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NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

2022 NEVADA OHV GRANT APPLICATION
(REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, APPENDIX A)

APPLICATIONS DUE
November 19, 2021, 5:00 PM, PST

Please mail early; Applications postmarked prior to 8:00 am on November 19, 2021, but not received prior to that time are untimely and will not be considered.

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

AND

ONE SINGLE ELECTRONIC FILE; PDF VIA EMAIL NNarkhede@ohv.nv.gov
OR MEMORY DEVICE ENCLOSED WITH APPLICATION

TO: NEVADA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL
RESOURCES
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
ATTN: NIKHIL NARKHEDE
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NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES PROGRAM
2022 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. Denied applications: correspondence will be sent to applicant by email describing the reason for declaring the application incomplete.

SECTION I - PROJECT AND APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Project Name: Wilson Canyon BLM OHV Remediation, Phase I

2. Project Timeline: January 2022 – December 2023

3. Applicant Name: Walker Basin Conservancy

Mailing address: 615 Riverside Dr., STE C, Reno, NV 89503 Phone: _____

775-463-9887

Email: peter.stanton@walkerbasin.org

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

☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local/Municipal ☐ Other: _____

☐ Partnership ☒ Non-profit ☐ for Profit ☐ Individual

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



Applicant Signature
(Chairperson/President/Authorized Official)

11/18/2021
Date

5. Project Manager: Miguel Gonzales

Mailing address: 615 Riverside Dr., STE C, Reno, NV 89503

Phone: 775-463-9887 x110

Email: miguel.gonzales@walkerbasin.org

6. 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

7. Landowner: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office

Mailing address: 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701

Phone: 775-885-6177

Email: pfuselier@blm.gov

8. THE LANDOWNER MUST PROVIDE A LETTER STATING THAT:

(See example Appendix B)

- a) Landowner has read the Request for Grant Application package.
- b) Landowner agrees with the application and the terms of the grant.
- c) Landowner holds an 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.
- d) Landowner is legally committing to maintain the trail/facility and will allow public motorized access to such trail/facilities for 25 years or the normal life of the project; and
- e) Landowner agrees to provide any match or other tasks in the application that are assigned to Landowner.

The State may require the landowner/agency to be co-grantee on the grant agreement/contract.



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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In Reply Refer To:
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Nevada Dept. of Conservation and National Resources
Off-Highway Vehicles Program
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Subject: Walker Basin Conservancy 2022 Grant Proposal

Dear Committee,

This letter is provided in support of Walker Basin Conservancy's (WBC) proposed *Wilson Canyon BLM OHV Remediation, Phase I* project in 2022. This project would place barriers and signs that would physically close the emergency closure area to illegal off-highway vehicle incursions and ensuring natural revegetation of the impacted riparian zone can take place. I am committed to allowing continued motorized access on public lands outside of the emergency closure and believe that this project will support the terms of the closure without needing additional management actions. I agree to work with the WBC and Nevada Off-road Association complete appropriate clearances to facilitate project implementation.

Walker Basin Conservancy has established a positive partnership with the BLM in Wilson Canyon and in the larger Walker River watershed. BLM looks forward to working with the organization in Wilson Canyon as well as other areas where we share common values and ecosystem management goals. The Sierra Front Field Office is committed to working with its partners to ensure the maintenance of this project into the future.

The proposed revegetation project, as proposed and implemented on federal land (BLM) will be in compliance with all applicable laws, including NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

Sincerely,

Kimberly D. Dow

Sierra Front Field Office Manager
Carson City District

9. PROJECT COSTS:

(grant request and matching funds directly related to the project)

State OHV Grant Request: \$99,391

Matching Funds: \$29,710

Total Project Amount : \$129,101

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

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

Please describe additional funding source(s):

Type here: Matching funds will come largely from a Federal AmeriCorps grant that supports Walker Basin Conservancy Restoration Teams and Bureau of Reclamation funding through a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant that supports general operations and administration of the Conservancy. In-kind and volunteers labor will come largely through partnership with the Nevada Offroad Association and Pine Nut Mountain Trails Association along with community volunteers during public volunteer days for the sign installation and another for restoration planting components of this grant that will be hosted by the Conservancy and partners at Wilson Canyon.

10. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS are required:

- a) Confirming they agree to the terms of the grant; and
- b) That they are committed to providing match/cash or other tasks in the application that are assigned to them.

Additional Letters of Support may be attached at the end of this application (limit 3).



November 18, 2021

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

Subject: Wilson Canyon Restoration Project

The Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA) supports the grant application submitted by the Walker Basin Conservancy to begin rehabilitation efforts in the riparian zone of the West Walker River in the Wilson Canyon. Recreation areas on federal and state managed lands are experiencing damage from high use by campers, anglers and OHV riders.

This project was identified and continues to move forward through the large Nevada Sustainable Recreation Partnership which NVORA actively facilitates. The Wilson Canyon Rehabilitation Project will reestablish road and trail boundaries allowing for the reintroduction of native riparian plants that stabilize riverbanks and support watershed health. The Walker Basin Conservancy will be leading this project in close coordination with the Bureau of Land Management to align with land management planning and protocol.

In addition to improving the natural aesthetics and control of runoff into the river, this project includes outreach and education improvements. Tread Lightly! and the Pine Nut Mountains Trails Association will be upgrading signage to include recreation and natural resource information, trail etiquette principles and stewardship values.

NVORA enthusiastically encourages and supports motorized and non-motorized recreation stakeholders to work collaboratively to identify high quality projects that meet the land management sustainable recreation mission. Truly successful recreation projects bring user, management, and conservation groups together under the common goal to create more opportunities for responsible recreation, while affording users safe and well managed locations to park, camp, ride, fish, hike, and explore. This project, and others in development, add high quality value to Nevada recreation programs, and demonstrates the broad use and care for our Public Lands.

