also encouraging the use of outdoor recreation in this small rural community. This outstanding project will promote the protection of a sensitive area reducing impact on sensitive wildlife species and sensitive soils while increasing tourism with a walking path and provide better direction to safer trail access for residents and visitors on OHVs.

My staff and I will work with SNCCD and their partners to install fencing and provide informational signage for all users. I think this is a great project that meets any objectives for many outdoor enthusiasts. The Conservation District Program looks forward to seeing this project be funded and have it be a first step to many more investments in outdoor recreation in this community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. 775-625-0901

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melany Aten", is written over a light blue circular background.

Melany Aten

DCNR Conservation District Program Manager



06-08-2023

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

RE: Stagecoach OHV Grant 2023

Dear Commissioner's:

The above stated off-highway project has my approval as of
(06/06/2023).

I have read the Request for Grant Application package and attachments, I agree with the application and the terms of the grant. I am committed to maintaining the facility and will allow for motorized access to those facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project, whichever is greater. I agree to provide any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to me.

I hold interest in the subject land that is sufficient in scope and authority to allow the applicant to complete the proposed project and operate and maintain the proposed project after its completion.
(Amargosa River Project Manager TNC.)

The project is located on private land and is in conformance with the appropriate land management permits, licenses, clearances, and

Federal environmental analyses documentation necessary to comply with local, state and/or federal laws specifically, NRS 490.069.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (775) 277-0509) or by email at (matthew.rader@tnc.org)

Sincerely,

(Signature) 

06/08/2023

Matthew Rader

Amargosa River Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy

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Phone: 775-277-0509

Stagecoach OHV Project

The following images present a “trail level” and aerial view of the Stagecoach project area.
Maps are included as well.

Project Name:	Stagecoach OHV Project
Project Duration:	12 months

Proposed east side of Amargosa River crossing view of US95



Looking south at proposed walking trail corridor.



West side of proposed Amargosa River crossing.

