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 INFO	<u>ORMATION</u>
1.	Project Name: Tread Lightly! Nevada - 2024	
2.	Project Timeline: Mar. 1, 2024 – Dec. 31, 2025	
3.	Applicant Name: Tread Lightly!, Inc.	
	Mailing address: 801 Robinson Dr, #400 North Salt Lake, Utah 84054 Phone: 801-627-0077 Email: danielle@treadlightly.org	2930
4.	Classification of Applicant: (check one)	
	Partnership Non-Profit For-Profit Individual Federal State County Local Municipal Other (specify): add here.	
If l	legal entity, must include proof of good standing in the entity's state of t	incorporation is required.
(<u>N</u>	AC 490.1345)	
Z	Danielle Fowles-McNiwen	01/05/2024
-	pplicant Signature hairperson/President/Authorized Official)	Date

5. Project Manager: Laura Butcher

Mailing address: 9763 Pachuca Drive Reno, NV 89521

Phone:775-304-7186

Email: Laura@treadlightly.org

Alternate Contact: Danielle McNiven

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Phone:801-558-0350

Email:Danielle@treadlightly.org

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

⊠Federally Managed Public Land (see **Note*** below)

⊠County

□ City

☐ Lease: Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

□ R&PP: Attach copy of lease with expiration date.

⊠Other (specify):The request will predominantly support educational efforts and attendance at outreach events. While signage projects may involve ground disturbance, this will not be known until suitable locations have been identified and confirmed.

*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 Public Lands Managers identified once projects are confirmed.

Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone: Click or tap here to enter text. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

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:\$112,560.00 Matching Funds: \$10,870.00 - Additional funding has been requested through NV RTP and funding from the BLM NV State Office will also be pursued. Total Project Amount:\$123,430.00 10. What are the sources or Partners for your leveraged (matching) funds? ☐ Federal □ Private \boxtimes In-kind □ City \Box County ⊠Other: Describe additional funding source(s) Tread Lightly! 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.

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

⊠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)

The Tread Lightly! message and ethic will impact other trail users by providing outdoor recreation ethics education to improve understanding and cooperation between enthusiast groups. Tread Lightly! manages this education through the use of the T.R.E.A.D. Principles, which apply to all recreationists. The Principles include components of trail etiquette including keeping noise and dust to a minimum, slowing down to allow people to pass you, being kind and courteous, yielding, etc. The Principles will be included in kiosk, trail and wayfinding signage, social media, the education poster program and any outreach events attended.

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

Tread Lightly! has applied for funding from the Recreational Trails Program to continue to support the salary of an in-state program manager. The funding model is designed to be a 3tiered collaborative effort between agencies which helps to ensure cooperation and project alignment. We are requesting funding from the NV Commission of Off-Highway Vehicles to fund the supplies and materials for the state program and we are working with the Bureau of Land Management to develop a funding request to support the communications efforts. The Tread Lightly! Program Manager will perform outreach and provide educational programming with local clubs and enthusiasts to promote responsible recreation to the residents and visitors of Nevada. Programming includes safety / regulatory messaging (helmet use, speed, size restrictions, driving under the influence, etc.), vehicle registration promotion, and ethics education including the protection of cultural and heritage resources., Additionally, the Program Manager will coordinate with state and federal land management agencies to develop signage projects, identify messaging needs, and plan social media and other communications messaging campaigns. The Program Manager will also be responsible for recruiting volunteers for on-the-ground conservation projects, developing relationships with industry partners including motorsports events and event promoters.

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

March, 2024 - Award

April – June, 2024 – Purchase campaign materials and supplies

April, 2024 – December, 2025 - Coordinate with local, state, and federal land managers to

identify messaging and material needs

April, 2024 – December 2025 – Identify and design signage

April, 2024 – December 2025 – Social media campaign / ads

June, 2024 – December, 2025 – Disseminate campaign materials

June, 2024 – December, 2025 – Attend outreach events

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?

Tread Lightly! is the motorized ethics message utilized by the Federal land management agencies.

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

 \square No

 \boxtimes Yes, if yes, complete the questions below:

Number of Projects Funded:2

Amount of Funding Received: \$137,478.00

Number of Projects Completed:1completed, 1in-process

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: Statewide

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Statewide

Center of project: Latitude & Longitude:Statewide

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 aerials help the scoring committee to understand the location, depth and breadth of your project.