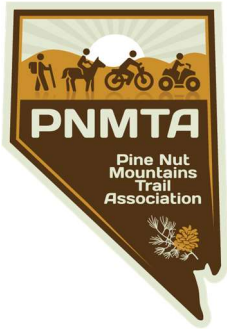
It is through the efforts of partnership identified projects, like the Wilson Canyon Rehabilitation Project, that we create a genuine force multiplier to our federal agencies tasked with managing vast amounts of Nevada's Public Lands.

Regards,

Mathew D. Giltner
Executive Director
Nevada Offroad Association

Kim Murcia
Associate Director
Nevada Offroad Association

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The Pine Nut Mountains Trail Association

P.O. Box 3012
Gardnerville, NV 89410

November 17, 2021

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

Subject: Wilson Canyon Restoration

To Whom It May Concern:

The Pine Nut Mountains Trail Association (PNMTA) supports the Walker Basin Conservancy's grant request to rehabilitate some of the damage to the riparian zone created by overuse, campers, and OHV riders.

The simple task of reintroducing native plants will enhance the esthetics and aid in reducing the runoff that naturally occurs from entering the river. Additionally, renewing the old worn signage and improving the kiosks will allow groups, such as PNMTA with our partners at Tread Lightly!, the opportunity to provide information on trails and proper stewardship values.

PNMTA believes that positive actions with the groups who are conservation focused, like the Walker Basin Conservancy, can make improvements where the OHV community will embrace those efforts.

Creating more opportunities for responsible recreation, while affording users safe, well managed locations to park, camp, and ride, adds immeasurable value to the recreation community, and demonstrates the broad use of our Public Lands.

Sincerely yours,

Jon Allen
President
info@pnmta.org

The Pine Nut Mountains Trails Association is chartered with the mission to promote activity reasonably related to the preservation and promotion of public access, including motorized vehicles, equestrian and human powered activities. Promotion and preservation of motorized vehicle access includes trail maintenance and construction, trash removal, fund raising, education of the public, promotion of trail etiquette and responsible use, safety awareness, fun rides, family and group activities.

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

- ☐ Studies or planning for trails and facilities;
 - Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Studies.
 - Other studies _____
- ☐ Acquisition of land for trails and facilities
- ☒ Mapping and signing of trails and facilities
- ☐ Reconstruction, enhancement or maintenance of existing trails and facilities
- ☐ Construction of new trails and facilities
- ☒ Restoration of areas that have been damaged by the use of off-highway vehicles.
- ☒ The construction of trail features, trailheads, parking, or other ancillary facilities which minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas or important wildlife habitat areas.
- ☒ Safety training and education related to the use of off highway vehicles and registration
- ☒ Compliance and enforcement (See Appendix C, Enforcement Strategy example)

12. ALL TRAIL USERS: (*check all that apply*)

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

Please explain how you intend to manage user interactions:

Most user interactions will be in staging, trailhead, and camping areas directly adjacent to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) closure area. Non-motorized access to the closure area is still allowed under the terms of the emergency closure and existing access to the river and riparian corridor will be maintained for non-motorized users while excluding motorized use through a combination of barriers and signage as described below. Additionally, the larger interpretive and informational signs will contain maps that describe the emergency closure area, areas on broader BLM and US Forest Service land in the Wilson Canyon region that is designated for motorized and non-motorized use, as well as indicating specific trailheads, trails, and motorized routes in the area.

- 13. Scope of Work:** Please describe *exactly* what work will be completed. Programs, planning, NEPA, surveys, mapping, include miles of trail, trail type and other quantitative 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 V, Scoring Narrative).

Type here:

Walker Basin Conservancy (Conservancy), in partnership with the Nevada Offroad Association (NVORA) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), proposes to conduct restoration within the 2003 BLM Emergency Closure at Wilson Canyon in Lyon County, Nevada. The purpose of this work is to remediate impacts from motorized use in and prevent further degradation of the sensitive riparian zone along the West Walker River in keeping with the emergency closure. The emergency closure was put in place “in order to prevent further adverse effects to soils, vegetation, water resources, visual resources, wildlife, and wildlife habitat” that were the result of motorized incursions into the riparian corridor. Work under this grant is considered Phase 1 of the project and will focus on the most heavily impacted areas north of Walker River and south of Copperbelt Rd at the west end of Wilson Canyon. Future phases may focus on the south side of the river, surrounding BLM land, and adjacent US Forest Service (USFS) land. The Conservancy proposes three main actions to restore and protect the closed area: installation of protective barriers, restoration of degraded areas, and installation of signage.

The first step would be the installation of barriers to prevent motorized incursions and limit further degradation. Proposed barriers would fall into two broad categories: tight and loose barriers. Tight barriers would be installed in areas of direct, significant, and repeated incursions with the purpose of preventing further use of routes into the closure by motorized vehicles. Tight barriers may include a combination of bollards, fences, gates, large rocks, or guardrails. Large rocks are the preferred method in most tight barrier areas due to the low maintenance need, longevity, and more natural aesthetic in an area that see significant recreation and camping. As they will be installed in areas of significant and repeated incursion, tight barriers will be more robust in construction and installation, having a spacing between features of less than 42 inches, above ground height of at least 18 inches, and a below ground depth of at least 12 inches. The spacing and robustness of tight barriers will be such that they prevent access to any vehicle ATV sized or larger and they are impractical to remove by a normal user. Tight barriers installation is anticipated along approximately 3,119 feet of the closure boundary. Loose barriers would be installed along closure boundaries near high-traffic areas or areas of existing disturbance that do not yet

have significant intrusions into the closure, such as along routes or staging areas adjacent to the closure. The purpose of loose barriers is to inhibit and discourage potential intrusions and gradual expansion into sensitive areas protected by the closure. Loose barriers may include bollards, fences, gates, large rocks, or guardrails. Large rocks are again the preferred method of barrier. Since they are being installed as discouragement in areas that still have significant vegetative growth within the closure, loose barriers can be lower profile in construction and installation, having a spacing between features of less than 70 inches, above ground height of at least 12 inches, and a below ground depth of at least 12 inches. The spacing and size of loose barriers will be such that they prevent access to any normal sized vehicles or trailers and, along with existing vegetation, inhibit easy access to ATV and UTV users. Loose barriers installation is proposed along approximately 4,592 feet of the closure boundary. Barrier installation will be conducted by Conservancy staff and AmeriCorps members during the winter and spring of 2022 and before restoration work begins. Proposed areas for both tight and loose barriers are designated on the attached maps.

