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This camping area would serve visitors who want an alternative to the regular Forest Service developed campgrounds. It would be very primitive by providing roads to the camping area, places to park, a vault toilet and level areas to camp. The dispersed campers come from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, the San Francisco Bay Area as well as local residents from Amador, El Dorado and Placer Counties. These visitors enjoy dispersed camping. Some may enjoy riding OHVs on the dirt roads in the Nevada Point and Ralston Ridge area surrounding the Long Canyon Camping Area or travel on the dirt roads to access other recreation opportunities such as fishing and hiking. Other OHV opportunities in the area include the Hunter Trail motorcycle route and the Hell Hole 4WD Trail.
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C. Size of the proposed development
The size of this project would involve approximately 2 acres to provide approximately half a mile of roads to the various parking and camping spots of this area.

D. Timeline for Project Completion
Attachments: Long Canyon Dispersed Camping

E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities
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Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME: USFS - Eldorado National Forest

PROJECT TITLE: Development - Long Canyon Dispersed Use (FINAL)

PROJECT TYPE:
- ☑ Development
- ☐ Education & Safety
- ☐ Ground Operations
- ☐ Law Enforcement
- ☐ Planning
- ☐ Restoration

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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

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a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

ITEM 2

b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a “Project” under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a “Project” under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a “Project” under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No)  
   Yes  No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts
Evaluation Criteria

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1  Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)
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      Applicant is 3

      (Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.)  (Please select
      one from list)
         ○ 76% or more (10 points)
         ○ 51% - 75% (5 points)
         ○ 26% - 50% (3 points)
         ○ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2  Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources
   a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 3
      Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area
      Number of special-status species 2
      (Check the one most appropriate)  (Please select one from list)
         ○ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
         ○ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
         ○ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
         ○ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

   b. Habitat
      b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 3
         Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)
         Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter
         number of species)... (Please select Yes or No)
         Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species) 3
         Reference Document
         To be developed during the environmental analysis and decision for the Long Canyon Camping Area Project.
         (Check the one most appropriate)  (Please select one from list)
         ○ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
         ○ Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)
         ○ Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)
         ○ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources
   c. Cultural Resources 5
      (Check the one most appropriate)  (Please select one from list)
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Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
☐ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
☐ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)
☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document
Archaeological Site Testing and Evaluation of the Long Canyon Site (05-03-53-04) and Environmental Analysis and Decision for the Long Canyon Camping Area to be developed in the first phase of this project.

3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified OHV use  2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)
☐ ATV
☐ 4X4
☐ M.C.
☐ Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV)
☐ Snowmobile
☐ Dune buggy, rail
☐ Other (Specify) [SUV, passenger cars]

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:
4X4 would be able to drive to park their vehicles at appropriate locations along Long Canyon Creek. The project is designed for campers to drive their vehicles off highway to access dispersed sites at the Long Canyon Camping Area.

4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project?  5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
☐ No (No points)
☐ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan
Eldorado National Forest Travel Management EIS and ROD

5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as  5

☐ Materials diverted from landfills
☐ Recycled plastic lumber
☐ Fly ash content concrete

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
☐ No (No points)
☐ Yes (5 points)

Explain ‘Yes’ response
The project would make use of green line Carsonite recycled plastic markers to instruct the public on regulations and directions for using the site. The information kiosk will be made of an information board made of recycled plastic.

6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.
6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4
   • Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
   • Repaving with permeable asphalt
   • Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
   • Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
   • Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard
   • Water efficient landscaping
   • Low-flow plumbing fixtures
   • Utilizing local building materials

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
☐ No (No points) ☑ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response
A. Utilizes local building materials, will collect barrier rocks from the nearby French Meadows Spillway Improvement Project, thus reducing the fuel costs and emissions from transporting barrier rocks to the Long Canyon Camping Area project.
B. Utilizes a Sweet Smelling Technology (SST) pre-fabricated vault toilet for the restroom that would minimize the water use needed to capture and retain of human waste.
C. This project would not involve any paving, so travel and parking surfaces with crushed aggregate rock would retain some permeability to recharge ground water.
D. No planting of vegetation will be done, so no irrigation system is necessary. Native vegetation would be utilized for landscaping relying only on natural precipitation.

7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
☐ Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)
☑ Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)
☐ Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Click all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)
☑ Camping ☐ Birding
☐ Hiking ☐ Equestrian trails
☐ Fishing ☐ Rock Climbing
☑ Other (Specify) [Water play]

9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Click all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)
☑ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

A notice was posted on the Eldorado National Forest website homepage on February 26, 2010, notifying the public that the Forest was developing a grant application and that comments were requested.

On March 1, 2010, approximately 300 letters and 600 emails were also mailed to individuals and groups interested in OHV recreation on the Forest. These letters notified our OHV uses that our preliminary application, including this project, was available for review and that requested comments.

A public meeting was held on March 17, 2010 to discuss this project at the Eldorado NF Supervisor’s Office. The public was notified about this meeting through the letters and emails sent and through a notice posted on the Forest’s website. On February 5, 2010, a stakeholder meeting was held at the Georgetown Ranger District, during which the participants were informed about the upcoming opportunity to comment on the project.

10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 0

   (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
   ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points) ☐ 1 (1 point)
   ☑ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 5

   (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
   ☑ Applicant’s operational budget (5 points)
   ☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
   ☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
   ☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

Explain checked statement

Applicant will use its operational budget to be the primary source of funding for this project in the future.

12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

   (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)
   ☐ No (No points) ☑ Yes (4 points)

Explain ‘Yes’ response

Vehicles used by visitors will be limited to where they can travel by engineering roads and parking areas defined by barrier rocks, topography and natural vegetation. The roads and parking areas would be designed with water diversion structures to control erosion and to disperse water where sediments can be filtered or settled out before the water reaches Long Canyon Creek. The cultural resources in the area would be protected from further damage by vehicles through the use of barrier rocks to prevent vehicles from traveling onto the cultural resources and installing filter fabric and crushed aggregate rock to form a protective barrier for cultural resources.

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (10 points) ☑ Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

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(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

☐ Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
☑ Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
☐ Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
☑ Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)
☑ Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document

Phase 1 of this project will produce the environmental analysis and decision document for how the Riparian/Wetland issues are resolved. The environmental analysis and decision include a proposed action that involves installing the vault toilet the Forest Service already possesses. The environmental analysis to be developed will also include evaluation and monitoring strategies to achieve to objectives of providing dispersed recreation opportunities and resource protection for this project.