SECTION III – FEDERAL LANDS OR OTHER

Federal Environmental Compliance:

A. If Federal funds or Land are a part of the project and NEPA was completed, indicate which document was produced, and 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. Attach estimate or quote.			
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)

Tread Lightly! is a national nonprofit dedicated to promoting responsible outdoor recreation through ethics education and stewardship projects in order to reduce conflict and minimize environmental impacts by improving the behavior of all outdoor recreation enthusiasts. Tread Lightly! delivers and implements educational outreach, materials and programs with strategies, priorities and objectives outlined through a collaborative process with program partners in order to conserve our national resources and enhance OHV opportunities.

Started by the US Forest Service in 1985, specifically to address the impacts of motorized travel on America's public lands, Tread Lightly! has become the motorized ethic utilized by the Federal Land Management agencies through a non-expiring Memorandum of Understanding.

Incorporating the Tread Lightly! message into Nevada's OHV program will contribute to the conservation of Nevada's natural resources by providing consistent ethics education messaging and opportunities for enthusiasts to participate in stewardship projects. Informed recreationists are more likely to mitigate their impacts and improve their behavior in order to protect access to recreational areas.

Tread Lightly! works with a variety of stakeholders across the nation to foster stewardship and responsible use as a key component of recreation. We are uniquely positioned to bring government, industry, and the public together to cooperate on public lands projects-leveraging existing relationships to provide the greatest return on investment.

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)

Tread Lightly! will continue to collaborate with state and federal agency partners as well as local enthusiast groups, including "friends of" groups and industry contacts to plan, develop and install signage across the state of Nevada with consistent messaging that addresses responsible, ethical, sustainable use of the trails. Messages will be based on the TREAD principles:

Travel Responsibly, Respect the Rights of Others, Yourself. Educate Avoid Sensitive Areas and Your Part. Do

The signage projects are done in stages, which include, identifying existing signage (where necessary assessments have already been performed), where content needs to be updated and signs or kiosks need to be replaced or repaired. The future stage will include identifying

areas in need of new signage and kiosks and would include any required assessments. Sign design will be determined on a case by case basis to meet the needs of each unique area, but may include the following elements: maps, boundaries, fire messaging, sensitive areas, points of interest, habitat and wildlife information and other details identified by stakeholders. Examples of recent signage projects are attached to this application.

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)

Tread Lightly! will continue to support the various OHV staging areas, motorsports and off-road parks being built throughout Nevada. Recently Tread Lightly! provided the signs for the new OHV Staging Area in Tonopah. Continuing the consistent messaging in areas such as this is an important component of educating recreationists via the TREAD principles. Tread Lightly! also has a vital role in the development of the NV OHV Youth Helmet program. This program is incredibly important for the education and safety of young outdoor recreationists who carry this base of knowledge with them into adulthood and then pass along the knowledge and habits to future generations of OHV users to come. Additionally, the Nevada OHV Education Instructor Certification program is expanding and Tread Lightly! is anticipating continued involvement as there are increasing opportunities for classes throughout the state.

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)

Part of Tread Lightly!'s mission is to promote responsible use through conservation projects. The Tread Lightly! Nevada Program Manager works with agency and enthusiast partners to identify areas of concern and coordinate restoration or stewardship projects to address the issue on a case-by-case basis. Tread Lightly! projects may include but are not limited to: general maintenance of trails and trail facilities, litter removal, signage replacement, revegetation, trail/route delineation, etc. The Nevada Program Manager will also work with Tread Lightly! leadership to identify and engage private industry partners to contribute to these efforts.

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 not directly impact the connectivity of OHV trails, facilities and local communities. However, each of these would benefit from the Tread Lightly! project through increased education and facilities improvements.

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)

Tread Lightly!'s messaging is an integral component of preserving access to OHV recreationists. Education and outreach are necessary in order to provide information to enthusiasts that empowers them to make good decisions, which results in positive outcomes.

Without clear, consistent ethics messaging or resources, enthusiasts are more likely to cause unintentional damage to natural areas out of ignorance which often leads to closures.

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)

TREAD Trainer courses: The Nevada Program Manager will facilitate TREAD Trainer and Master TREAD Trainer courses as well as Tread Lightly! Awareness courses and Tread Lightly! overviews.