The second step in the remediation process would be installation of regulatory, informational, and interpretive signs. Regulatory signs would be installed along with tight barriers, along major ingress and staging points, and periodically spaced along loose barriers to inform users of the emergency closure and associated restrictions. Informational signs would give users general information about legal uses of the area; existing routes, trailheads, and camping areas; more detailed information about the closure and why it was enacted; and provide maps of the area that would include the emergency closure. Interpretive signs would provide additional information about the remediation work being done in the closure, the importance of protecting sensitive riparian zones, and other interpretive information about the river, watershed, wildlife, and natural/cultural history of the area to help user better understand the importance of the river and riparian corridor. All signs would conform to BLM design, material, and installation standards. The Conservancy is also partnering with Tread Lightly through the Nevada Offroad Association, to provide standardized signage for Tread Lightly principles, recreational guidelines, and sign design. Signs may be a mixture of materials and styles, such as posts, placards, and large panel kiosks. The majority of sign installation will be conducted by Conservancy staff and AmeriCorps members along with a volunteer day engaging members of the public and local groups like NVORA and the Pine Nut Mountain Trails Association (PNMTA). Sign installation would occur in conjunction with or immediately following barrier installation to keep the public informed about the project and the reason for closure of areas to motorized traffic.

The final step in the process would be restoration of heavily impacted riparian areas within the closure. These areas would be revegetated with native plant species approximately matching the density and composition of native plants within the surrounding undisturbed

riparian zones. Plants would be sourced locally and propagated from locally adapted seed or stock to ensure maximum compatibility with local climate conditions. Where feasible, some forbs and grasses may be seeded, but most woody vegetation would be propagated in a nursery and then planted as seedlings. Native plants used will include Willow (various), Buffaloberry, Greasewood, Four-wing Saltbush, Basin Big Sage, Quailbush, and Rubber Rabbitbrush. Planting density would be designed such that it adequately covers the restoration area with a mixture of plants to begin soil stabilization, provides adequate seeds sources for native recruitment of additional plants, and is dense enough to accommodate expected mortality while still meeting restoration objectives. Plants would be monitored and watered for the first 1-2 years to ensure adequate survival and development. If any restoration area experiences significant mortality such that it would undermine the restoration effort, supplemental planting would occur as necessary. In areas with significant erosion issues caused by the denuding of vegetation and heavy motorized use, restoration would also include the installation of erosion control structures such as riprap, single rock structures, media lunas, or check dams. These structures would be designed and installed such that concentrated water flows created by heavy erosion would be slowed and dispersed to a more natural sheet flow and incised channels would be gradually stepped down and naturally backfilled with sediment. Restoration areas that currently allow for non-motorized access to the river would be designed such that a trail or path will be maintained post restoration to provide continued access as allowed under the closure while minimizing and concentrating user impact through the riparian zone. Restoration is expected to take place on approximately 1 acre within the closure with approximately 1,250 native plants going into the ground. Restoration work would take place after barriers are installed and likely not occur until the fall of 2022 to accommodate for the required grow out period of the plant stock and to utilize the most successful planting window for native species. The majority of restoration will be conducted by Conservancy staff and AmeriCorps members but will also include a volunteer day for engaging members of the public and local groups like NVORA and PNMTA on the revegetation process and to educate them about the conservation benefits of the work. Proposed areas of restoration are designated on the attached maps.

The Conservancy is committed to working with the BLM and NVORA on these remediation efforts at Wilson Canyon. The BLM is currently in process of completing NEPA and cultural clearances for the entire project area and expects a Categorical Exclusion for all work to be completed before the anticipated project start in the spring. Through the combined installation of barriers, restoration of impacted areas, and installation of signs, the Conservancy believes that significant violations of the emergency closure can be prevented and the sensitive riparian zone the closure protects can be adequately restored while maintaining pedestrian access to the river.

14. Standards/Guidelines that will be applied to your project:

- ☐ Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation - A Design Guide
☐ USFS Standard Specifications for Construction & Maintenance of Trails
☒ BLM Handbook 9114-1 Trails
☐ NOHVCC Handbooks

Other: _____

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

☒ No ☐ Yes

Number of projects funded: _____

Amount of funding Received: \$_____

Number of projects Completed: _____

SECTION II – LOCATION, MAPS, PHOTOS

Project Location:

County: Lyon County, NV

Nearest Municipality/Town/City: Smith and Yerington, NV

Center of project: Latitude: 38.808946, Longitude: -119.229416

If the shape-files for the trail system are available, please submit them in the e-file. The shape-files of the trail will be required at project end. Program will assist in the collection of the data if needed.