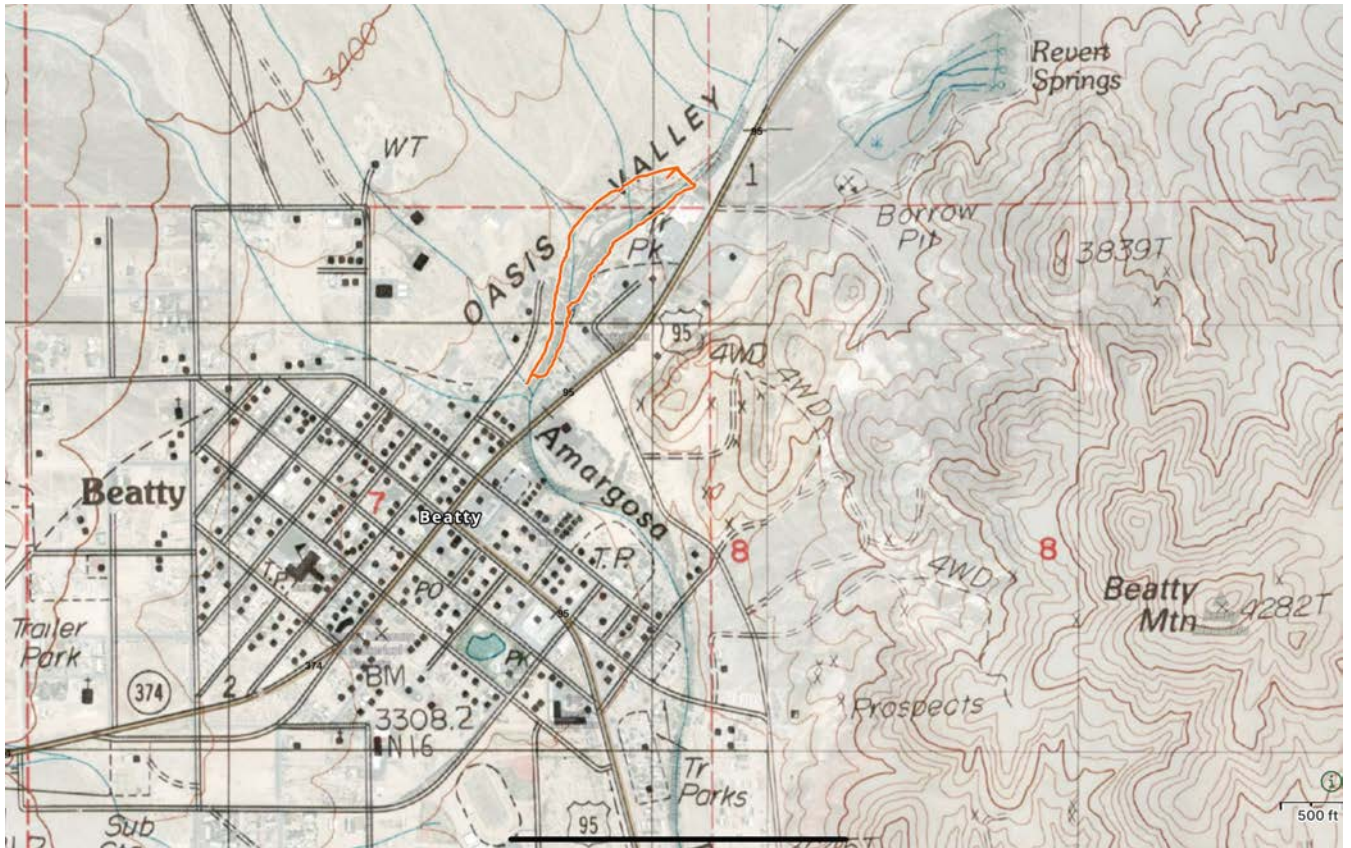




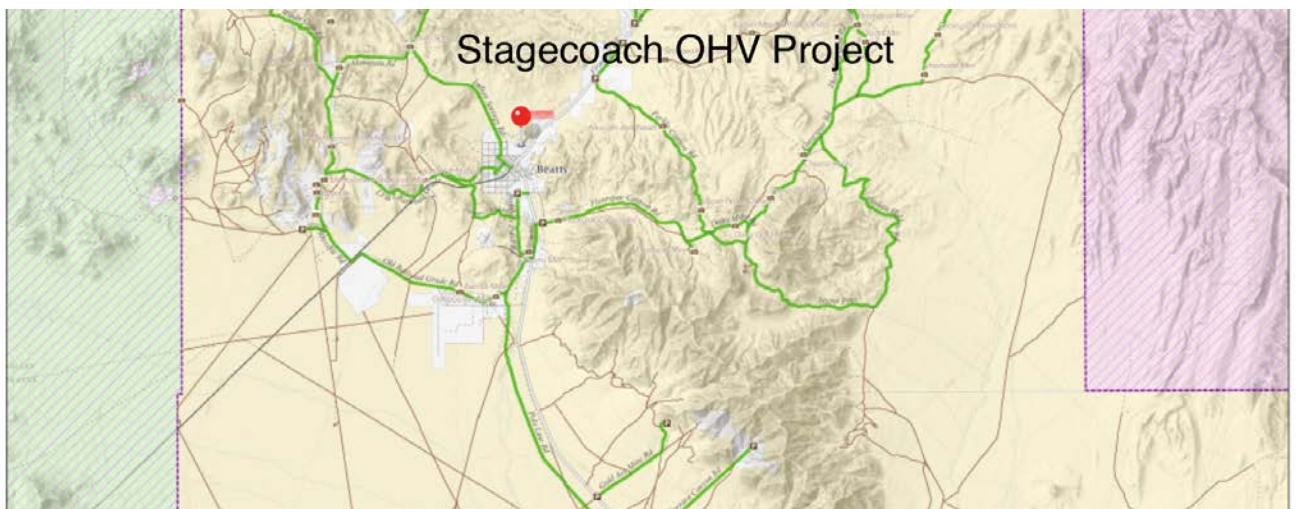
Trail level view of river habitat to be protected.



Stagecoach OHV Topo



Location of project at red pin





Sensitive area outlined in red and proposed fence location.



Sensitive area outlined in red and proposed fence location. Signs will be placed at each end to direct OHV traffic to trailhead. And an informational sign will be in the enclosed area on walking path for tourists.