The TREAD Trainer program is a national train-the-trainer program and is the only training kind motorized recreational activities. its for include: Courses 101 Tread Lightly! Kids TL! online animated quiz-TL! Kids matching game

Tread Lightly!'s Nevada Program Manager has also completed the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicle Education Instructor Certification as a Master Instructor. Tread Lightly! has since begun facilitating train-the-trainer programs for the USFS, in partnership with Nevada Offroad Association and Nevada Outdoor School.

Tread Lightly! will secure ethics messaging sponsorships at several widely attended events. Ethics messaging sponsorships place educational messages regarding the responsible, sustainable use of OHV's in event programs, live PA announcements, event websites, social media, and in the hands of event participants. Possible events:

- The MINT 400
- Nevada Championship Series (VORRA and Legacy Racing Association)
- Valley Off Road Racing Association (VORRA) full series, including youth races
- Southern Nevada Off Road Enthusiasts (SNORE) Rage at the River, Battle at Primm
- Hump 'N' Bump
- 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)

Tread Lightly! will increase the number of OHV registrations by coordinating with the OHV provide registration information The Nevada Program Manager will continue to promote safe and responsible motorized use. The TREAD principles include messaging about obeying all local, state, and federal laws. The principles address several of the infractions on the OHV Enforcement Patrol Statistics Form including but not limited to: driving under the influence, maintaining control of your vehicle, utilizing proper safety gear including seatbelts, helmets and eye protection, traveling at safe speeds, yielding, obtaining all necessary permits including OHV stickers and vehicle registration. outfitting vehicles with required equipment. all The Nevada Program Manager will continue to have an active role in the NV OHV Youth Helmet program as a primary form of public education and outreach.

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 (a) 2,3)

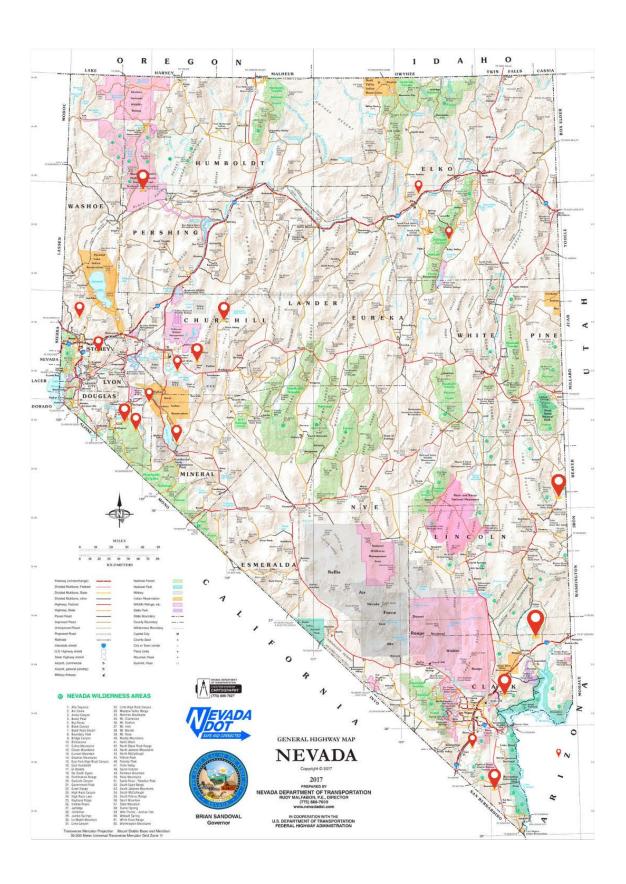
Tread Lightly! has worked closely with other groups such as Nevada Offroad Association, Nevada Outdoor School, Vegas Valley 4Wheelers, Renown Children's Hospital, and UMC Southern Nevada Hospital. Partnering for projects throughout the state such as NV OHV Youth Helmet Program has been beneficial to OHV recreationalists, land managers and industry partners for educational outreach. We act together as force multipliers for a greater good in the OHV community. In 2023, approximately 275 helmets were provided and fitted for immediate use on children in OHV "hot spots" identified with the help of our BLM partners. Tread Lightly! also has industry partners interested in providing financial assistance to restoration and educational programming in the state of Nevada, such as Bronco Wild Fund. Planning is currently underway to facilitate a project for USFS in the Spring Mountain area. Tread Lightly! currently has a Supplemental Project Agreement with the US Forest Service, which allows us to perform limited work throughout Region 4, which includes Nevada. After several planning meetings, Tread Lightly! also anticipates having a new agreement in place with BLM- Nevada State Office in the coming months.