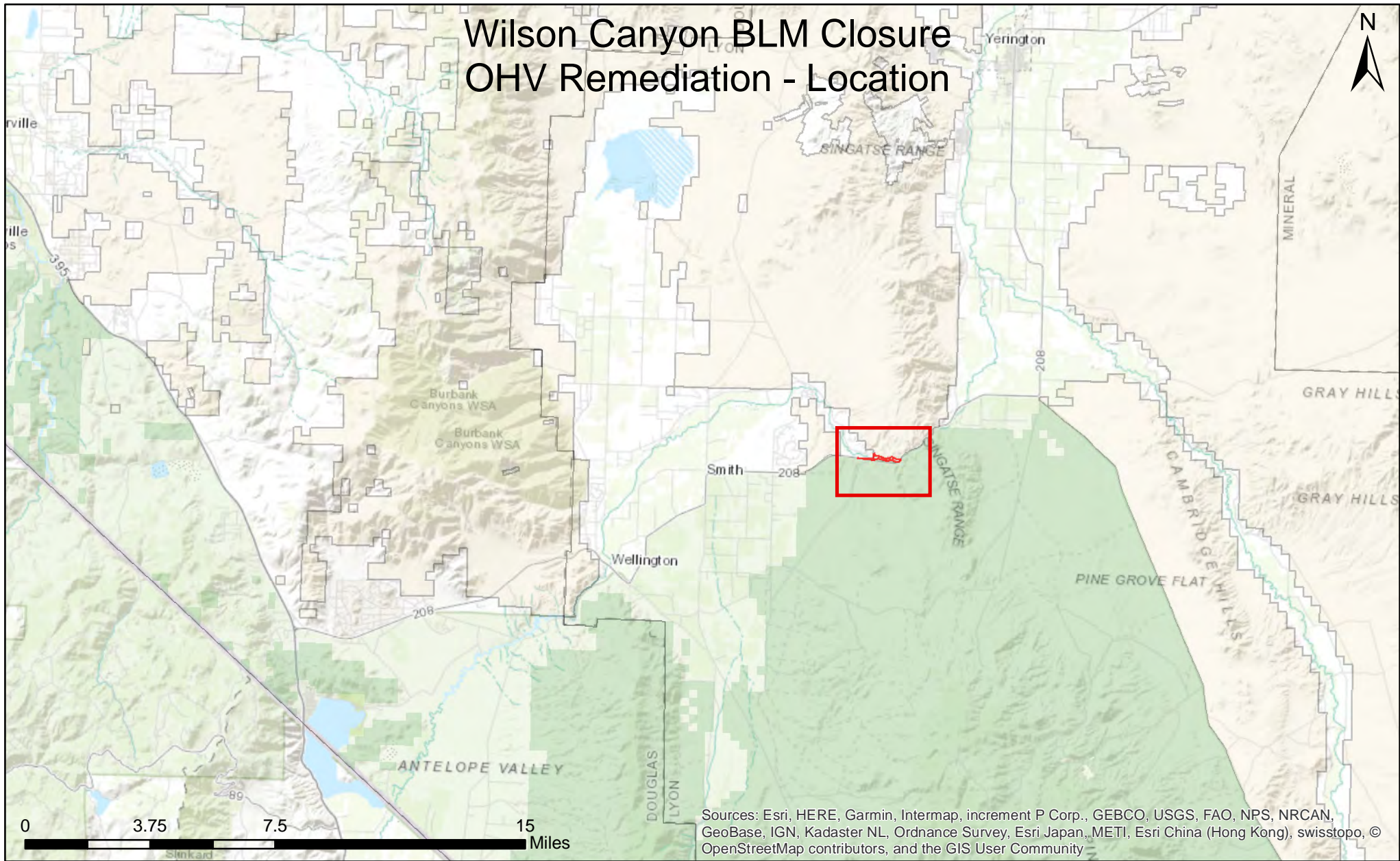
MAPS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE APPLICATION. THEY ARE REQUIRED AND CONSIDERED PART OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT IF FUNDED.

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

Wilson Canyon BLM Closure OHV Remediation - Location






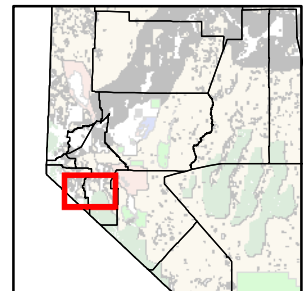
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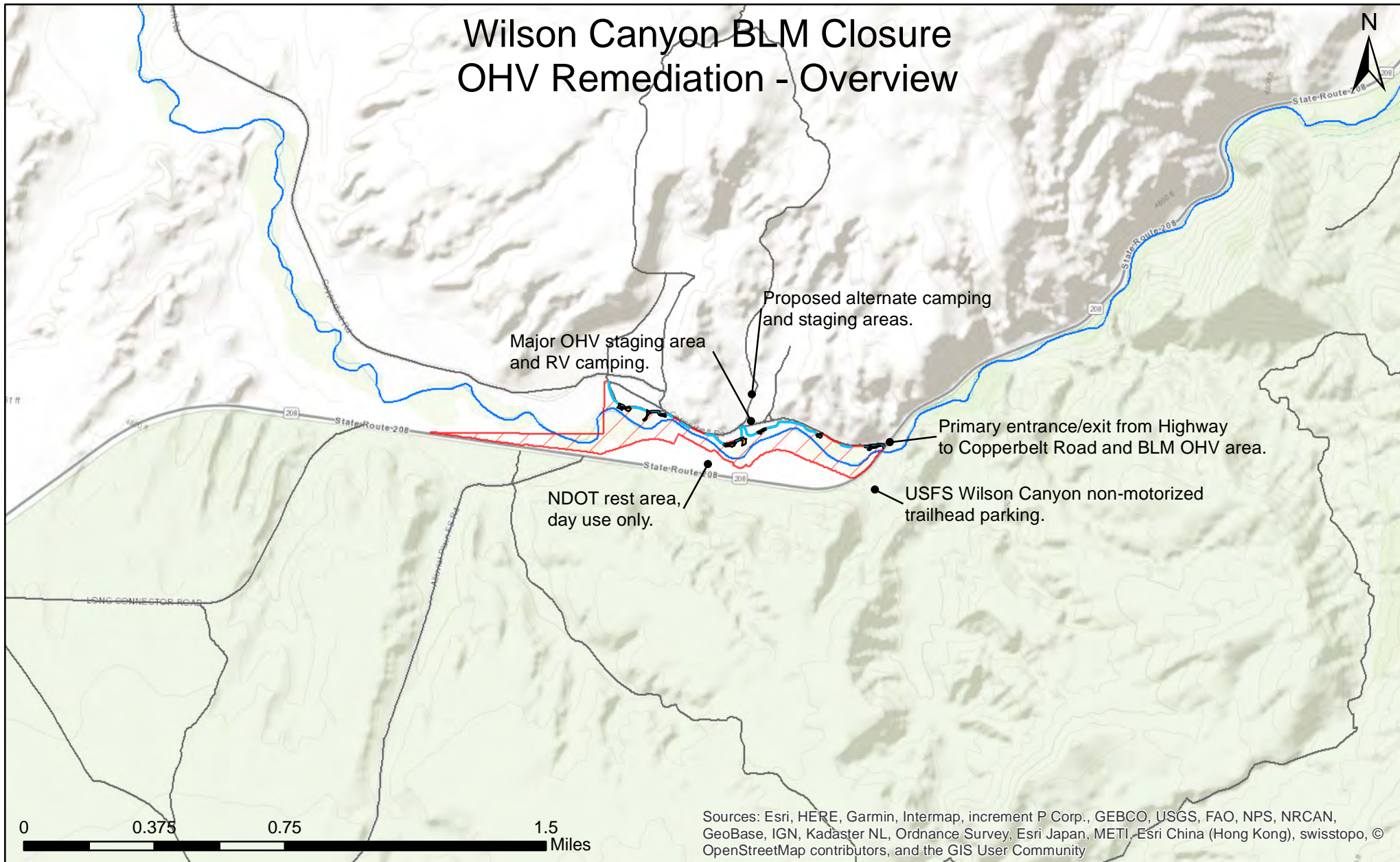
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Legend

