

Draft 2007 California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Grant Application Summary

**Bureau of Land Management – Hollister Field Office
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The Hollister Field Office is applying for funding in eight categories, each of which is summarized below. Funding requests are detailed in the PCD spreadsheet(s) with corresponding number identifiers. Following the summarized project descriptions are current grant project accomplishments.

1) CONSERVATION

Area-wide plant and animal species surveys and monitoring will include threatened, sensitive, and non-sensitive species monitoring throughout the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA).

Cultural resource interpretive materials will be produced by the Archaeologist and posted in a Native American Use area to reduce use conflicts.

Trail inventory, assessment, monitoring is to be conducted on CCMA trails.

Trail and area signing will be continued to implement the 2006 Record of Decision for CCMA route and area designation.

Route restoration is to be conducted in areas of OHV trespass onto closed trails, and near the Native American Use area.

Conservation project planning and implementation: Monitoring results will be used to target specific areas for management actions such as signing, fencing, and route restoration.

Vehicle and transportation costs are included in the project request.

2) DEVELOPMENT

Complete Jade Mill Recreation Site Development: Purchase and install vehicle barriers, picnic tables, metal fire grates, and improve the access road.

Purchase and Install modular fee entrance station; develop fee station for 2007 fee program implementation.

Removal of three remaining old toilets; replace one at Oak Flat Campground with new. This project will complete the 2004 CCMA toilet replacement project.

Equipment and operations and maintenance costs are included for the project.

3) EQUIPMENT

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Purchase Law Enforcement travel trailer.

Purchase Law Enforcement patrol SUV.

Purchase quad-cab pickup for new recreation and resource staff members dedicated to the CCMA project.

4) FACILITIES OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Camping and staging area maintenance and improvement, including barrier and fence repair, painting of picnic tables, and toilet pumping.

Minor equipment and supply purchases such as medical and first aid kits, toilet paper, cleaning supplies.

Restroom improvements such as hand washing stations and low-voltage solar lighting systems.

Facility improvements such as signs and updating informational kiosks.

Purchase industrial grade toilet cleaning/washer system.

5) LAW ENFORCEMENT

Fund law enforcement positions for general patrol and compliance monitoring within the CCMA.

Purchase equipment (surveillance, safety, communications, etc.)

LE vehicle operations and maintenance.

6) OHV SAFETY AND EDUCATION

Revise, print, and distribute new large-format CCMA route and area map.

Develop new brochures: route and area signing, RNA interpretive, cultural resources interpretive.

Maintain and update existing kiosks.

Purchase plotting and lamination materials for area kiosks.

Purchase cultural resource informational and protective signs.

7) RESTORATION

Continue pilot serpentine barren restoration project. This project was funded with a 2005 OHMVR grant. This funding will allow continuation of the project.

Begin extensive trail restoration in areas with high potential for excess erosion and OHV trespass into sensitive resource areas or onto closed routes and areas.

Purchase supplies, tools, equipment for restoration project work.

Labor costs for field and planning staff are included in this project request.

Transportation and vehicle costs for transporting staff, materials, and equipment is included in this project request.

8) TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Trail maintenance and improvement in high visitation areas of Clear Creek Canyon.

Continue trail assessment and inventory project. This funding would allow completion of State Soil Loss monitoring for the entire area.

Trail equipment operations and maintenance will include operation of the SWECO trail machine (OHMVR funded), graders, backhoe and other heavy equipment.

Trail restoration: Trails have been identified within this category for restoration under the 2006 Record of Decision (ROD) for the CCMA. BLM has committed within that document to restoring at least 50 miles of routes by 2011.

Trail signing: Trail and area signing to implement the 2006 ROD will continue.

Project Accomplishments:

Grant OR-1-H-06 (2003 Equipment)

This grant (\$81,000) was used to fund 80% of the cost for a SWECO trail machine equipped with a HEPA air-filtered cab. The unit was delivered to BLM in November, 2005.

Grant OR-1-H-09 (2004 Resource Management)

Control language: Grant funds may not be used for administration, vehicle operating costs, vehicle repairs, or equipment purchases.

Approximately 5.5 miles of resource protection fencing constructed for protection of the San Benito Research Natural Area. These actions were also part of the Interim Protection Strategy for the San Benito evening primrose, a federally threatened plant species.

Visitors contacted and informed of resource issues within the area by Park Rangers, Law Enforcement and other staff.

Labor costs for staff specialists and laborers involved in CCMA projects were charged to this project. Projects such as fencing, environmental analysis, and site visits were included.

Labor for Outdoor Recreation Planner involved in area planning was charged to this project.

Project Coordinator labor costs were charged to this project. Duties included; area patrol, project planning and construction, route network analysis, and grant administration.

Seasonal maintenance staff hired to assist with fencing and route maintenance project work within CCMA.

Weekly and bi-monthly monitoring of protective measures (primarily fencing) conducted by field staff via ATV.