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)

Fewer impacts result in more funding available to expand trail systems and build new facilities rather than having to repair damaged ones. Furthermore, improved behavior results in greater opportunities rather than closures. The Tread Lightly! Nevada Program continues to improve OHV recreation opportunities that help local, regional, and state economies grow by employing our marketing and communications strategy throughout the state. Tread Lightly! will continue to pursue ways to incorporate ethics messaging into tourism throughout the state of Nevada. This will not only encourage visitation but also provide education so that visitors know how to act once arriving. Improved information and facilities along with expanded opportunities result in greater visitation and economic impact.

2024 NV OHVC Budget

gory and Item	Item Notes	Budget
otal Project Budget		\$123,430.0
Cash to Cooperator		\$112,560.0
Salary / Labor		\$0.0
Management		\$0.0
Fringe Benefits		\$0.0
Program Costs		\$102,327.0
■ Travel		\$14,964.0
Partner Meetings (3)	Reno Lodging: \$126 M&IE: \$66 3 days; 1 person	\$1,728.0
Project Scoping (4)	Reno Lodging: \$126 M&IE: \$66 3 days; 1 person *3	\$2,304.0
Project (4)	Reno Lodging: \$126 M&IE: \$66 4 days; 1 person	\$3,072.0
Mileage	12,000 miles *.655	\$7,860.0
Materials / Supplies		\$76,363.0
Adult Materials		\$9,450.0
Ethics Tips Rack Cards	10 packs of 100 @ \$20	\$200.0
Stickers	50 packs of 100 @ \$50	\$5,000.0
Hangtags	30 packs of 100 @ \$25 ea.	\$750.0
TREAD Principle cards / QR code	\$0.10 ea.	\$500.
Buffs	\$3.00 ea.	\$3,000. \$14,350.
Youth Materials		
7 Important Items	50 packs of 100 @ (\$0.10 ea.)	\$500.0
Youth Licenses	50 packs of 100 @ (\$0.40 ea.)	\$2,000.
Youth Densile	50 packs of 100 (\$0.10 ea.)	\$500.
Youth Pencils Youth Tattoos	50 packs of 100 @ (\$0.35 ea.)	\$1,750. \$1,000
Activity Books	50 packs of 100 @ (\$0.20 ea.) 5,000 (\$1.50 ea.)	\$1,000. \$7,500.
Guide to Get Outside	50 packs of 100 @ (\$0.12 ea.).	\$600.
Helmet Pledge	50 packs of 100 (\$0.10 ea.)	\$500. \$500.
Preparedness Packs	,	\$44,500.
Drawstring bags	5,000 @ (\$3.25 ea.)	\$16,250.
Water bottles	5,000 @ \$1.50 ea.	\$7,500.
Rain Ponchos	5,000 @ \$.75 ea	\$3,750.
First-Aid	5,000 @ \$.90 ea.	\$4,500.
Glasses	5,000 @ \$.90 ea.	\$4,500.
Compass / Whistle / Flashlight Combo	5,000 @ \$1.60 ea.	\$8,000.
■ Kiosk Signage		\$5,000.
FY25		\$5,000.
Supplies		\$3,063.
Storage Unit	\$85/mo. 24 mo.	\$2,040.
Feather flags	261.50 ea. * 2	\$523.
Tent / flag weights	2, 4-packs	\$200.
Miscellaneous Outreach Materials		\$300.
Shipping		\$1,000.
		\$1,000.
Outdoor Ethics/Safety Sponsorships		\$10,000.
		\$10,000.
Indirect		\$10,233.
Indirect	10% Program Costs	\$10,233.
Match		\$10,870.
Cash Match		\$8,470.
Salary/Labor		\$8,470.
Program Manager	40 hrs @ \$50	\$2,000.
Stewardship Manager	40 nrs @ \$50 50 hrs. @ \$75	\$2,000. \$3,750.
Volunteer Labor	100 hrs. @ \$27.20	\$2,720.
Poster Program	100 1110. ω ψετ. 20	\$0.
Social Media		\$2,400
Monthly value	12 months @ \$100.00/mo.	\$2,400.
In-Kind Match	12 monaro & \$100.00/mo.	\$2,400. \$0.
Education Materials		\$0.0
		\$0.
Message Advancement		\$ 0.