-  Project Area
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Forest Service



Wilson Canyon BLM Closure OHV Remediation - Overview









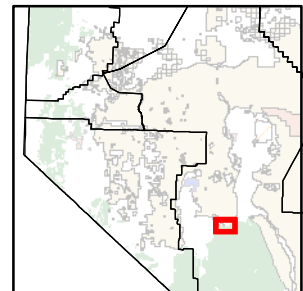
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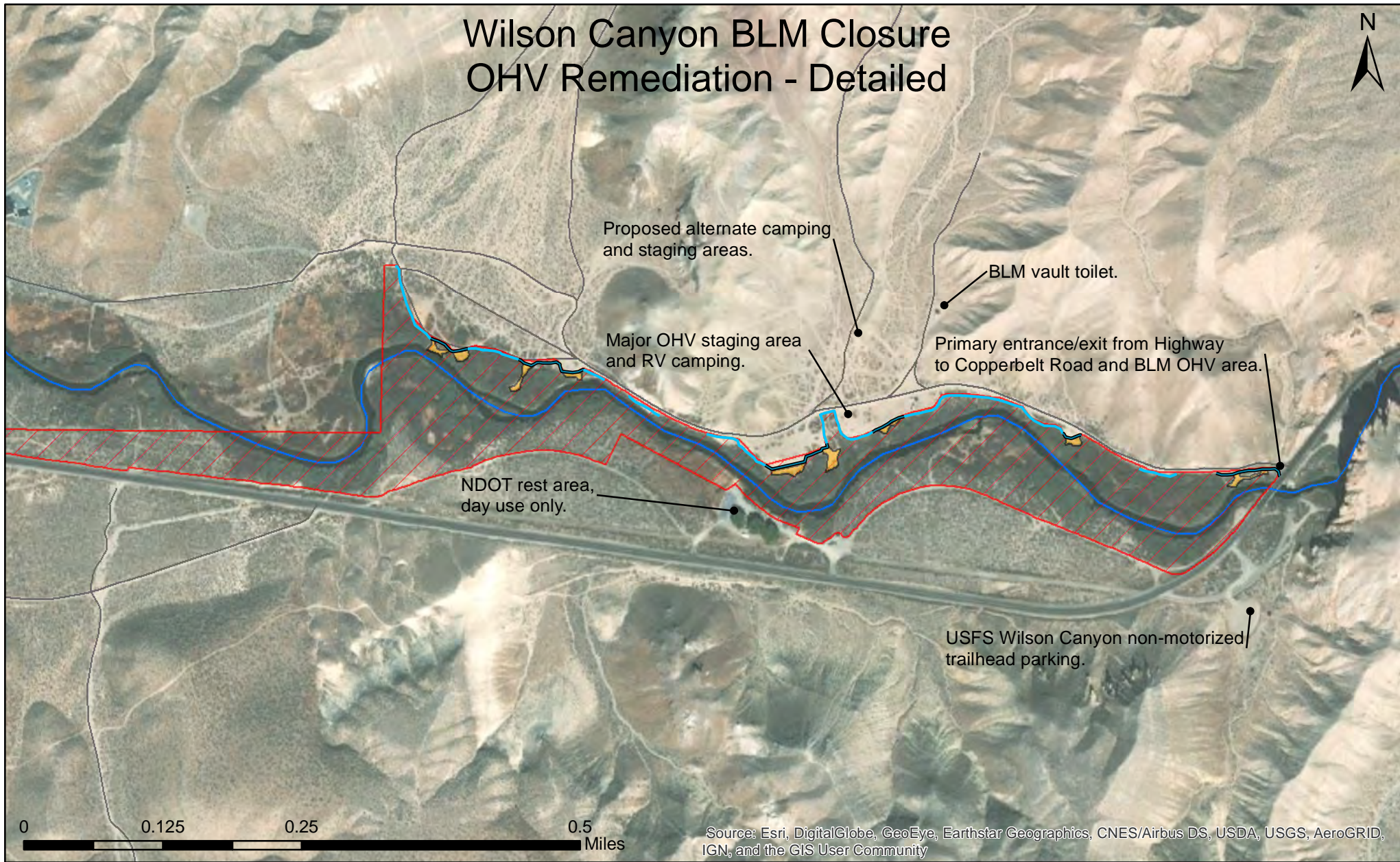
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|  Restoration Areas |  Project Area |
|  Loose Barrier |  Designated OHV Routes |
|  Tight Barrier |  Walker River |



