

**Application for Cooperative Agreement Funding from California State Parks
Off-Highway Vehicle Program**

Public Review Information 2006 OHV Grant - Bakersfield FO

May 10, 2005

BLM Bakersfield Field Office, Bakersfield, California, will be submitting a request for funds from the State of California Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant and Cooperative Agreements program. Further information on the entire program is available at the OHMVR grants website:

http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=1164.

This grant request package will provide draft information for public review about the grant application that the Bakersfield Field Office will be submitting for the Fiscal Year 2006 grant allocations. The requests for grants from this office, as well as other BLM offices, federal and local Agencies, and non-profit organizations will be considered for funding on a competitive basis.

The regulations for the program require that each applicant provide notice to the public, “not later than 30 days prior to submitting the final application.” Additionally, the regulations require that, “at a minimum, the applicant shall make available to the public for the purposes of this review, the application face sheet, the project description, the project costs and deliverables, and, if applicable, the past project accomplishments”.

Public comments received at least five days prior to the application deadline will be attached to the application as submitted. Applicants are required to include a brief statement of how public comments were incorporated into the application. Comments received after the deadline will be forwarded to the OHMVR Division.

Public input and support are critical elements in the grant request process. The staff of the Bakersfield Field Office will consider your comments for the final application to be submitted.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Nika Lepak at the Bakersfield BLM Field Office. She can be reached by phone at (661)391-6029 or by e-mail at

dlepak@blm.gov.

The Public Review Process for this application consists of four steps:

1. This notice will be published in a local newspaper by May 10, 2005, which is 30 days prior to the June 10 deadline for the application. The BLM California State Office website will post copies of notices from any BLM office submitting an application for 2006.

2. Additional information is available from Nika Lepak at the Bakersfield Field Office. She can be reached by phone at (661) 391-6029 or by e-mail at dlepak@blm.gov.
3. Any public comments submitted to the Bakersfield Field Office prior to close of business on Friday, June 3, 2005, will part of the application package, and a brief narrative will be included about any changes to the application as a result of the comments.
4. Copies of the Final Application Package will be available after final submittal to the OHMVR division on June 10, 2005.

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Bakersfield BLM Office Grant Request Information Available

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Bakersfield is currently soliciting public comments on an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant proposal that is being prepared to improve recreational opportunities in the Keyesville area near Lake Isabella. Funds would be used for recreation planning, restoration of areas impacted by OHV use, and improvement of visitor services.

Additional information about this grant application will be posted on the Bakersfield BLM website at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/index.html>, and is also available from the office upon request. BLM's draft grant application proposal will be available for public review by May 10, 2005. The office will submit a final application for fiscal year 2006 to California State Parks, Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) by June 10, 2005. All public comments received will be included in the final grant application.

For further information or a copy of the draft application package, call Nika Lepak at (661) 391-6029. Copies of the draft application package are available at the Bakersfield BLM office at 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308. To ensure consideration, comments should be postmarked no later than May 31, 2005.

BLM applies for grants from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Off-Highway Vehicle Division each year to help fund and coordinate its OHV program. The grants support OHV management activities such as law enforcement, resource protection, planning and monitoring, visitor services, and maintenance on BLM and National Forest lands throughout the state. Information on the Grant process is available on the California State Parks' OHMVR website:

http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=1164.

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SECTION I
State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Division of Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
(OHV FORM A)

APPLICATION FOR STATE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV)
LOCAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS OR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS
(State's Use Only) PROJECT NUMBER: OR - _____

1. Applicant:
 Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office

Address:
 3801 Pegasus Drive

2. City: Bakersfield	3. County: Kern	State: California	Zip: 93308
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4. GRANT OR PROJECT AGREEMENT TYPE(S): (Select one or more)

<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Development	<input type="checkbox"/> OHV Safety or Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Studies and Scientific Research
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance, Trail Conservation, and Trail Reroute
<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Operation and Maintenance (FO&M)	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Management	

	GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (For all Project Types) \$ <u>246,000</u> (Rounded to the nearest \$1,000)	
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5. APPLICANT'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AND CONTACT PERSON (S):