Secretary of State Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

Entity Name: TREAD LIGHTLY! INCORPORATED

Entity No.: 1674390 **Registration Date:** 10/15/1990

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Public Benefit

Formed In: CALIFORNIA

Status: Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of January 05, 2024.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

Certificate No.: 171126418

To verify the issuance of this Certificate, use the Certificate No. above with the Secretary of State Certification Verification Search available at **biz**fileOnline.sos.ca.gov.



United States Department of the Interior



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In Reply Refer To: (8353/NV930)

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

To Whom it May Concern:

The Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (BLM NVSO) is writing in support of Tread Lightly!'s application for the 2024 NV OHV Program Grant. BLM NVSO believes that safety training and education are crucial in supporting our land management planning goals and objectives. Tread Lightly!'s mission of promoting responsible outdoor recreation focuses on responsible OHV use on public lands as well as general outdoor ethics, environmental education, and fostering connections to public lands. These are widely accepted and effective teaching tools to accomplish the goals of educating the recreating public on safe and responsible recreation use of their public lands.

BLM NVSO has seen large growth in outdoor recreation over the past several years. Many of these people are inexperienced users of public lands. Tread Lightly!'s programming is critical for ensuring responsible, safe recreation for this growing use on public lands. BLM has partnered with Tread Lightly! for many years and will continue to do so. Partnership work includes safety training and education, identifying high-priority areas for interpretive signage and maps, and trail maintenance projects, among others. Thank you for your continued support of these important programs.

Sincerely,

Alan B. Shepherd
Deputy State Director
Resources, Lands & Planning



31 December 2023

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street. Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: Tread Lightly!

The Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA) supports the grant application submitted by Tread Lightly to continue their efforts in education, and outreach in Nevada.

For the first time, Tread Lightly has assigned a dedicated program manager for the Silver State, and the timing could never be better. As most offroaders engaged in the formal recreation community already know, the federal land managers are understaffed and under budgeted. This reality has built high metaphorical walls around these agencies, where improving the status of our access, education, stewardship, and recreational use is problematic. In the last two or so years Tread Lightly has had a focus on Nevada, that wall has started to be lowered, and the trust between the agencies and the non-governmental partners is improving inch by inch.

Much of that success can be laid at the feet of the Tread Lightly Program manager. It is through this program, and partnering with stakeholders throughout Nevada, that the recreational community is no longer a federal "afterthought".

The Nevada Offroad Association relies on Tread Lightly and this partnership to assist us in continuing success statewide here in Nevada.

It is through the efforts and partnership with groups like Tread Lightly! that we create a genuine force multiplier to our allied stakeholders, and our federal agencies tasked with managing vast amounts of Nevada's Public Lands.

Mathew D. Giltner Executive Director

Nevada Offroad Association

Alexis Nelson Associate Director Nevada Offroad Association

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

Dear OHV Commission,

As the only Level II trauma center in northern Nevada, Renown Health's Trauma Department has been alarmed by the increasing number of youths injured during OHV crashes. In 2021 and 2022, we cared for 125 patients under the age of 18 years who sustained a significant injury because of OHV-related incidents. Through an extensive analysis of this data and injury prevention strategies, we have identified a need for a safety education program that could target the youth of the OHV community.

Renown Health shares Tread Lightly's commitment to promoting safe and responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) use among Nevada's youth. The Trauma Department at Renown Health has partnered with Tread Lightly to support its OHV Safety Outreach Program. The program aims to decrease the frequency and severity of injuries resulting from OHV incidents through heightened awareness, safety education, practical training, and responsible distribution of OHV safety equipment.

Through our collaborative efforts, we have effectively orchestrated numerous outreach events that actively engaged the OHV community. These events placed a strong emphasis on promoting the significance of safe and responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding practices. Already, our partnership has shown encouraging results in bolstering the safety of OHV activities. This is exemplified by the distribution of 194 youth helmets and reaching out to 750 caregivers.

We strongly encourage the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program to consider funding Tread Lightly's proposal. This support will significantly contribute to our collective efforts to ensure the safety of our youth while they explore Nevada's great outdoors.