Wilson Canyon BLM Closure OHV Remediation - Detailed









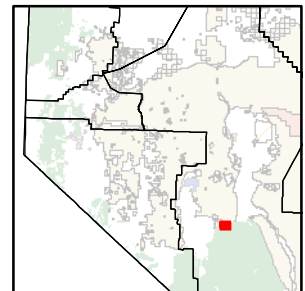
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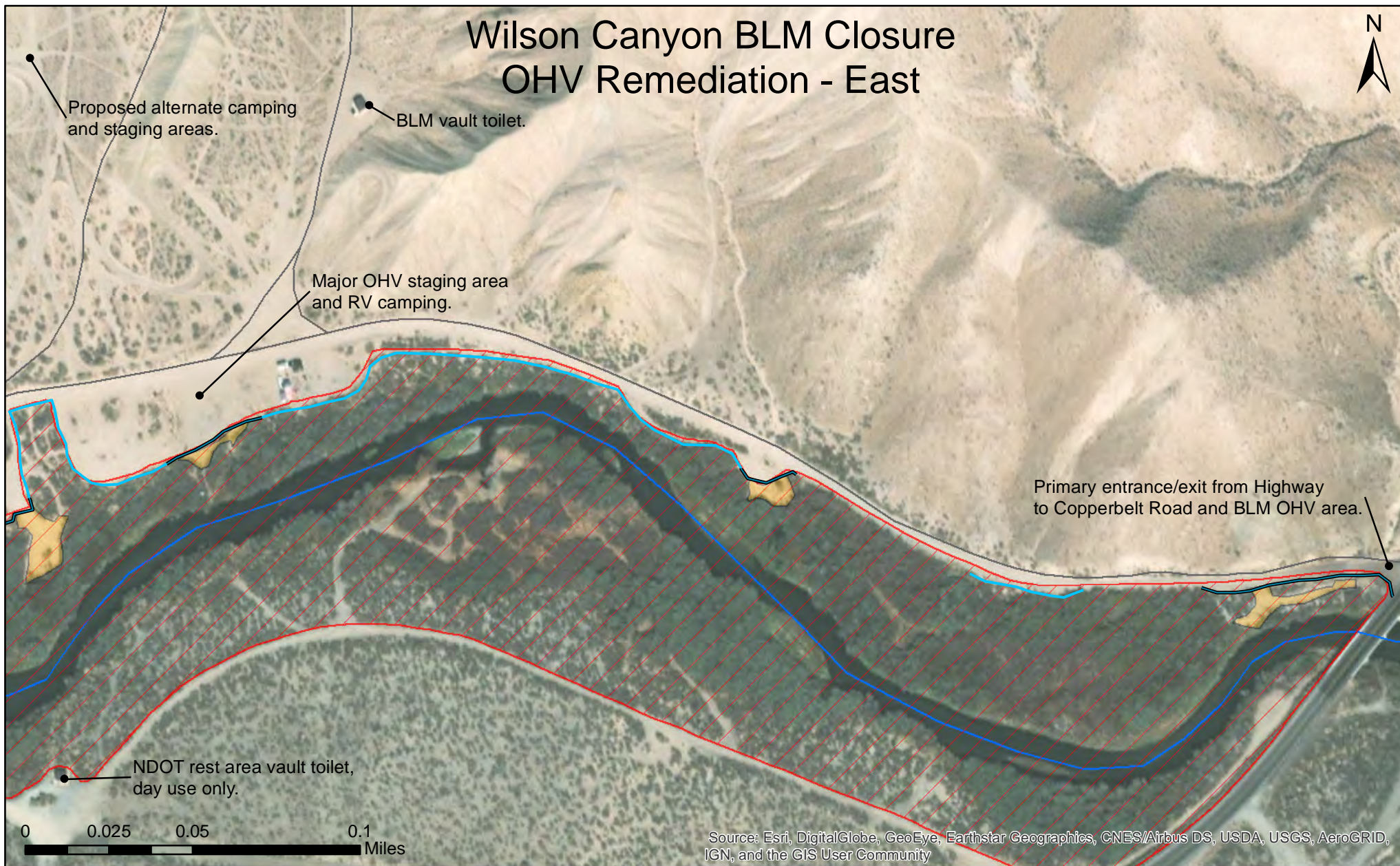


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|  Loose Barrier |  Project Area |
|  Tight Barrier |  Designated OHV Routes |
|  Restoration Areas |  Walker River |





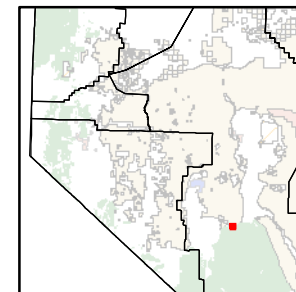
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| Loose Barrier | Project Area |
| Tight Barrier | Designated OHV Routes |
| Restoration Areas | Walker River |



Wilson Canyon BLM Closure OHV Remediation - West



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

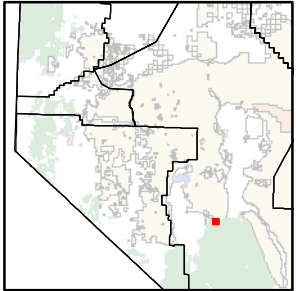
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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Loose Barrier | Project Area |
| Tight Barrier | Designated OHV Routes |
| Restoration Areas | Walker River |



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



Picture 1: Looking from Copperbelt Road south to major staging and RV camping area on closure boarder.



Picture 2: Looking west along closure boundary at RV and trailer encroaching on riparian zone.



Picture 3: *Looking north from Copperbelt Rd. at wash and OHV rec. area opposite major staging area.*



Picture 4: *Looking west along Copperbelt Rd and closure boundary at OHV route and campsite incursion.*



Picture 5: *Looking south into closure at significant OHV incursion and vegetation removal up to riverbank.*



Picture 6-7: *Significant channelization and erosion at major staging area leading into closure.*



Picture 8: Current regulatory, informational, and interpretive signage at existing kiosk.



Picture 9: One of a few remaining regulatory signs along closure boundary.