Authorized Representative: Ron Huntsinger	Project Administrator: Nika Lepak
Title: Bakersfield Field Office Manager	Title: Range Management Specialist
Telephone: (661) 391-6006	Telephone: (661)391-6029
Fax: (661) 391-6041	Fax: (661)391-6041
E-mail: rhunts@blm.gov	E-mail: dlepak@blm.gov

6. AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that all statements made in this application are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I am authorized to obligate the applicant to the contractual terms of this application. I authorize representatives of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division to verify the accuracy of the information contained in this application as needed.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SIGNED	DATE
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APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET
OHV Local Assistance Grants or Cooperative Agreements
(OHV FORM H)

Applicant: BLM Bakersfield Field Office

(A) PROJECT TITLE	FUNDING CATEGORIES				(F) TOTAL
	CESA			(E) NON-CESA	
	(B) CONSERVATION	(C) ENFORCEMENT	(D) RESTORATION		
1. Planning				\$26,500	\$26,500
2. Restoration			\$219,200		\$219,200
TOTAL					\$245,700
Administration (maximum 10%)					\$0
Subtotal					\$245,700
APPLICATION SUMMARY SHEET TOTAL ROUNDED TO NEAREST \$1,000 (This amount must match the Grand Total amount requested on the application face sheet)					\$246,000
((ROUND TO NEAREST \$1,000); (e.g., \$1-\$499 round (down ↓); \$500-\$999 round (up ↑))]					

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

On June 10, 2005 the Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office will submit for consideration to California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division, the following cooperative agreement assistance grants: 1) Restoration; and 2) Planning.

For 2006, the Bakersfield BLM Field Office will be concentrating its OHV-related management activities on the Keyesville Special Management Area (SMA). The SMA encompasses 7,133 acres of Federal lands located on the Kern River near Lake Isabella, California. The Keyesville SMA provides extensive recreation opportunities, including OHV and mountain bike riding, horseback riding, hiking, camping, and recreational mining. A raft launch site is located on the 2.5 mile stretch of the Kern River that runs through the SMA. Other uses include livestock grazing and mining. Approximately 80 miles of roads and trails in the SMA provide recreation opportunities for all classes of off-road vehicles, and lead onto hundreds of miles of trails on the adjacent Sequoia National Forest. Visitation data for motorized and non-motorized use in this area show a 23% increase in use from 2002 to 2004. In 2004, visitation to Keyesville was estimated to be 142,600 visitor use days. This jump in popularity is likely to continue in line with the recent rapid population growth of Kern County.

Keyesville Special Management Area Restoration: \$219,200

Bakersfield BLM Field Office proposes to continue restoration work that is scheduled to begin in June 2005. Proposed activities include: delineation and signing of designated OHV trails; erosion control; restoration of off-route trails and “challenge” areas to native vegetation and natural land contours; and supporting archeological and biological surveys. BLM also proposes gating abandoned mines to reduce public safety hazards and to protect bat habitat. Additional park ranger and law enforcement patrol of the area is proposed to support restoration efforts, promote public safety, provide public outreach, maintain concentrated use areas, and minimize new OHV-related impacts.

Keyesville Special Management Area Planning (Non-CESA): \$26,500

Bakersfield BLM Field Office proposes preparation of a comprehensive Activity Plan to direct future management of the Keyesville SMA, and to analyze the impacts of this plan through preparation of and Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The primary goal is to provide for a range of recreation and land use activities while protecting cultural and natural resources. A primary focus of this plan would be on trail and facilities planning for OHV-related recreation use. The plan would address multiple recreation and resource uses of the Keyesville SMA, improving the recreation opportunities, reducing conflicts, and coordinating management with the Sequoia National Forest. BLM would seek additional funding both internally and from other sources as necessary to complete planning for and to analyze the effects of non-OHV uses within the area.

