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To: Field Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources
Subject: Grant Applications for Off-Highway Vehicle and Recreational Trails Programs

This IM does not apply to North and South Dakota, since they do not have this program within their states.

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MTFWP) posted the grant applications for the 2005 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Recreational Trails Programs on their web site. Each field office is encouraged to submit a grant application for the OHV Program or the Recreational Trails Program, as appropriate.

At the January 2004 OHV Advisory Committee meeting, the State of Montana and some user groups agreed that implementation of BLM's OHV decision should be a funding priority. This includes focusing efforts on signing, route inventory, staff to inventory routes, place signs, visit with recreationists, and enforce policy. The chances for funding of BLM requests have never been greater. This is an excellent opportunity for acquiring funds for your projects. The MTFWP staff is willing to provide training or assistance for filling out the applications, if requested.

The applications are posted on the MTFWP web site at:
<http://www.fwp.state.mt.us/parks/grants>.

The applications can be downloaded. The fisheries and wildlife biologist sign off can be done by a BLM staff biologist. The requirements of the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) have to be met as part of the application. Four copies of an application have to be in MTFWP's office by July 1, 2004. The mailing address is included in the packet.

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