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)
- ☒ (Expected) Categorical Exclusion (CX)
- ☐ SHPO 106 compliance/concurrence letter.
- ☐ Other compliance documents already completed. (do not attached the EA or EIS)
- ☐ Not applicable

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

SECTION IV - BUDGET

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

- Your budget must align clearly with your scope of work from #13. 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.**

Walker Basin Conservancy Grant Budget		Crews	Techs
Project Title	Weeks/year	13	3
Wilson Canyon BLM OHV Remediation	Years	1	1
Project Dates	Crew(s) (Lead + Members)	1	1
2022-2023	Number of Members/Crew	4	1

Item Description	Grant Request		Match		Total Cost
A. Personnel Expenses					
Program Manager (project coordination)	\$	1,004	\$	1,004	\$ 2,008
Crew Leader(s) (1 Leader/Crew)	\$	9,500	\$	-	\$ 9,500
Technician (equipment operator)	\$	1,920	\$	-	\$ 1,920
AmeriCorps Crew Members	\$	6,240	\$	14,560	\$ 20,800
FICA, Workers Comp, Insurance, etc.	\$	4,464	\$	6,901	\$ 11,365
	\$	23,128	\$	22,464	\$ 45,593
B. Volunteer and In-kind					
Volunteer/donated Labor @\$27.20/hr	\$	-	\$	4,080	\$ 4,080
C. Travel					
Crew Mileage (1 truck/Crew)	\$	176	\$	1,181	\$ 1,357
Technician Mileage	\$	313	\$	-	\$ 313
	\$	490	\$	1,181	\$ 1,670
D. Supplies					
Native Plants for Restoration	\$	3,125	\$	-	\$ 3,125
Planting cages, weeds barriers, materials	\$	1,563	\$	-	\$ 1,563
Interpretive and Informational Kiosks	\$	2,000	\$	-	\$ 2,000
Small Regulatory and Information Signs	\$	2,250	\$	-	\$ 2,250
Barrier Materials (priced for boulders)	\$	57,200	\$	-	\$ 57,200
Uniforms and PPE	\$	-	\$	500	\$ 500
	\$	66,138	\$	500	\$ 66,638
E. Equipment					
WBC Backhoe (fuel, insurance, etc.)	\$	600	\$	-	\$ 600
F. Admin					
Fixed Admin Costs	\$	9,036	\$	1,485	\$ 10,520
Grant Total	\$	99,391	\$	29,710	\$ 129,101
Percentages		77%		23%	100%

DESERT ENGINEERING

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PROPOSAL / CONTRACT

TO: Walker Basin Conservancy
615 Riverside Drive, Ste C
Reno, NV 89503

Contract #2111181
Date: 11/18/2021

Telephone: 463-9887
Email:

We propose to furnish all materials and shipping necessary to complete the following:

Furnish and deliver rip rap to job site in Smith Valley. The description, estimated quantities and pricing of the materials are as follows:

2 ft x 3 ft sorted boulders 550 ea. estimated at 650 tons @ \$25.00/ ton	\$16,250.00
3 ft x 4 ft sorted boulders 450 ea. estimated at 900 tons @ \$30.00/ ton	\$27,000.00

Shipping approximately 1,550 tons in end dumps to Smith Valley site @ \$9.00/ton	\$13,950.00
Estimated Total	\$57,200.00

Note: The above quantities are subject to availability. We will only bill for the tonnage sent. The contract quantities may be adjusted to more or less than the above written amounts.

The property is described as Ranch Site located at Smith Valley

All of the above work to be completed in a substantial and workmanlike manner according to standard practices, for the sum of:

See the above amounts

Dollars \$ See above

Payment to be made as follows:

As the work progresses to the value one hundred percent 100 % of all work completed.

The entire amount of contract to be paid within 30 days of completion. Interest at the legal rate will be charged for late payments. Any alterations or deviation from the specifications involving extra cost of material or labor will only be executed upon written order for same, and will become an extra charge over the sum mentioned in this contract. All agreements must be made in writing. Any question concerning a contractor may be referred to the registrar of the board whose address is:

Nevada State Contractors Board
9670 Gateway Drive Suite 100
Reno, NV. 89502

Authorized Signature: Jim Chico

NOTE: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within: 30 Days

You are hereby authorized to furnish all materials and labor required to complete the work mentioned in the above proposal, for which I/W agree to pay the amount mentioned in said proposal, and according to the terms thereof.

Accepted Signature: _____

Date: _____

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, voted upon during the public meeting on 9/7/2021. Please reference scoring criteria form.

- 1. 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? Please reference the Law Enforcement Statistics reporting form.*

While Law Enforcement is not directly funded through this project, education, signage, and project design will assist the BLM in enforcing applicable state and federal laws. Informational signs will include information on federal, state, and local regulations, including OHV registration and the emergency closure, and interpretive signs will further educate the public about the importance of following regulations and Tread Lightly principles. The Conservancy also plans to partner with NVORA to host two volunteer events engaging members of the OHV community in the sign installation and restoration efforts where they will also be educated about OHV registration and regulations as well as the importance of conservation efforts and sustainable recreation. Furthermore, this project is designed to assist in the enforcement of the BLM Emergency Closure and Conservancy staff will continue monitoring the project after completion and forward any violations of the emergency closure or other illegal activities to the BLM.

- 2. 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).*

Conservancy staff will continue monitoring the closure barriers and restoration areas after project completion. Restoration areas will receive supplemental watering and planting as necessary, and barriers will be maintained to uphold the emergency closure. Future phases of the project are expected to further address OHV staging and camping areas adjacent to the closure, including designation of additional camping and staging areas and improvements to the BLM vault toilet at Wilson Canyon.

- 3. Training:** *Please 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?*

Training is not the focus of this project, but education on OHV rules, regulations, and sustainable recreation will be included as part of the two planned volunteer events as well as included on interpretive and educational signs.