Sincerely,

Jorge Montano-Figueroa Pediatric Injury Prevention Specialist 1155 Mill Street Reno, NV 89502 P: 775-982-4342

C: 775-229-5893
jorge.montano-figueroa@renown.org
Read Our Annual Report, Determination in Action









January 4, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

Subject: Letter of Support for Tread Lightly! (Nevada)'s OHV Grant Application

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Tread Lightly! (Nevada) application for an OHV grant. As someone deeply invested in the conservation and responsible use of Nevada's outdoor recreational areas, I have witnessed firsthand the commendable efforts and impactful initiatives spearheaded by Tread Lightly! Nevada.

One of the standout collaborations that deserve mention is Tread Lightly!'s ongoing partnership with the Nevada Outdoor School (NOS). This alliance has proven invaluable, particularly in the realm of fostering responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) practices. The combined efforts of Tread Lightly! and NOS have greatly enriched the Ride Safe Ride Smart Program. This program, which emphasizes safe and ethical OHV use, has undoubtedly contributed to minimizing environmental impacts and enhancing the overall experience for all users.

Furthermore, the joint initiative between Tread Lightly! and NOS in implementing the Nevada OHV Youth Helmet Program is commendable. Ensuring the safety of our youth and instilling in them the importance of protective gear sets a crucial foundation for their future engagements with OHVs. This program not only promotes safety but also cultivates a culture of responsibility and mindfulness among the younger generation of riders.

Considering Tread Lightly! unwavering commitment to promoting responsible OHV use, environmental stewardship, and safety education, I firmly believe that supporting their grant application is a step in the right direction. The resources and opportunities that an OHV grant would provide could further amplify the positive impact of their programs, benefiting both the recreational community and the cherished landscapes of Nevada.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider Tread Lightly!'s application for an OHV grant favorably. Their dedication to fostering a harmonious relationship between OHV enthusiasts and Nevada's natural environment is truly commendable, and I am confident that with your support, they will continue to make significant strides in this noble endeavor.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Karl Klein, Associate Director



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RE: Tread Lightly! OHV Grant

To whom it may concern,

The Vegas Valley Four Wheelers (VV4W), the oldest and largest OHV full-size club in southern Nevada, strongly supports Tread Lightly! and the grant application for which they are applying. Having more outreach materials both for kids and adults (stickers, rec tips, hangtags, drawstring bags, waterbottles, flashlight compass, pencils, ext.) is extremely import in today's OHV world.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bailey

VV4W - club president

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: Tread Lightly

Elko Motocross Club (EMC) supports the grant application Submitted by Tread Lightly.

We believe in the importance of responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation and recognize the valuable efforts of Tread Lightly in promoting ethical and sustainable practices within our community.

The Elko Motocross Club is dedicated to fostering a safe and enjoyable environment for OHV enthusiasts, both young and old. We are particularly pleased to learn about the Tread Lightly initiative to seek funding for outreach materials geared towards educating both kids and adults. Education is a key component in ensuring that OHV users understand and adhere to responsible riding practices, contributing to the preservation of our natural landscapes.

We are especially supportive of Tread Lightly's plan to design and print cards for children who receive helmets through the program. Encouraging young riders to commit to wearing their helmets is a crucial step in promoting safety and preventing accidents. The Elko Motocross Club fully endorses any efforts that enhance the safety measures for our younger riders.

Additionally, we appreciate Tread Lightly's intention to create cards covering the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) related to OHV usage for law enforcement purposes. This proactive approach aligns with our commitment to ensuring that all riders are aware of and comply with the laws governing OHV activities.

We firmly believe that supporting Tread Lightly grant application will contribute significantly to the overall well-being of our OHV community. The outreach materials and educational initiatives proposed will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the responsible use of off-highway vehicles, promoting a culture of environmental stewardship and safety.

Thank you for your dedication to the OHV community and for considering our letter of support for the Tread Lightly grant application. We are confident that the proposed initiatives will have a lasting and positive effect on our community, fostering a sense of responsibility and awareness among OHV enthusiasts.

If you require any further information or assistance, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to witnessing the positive outcomes of Tread Lightly's initiatives and the continued growth of responsible OHV recreation in our region.

Sincerely,

Jeff Laughter

President

Elko Motocross Club