Vandalism of fences and other barriers were repaired.

Signing and other barricades were installed by staff to reduce OHV trespass into closed areas such as the Natural Areas and habitat areas for sensitive or threatened species.

Soil loss assessments conducted on approximately one hundred miles of routes.

Route maintenance conducted on over seventy miles of routes to reduce sediment transport, resource damage, and improve stream crossings.

Supplies and materials purchased to implement the above projects and ensure adequate safety for all staff involved.

Law Enforcement funded for patrol of sensitive areas and enforcement of California OHV laws and BLM area regulations.

Materials and supplies purchased for general operation such as hand tools, hardware, and safety supplies for maintenance work.

Four special use permits issued for OHV events in CCMA. Each permit involves environmental review, permit preparation, and field permit administration. Outdoor Recreation Planner, Law Enforcement, Project Coordinator, Park Rangers, and other staff assisted with these projects.

Grant OR-1-H-10 (2005 Operations and Maintenance)

Two vault toilets were installed at Jade Mill Recreation Site. The project will continue this fall and winter to install protective fencing, barricades, signs, and informational kiosks. Human waste and unregulated OHV use have been a troubling issue at the site for several years. See attached photos.

Two seasonal Park Rangers were hired in December of 2004 to assist with visitor contact and project work within CCMA.

A critical protective fence for San Benito evening primrose was completed in Upper Clear Creek Canyon in Jan/Feb of 2005. This fence has since eliminated all OHV trespass into the site.

Informational kiosks have been revised and reposted. Map boxes were constructed and have been installed at key entry and camping areas. Thirteen kiosks have been reposted with the revised information.

The visitor entrance station was operational. Roof repairs were made to the trailer. The station was regularly staffed during peak arrival periods. It is estimated that 60% of users were contacted in person at the station during weekend/holiday periods.

The kiosk at the alternate entrance at New Idria was repaired and reposted following vandalism.

A term Park Ranger was hired in April of 2005 and is assisting with visitor information, compliance patrols, restroom and site cleaning, and project work throughout the CCMA.

Route markers and other signing within Clear Creek Canyon is being replaced and refurbished for the use season.

Over 25 signs identifying the San Benito Mountain RNA were replaced following vandalism.

Grant OR-1-SW-34 (2005 Northern and Central California non-Wilderness Restoration)

Planning completed for first phase. This involved several site visits, GPS work, air photo analysis, materials procurement, project scheduling, and record keeping. Sites 22a, 22b, and 25 were mapped and analyzed with aerial photos and GIS analysis to prioritize work.

Several work days completed during late spring of 2005 in high-visibility areas within the San Benito Mountain RNA at site 22b and 22a. Work consisted of track obscuration, fencing, signing, and vertical mulching.

Other work planned includes; installation of check dams (hay bales, fiber rolls, and natural materials), native seeding, ATV harrowing, additional fencing and signing.

Planning has also included areas within site 22a for revegetation.

Volunteers assisted with work during this period, and this contribution is expected to continue for the duration of the project.

On April 30 the upper portion of site 22a was inspected for proper function. Both erosion control features and associated fiber roll installations were functioning properly with no breaches. Significant and persistent rainfall had occurred throughout March and April at the site with significant runoff through the site. No additional deposition was evident below the gully.

June 3, 2005 work was again conducted at sites 22a and 22b, including track obscuration, fencing, and signing.

APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET
OHMVR Local Assistance Grants or Cooperative Agreements
(OHV Form H)

Applicant:

(A) PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING CATEGORIES				(F) SUBTOTAL	(G) ADMIN <input type="text"/> %	(H) TOTAL
	CESA						
	(B) CONSERVATION	(C) ENFORCEMENT	(D) RESTORATION	(E) NONCESA			
Conservation	\$153,600				\$153,600		\$153,600
Development				\$87,750	\$87,750		\$87,750
Equipment		\$65,000	\$32,000		\$97,000		\$97,000
Facilities O&M				\$59,600	\$59,600		\$59,600
Law Enforcement		\$320,050			\$320,050		\$320,050
OHV Safety and Education				\$50,440	\$50,440		\$50,440
Restoration			\$245,850		\$245,850		\$245,850
Trail Maintenance	\$646,000				\$624,000		\$624,000
				Subtotal			\$1,638,290
APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET TOTAL ROUNDED TO NEAREST \$1,000 (This amount must match the Grand Total amount requested on the application face sheet)							\$1,638,000
<small>(ROUND TO NEAREST \$1,000); (e.g., \$1-\$499 round down; \$500-\$999 round up) *Applicants may request administrative costs, not to exceed 10% of the total project(s) requested. If claiming administrative costs, the percentage claiming shall be noted in the % box entitled "(G) Admin" above. The total amount of administrative costs requested shall be identified in column (G) above by project type.</small>							