4. Trail mapping and signing of existing trails and facilities: *If a mapping component is included in the grant, please describe how it will be integrated with the current web mapping application found on OHV.NV.GOV*

Signing is a significant component of this project. Regulatory signs will be installed to inform users about specific federal and state regulations applicable to the Wilson Canyon area, including information on and boundaries of the emergency closure, existing staging and camping areas, as well as alternative staging and camping areas to help disburse some of the heavy use in the area of the closure.

5. Connectivity/Loops: *How will the project impact connectivity of OHV trails, facilities, and local communities? Please include maps of areas impacted by your project and describe those impacts.*

The barriers and restoration within the closure area should have no impact on the connectivity of trails and public lands in the area. OHV recreation is the largest use of BLM and USFS land around West Wilson Canyon with multiple options and opportunities for access to a variety of OHV trail systems and backcountry areas. Informational signs and maps will include information on designated routes, access points, staging areas, and other public land information for both BLM and USFS lands in the Wilson Canyon area. This information will help users better understand designated uses of land in the area, introduce them to new recreation opportunities, and explain how best to recreate responsibly.

6. 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?*

Restoration of sensitive riparian habitat along the Walker River is a major component of this project. The 2003 BLM Emergency Closure was put in place “in order to prevent further adverse effects to soils, vegetation, water resources, visual resources, wildlife, and wildlife habitat” caused by illegal OHV and motorized use of the riparian and river corridor and modification of those areas to accommodate staging and camping adjacent to the river. Continued motorized use and overnight camping since the closure was enacted has resulted in further degradation of the area. Furthermore, motorized access to the river not only directly impacts those sensitive habitats, it also disturbs other recreational uses of the area such as fishing, bird watching, hiking, and river recreation. The purpose of the barrier installation and restoration work is to remediate impacts from motorized use in and prevent further degradation of the sensitive riparian zone along the river in keeping with the emergency closure. The signing plan will further educate users on

sustainable recreation practices and direct them to alternate staging and camping areas in officially designated or otherwise low-impact sites. Through the combined installation of barriers, restoration of impacted areas, and installation of signs, the Conservancy believes that significant violations of the emergency closure can be prevented and the sensitive riparian zone can be adequately restored while maintaining other recreational access to the river.

7. Access: *Please 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.*

The increased protection of the closure area and restoration of disturbed sites will help ensure continued use of the Wilson Canyon area for motorized recreation without need for further regulatory or management actions. Heavy use of BLM lands along the Walker River in Wilson Canyon for motorized recreation, staging, and camping resulted in the initial closure of the area to motorized use. While the area is still heavily used, the closure is intended to protect the most environmentally sensitive and important habitat along and within the river. The work of this project will help maintain the borders of the closure area from additional encroachment while directing users to appropriate areas for recreation and camping, ensuring that Wilson Canyon can remain open and no additional action needs to be taken to protect the sensitive area within the closure. Additionally, this project is intended to be the first phase of significant improvements in the Wilson Canyon area that will expand access and recreational opportunities.

8. Partnering and Leverage: *Who else is involved in this project? Please describe outreach with stakeholders, partners and local governments, that you have communicated with in planning this project.*

The Conservancy is directly partnering with Nevada Offroad Association and the BLM on the design and implementation of this project. Additionally, the Conservancy has engaged with a number of other agencies and organizations on the design of the project as well as planning for future phases through the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership. Most notable are the Pine Nut Mountain Trails Association, who will be partnering on volunteer day projects and community outreach, the US Forest Service, who is looking into similar actions on adjacent USFS land, the NV Department of Transportation, who is in the planning phase of similar protection work for the river corridor adjacent to their Wilson Canyon Rest Area, and Tread Lightly, who is working with NVORA on developing consistent and pertinent educational and informational signage to be used on this and similar projects.

9. Economic Integration: *How will this project improve OHV recreation opportunities that help local, regional, or state economies grow?*

The Wilson Canyon area is one of the most heavily used recreation sites in the Walker Basin. In addition to the significant OHV and camping opportunities, the area has a diverse range of other outdoor recreation, including fishing, hiking, and equestrian use, that draws a large number of

recreationists from outside of the area. Protection of important river resources not only has an environmental benefit, but it also preserves those sensitive areas for the use of a variety of non-motorized recreation. Additionally, through the informational and interpretive signage, the Conservancy hopes to better educate recreationists about additional opportunities on BLM and USFS lands in the area that will help alleviate the significant recreational pressure in the area while still providing for additional opportunities for new users. This recreational tourism is an important and significant source of money coming into the area for communities such as Yerington, Smith, and Wellington.

10. Demand for New Facilities: *Please provide justification for NEW facility/program development: restrooms, trails, signs, and other amenities.*

Construction of the barriers for protecting the enclosure area is a necessity as described in question 6 above. The installation of signs will likewise play a significant part in protecting sensitive riparian habitat and upholding the emergency closure, but they will also fulfill a need for additional information, education, and interpretive opportunities in a highly visited and trafficked area. Current regulatory and informational signs in the area are old, fading, and frequently non-existent. There is only one large informational sign on the north side of the river, with minimal information about the immediate and surrounding areas. The installation of new and additional signs to provide information and interpretive opportunities will enhance user experience, educate the public, and help disperse recreation impacts into less frequented areas.

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE WITH STATUS IN GOOD STANDING

I, BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE, the duly elected and qualified Nevada Secretary of State, do hereby certify that I am, by the laws of said State, the custodian of the records relating to filings by corporations, non-profit corporations, corporation soles, limited-liability companies, limited partnerships, limited-liability partnerships and business trusts pursuant to Title 7 of the Nevada Revised Statutes which are either presently in a status of good standing or were in good standing for a time period subsequent of 1976 and am the proper officer to execute this certificate.

I further certify that the records of the Nevada Secretary of State, at the date of this certificate, evidence, **WALKER BASIN CONSERVANCY**, as a non-profit corporation duly organized under the laws of Nevada and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nevada since September 16, 2014, and is in good standing in this state.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of State, at my office on July 27, 2016.

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE
Secretary of State

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