Comments can be made to:
Ron Huntsinger, Field Manager
Bakersfield Field Office

3801 Pegasus Drive
Bakersfield, CA 933308 (661) 391-6006

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PROJECT COSTS/DELIVERABLES (PC/D)

(OHV Form 1)

APPLICANT: BLM Bakersfield FO		GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Keyesville Special Mgmt Area				
Application Title: Keyesville Special Management Area Planning Grant						
General Funding Category C E R "N" (Mark one) (see below)	Qty.*	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal	AC	Grant Request
Activities: Recreation Planning for the Keyesville Special Management Area						
Staff:						
Archaeologist	0.5	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Biologist	1	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Realty Specialist	0.5	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Recreation Specialist	1	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000
Range Management Specialist	0.5	mo.	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,500
GIS Specialist	0.5	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Geologist	0.5	mo.	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Total				\$ 26,500	\$ -	\$26,500
Contracts:						
				Total		
Materials/Supplies:						
				Total		
Vehicle Maintenance/FOR:						
				Total		
Equipment:						
				Total		
Other:						
				Total	\$26,500	\$26,500
				(DO NOT ROUND) Form Total	\$26,500	\$26,500
Funding Categories C = Conservation E = Enforcement R = Restoration N = (Non-CESA)		** If an agency requesting a cooperative agreement wants to voluntarily report agency contributions, change the title from "Match" to "Agency Contributions (AC)"				

PROJECT COSTS/DELIVERABLES (PC/D)				Page <u>2</u> of <u>2</u>		
(OHV Form 1)						
APPLICANT: BLM Bakersfield FO			GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Keyesville Special Mgmt Area			
Application Title: Keyesville Special Management Area Restoration Grant						
General Funding Category	Qty.*	Unit	Unit Cost	Subtotal	AC	Grant Request
C E "R" N (Mark one) (see below)						
Activities: Restoration of unauthorized, closure of abandoned mines						
Staff:						
Archaeologist	1	mo.	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$ -	\$6,000
Aracheology Technician	4	mo.	\$3,500	\$14,000	\$ -	\$14,000
Botanist	2	mo.	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$ -	\$12,000
Recreation Planner	2.5	mo.	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$12,000
Park Rangers (2)	18	mo.	\$3,100	\$55,800	\$ -	\$55,800
Law Enforcement Ranger	2	mo.	\$6,000	\$12,000	\$ -	\$12,000
Fire Crew (Hazard Tree Removal)	3	day	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total				\$117,800	\$5,000	\$112,800
Contracts:						
Bat Habitat Survey	5	day	\$1,500	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$5,000
Trail Restoration Crew	3	mo.	\$20,000	\$60,000	\$ -	\$60,000
Mine Shaft Gate + Installation	2	ea.	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$ -	\$10,000
Mine Shaft Cupola + Installation	1	ea.	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ -	\$10,000
Total				\$87,500	\$2,500	\$85,000
Materials/Supplies:						
Straw Bales / Wattles	100	ea.	\$12	\$1,200	\$ -	\$1,200
Stakes for Wattles	600	ea.	\$1	\$600	\$ -	\$600
Erosion Control Geotextile	20	roll	\$70	\$1,400	\$ -	\$1,400
Signs	110	ea.	\$25	\$2,750	\$250	\$2,500
Fencing Wire	4	roll	\$50	\$200	\$200	\$ -
Metal T-posts	100	ea.	\$5	\$500	\$500	\$ -
Wood Posts	20	ea.	\$12	\$240	\$240	\$ -
Total				\$6,890	\$1,190	\$5,700
Vehicle Maintenance/FOR:						
	12	mo.	\$600	\$7,200	\$ -	\$7,200
	4	mo.	\$600	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$ -
	4	mo.	\$600	\$2,400	\$ -	\$2,400
Total				\$12,000	\$2,400	\$9,600
Equipment:						
Misc. Handtools / Tool Rental				\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Heavy Machinery (Backhoe + Bulldozer)				\$2,400	\$ -	\$2,400
Total				\$7,400	\$2,500	\$4,900
Other:						
Volunteer Reimburse - Maintenance Costs				\$6,000	\$4,800	\$1,200
Total				\$6,000	\$4,800	\$1,200

	(DO NOT ROUND) Form Total	\$237,590	\$18,390	\$219,200
Funding Categories C = Conservation E = Enforcement R = Restoration N = (Non-CESA)	** If an agency requesting a cooperative agreement wants to voluntarily report agency contributions, change the title from "Match" to "Agency Contributions (AC)"			

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PAST PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

There is no Project Accomplishment Report for calendar year 2004. No cooperative agreement was in place between California State Parks, OHMVR Division, and the Bakersfield BLM Field Office in 2004. Restoration work in the Keyesville SMA is scheduled to begin in June of 2005. This work is funded by a 2005 grant and cooperative agreement with California State Parks OHMVR Division.

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