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PLANNING PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>The application addresses trail maintenance or restoration, taking into consideration:</p> <p><u>Trail Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends useful life of the trail system • Protects useful life of the trail system • Prevents erosion and the natural environment • Sustains long-term OHV opportunity <p><u>Restoration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits rare, threatened and endangered species • Protects critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.) • Prevents off-route travel • Restores damaged areas in or near an existing or proposed wilderness area 	40/30	
<p>The application will lead to, facilitate, or assist in designation of roads and trails, or implementation of designation determinations.</p>	50	
<p>The application demonstrates the implications of not funding the proposed project.</p>	10	
<p><i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i></p>	10	
TOTAL	100	

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STUDIES

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
The application supports the efficient designation of routes.	40/30	
The application directly affects and/or impacts land management decisions associated with ORV recreation.	30	
The application includes a mechanism by which the results of the study will be incorporated into relevant land management plans.	30	
<i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i>	10	
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ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>The acquisition enhances, adds or protects existing opportunity or provides new opportunity and protects resources taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation of existing opportunity. • Reduction of conflicts with non-motorized recreationists. • Protection of residents, private property and landowners adjacent to the proposed acquisition from noise, trespass and property damage. • Purchase contributing to mitigation and buffers. • Purchase of contiguous lands for protection of habitat. 	40	
<p>The application demonstrates the implications of not funding the project taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential loss of OHV opportunity. • Loss of, or damage to, critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.) • Continued or increased private property intrusion. 	40/30	
<p>The application demonstrates that the proposed project improves existing or future ORV use.</p>	20	
<p><i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i></p>	10	
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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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<p>Application addresses trail maintenance, restoration, or law enforcement, taking into consideration:</p> <p><u>Trail Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends and protects the useful life of the trail system • Prevents erosion and the natural environment • Sustains long-term OHV opportunity <p><u>Restoration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits rare, threatened and endangered species • Protects critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.) • Prevents off-route travel <p><u>Law Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasizes prevention of resource damage. • Emphasizes prevention of existing or potential user conflict. • Emphasizes the reduction of private property trespass. • Emphasizes prevention of off-route travel, or entry into closed areas. 	5040	
<p>Application will lead to protection of important environmental resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing erosion. • Reducing water quality impacts. • Preventing damage to habitat. 	30	
<p>Application demonstrates the implications of not funding the project.</p>	10	
<p>Application will sustain long-term ORV use by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing education opportunities. • Providing a high quality experience. 	10	
<p><i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i></p>	10	
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TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>Application demonstrates that maintenance will extend the useful life of the trail system taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing unauthorized creation of alternative routes. • Meeting user needs/challenge level. • Protecting and conserving resources. • Enhancing ORV opportunity. 	40	
<p>Application demonstrates the implications of not funding the proposed project taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of loss of trail use or opportunity. • Harm to surrounding resources. • Higher future maintenance costs. 	30	
<p>Application demonstrates, through applicant's soil conservation and wildlife habitat protection plans, that applicant is effectively protecting soil quality and preventing damage to habitat.</p>	30	
<p><i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i></p>	10	
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FACILITIES OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (FO&M) PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
Application demonstrates that the proposed project is an efficient use of funds.	20	
Application demonstrates the implications of not funding the proposed project taking into consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harm to public health and safety. • Loss of recreation opportunity. • Loss of protection for, or harm to, natural and cultural resources. • Increased future maintenance or replacement costs. 	40 30	
Application demonstrates how the project helps to extend the useful life of the facilities taking into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventative maintenance. • Regular replacement of deteriorating items. 	40	
<i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i>	10	
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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>Application demonstrates that the project will protect, rehabilitate or conserve significant resources taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing erosion and the natural environment. • Benefiting rare, threatened and endangered species. • Protecting critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.). • Preventing continued off-route travel. 	40	
<p>Application demonstrates that the project will prevent future harm to significant resources taking into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory and surveys of natural and cultural resources to aid in the accomplishment of route designation. • Monitoring and repair of existing resource damage and prevention of future damage • Implementation of appropriate measures to protect wildlife and cultural sites 	40-30	
<p>Application demonstrates negative implications of not funding the proposed project.</p>	20	
<p><i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i></p>	10	
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OHV SAFETY OR EDUCATION PROGRAM PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>Application is for a project that includes education designed to promote environmentally responsible riding, taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education designed to address the importance of resource protection • Education regarding wilderness and closed area intrusion • Education regarding private property trespass • Education associated with proper trail etiquette for multiple use trails 	40	
<p>Application demonstrates negative implications of not funding the proposed project.</p>	20	
<p>Application demonstrates a significant contribution to the safe and/or environmentally responsible operation of OHVs taking into consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education of riders. • Ethics of responsible riding. • Rider safety 	30 20	
<p>Application demonstrates that proposed project is an efficient use of funds.</p>	10	
<p>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</p>	10	
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EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
<p>Application is for an equipment purchase that is directly related to the following priorities in restoration, law enforcement, or trail maintenance:</p> <p><u>Restoration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits rare, threatened and endangered species • Protects critical resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.) • Prevents off-route travel • Restores damaged areas in or near an existing or proposed wilderness area <p><u>Law Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasizes prevention of resource damage. • Emphasizes prevention of existing or potential user conflict. • Emphasizes the reduction of private property trespass. • Emphasizes prevention of off-route travel, or entry into closed areas. <p><u>Trail Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends useful life of the trail system • Prevents erosion and the natural environment • Sustains long-term OHV opportunity 	6050	
Application demonstrates negative implications of not funding proposed purchase.	20	
Application demonstrates how purchase is efficient use of funds.	20	
<i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i>	10	
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LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
Application demonstrates how project reduces significant resource damage.	20	
Application demonstrates how project emphasizes reduction of intrusion into wilderness or other closed areas.	20	
Application demonstrates how project emphasizes areas with existing or potential conflicts with non-motorized recreationists.	10	
Application demonstrates how project emphasizes the reduction of private property trespass.	15	
Applicant demonstrates commitment and successful approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing resource damage. • Reducing intrusion into wilderness and other closed areas. • Reducing private property trespass. • Reducing existing or potential conflict with non-motorized recreationists. 	15	
Application demonstrates that law enforcement efforts will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing resource damage. • Reducing intrusion into wilderness and other closed areas. • Reducing private property trespass. • Reducing existing or potential conflict with non-motorized recreationists. 	20 10	
<i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i>	10	
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RESTORATION PROJECTS

Criteria	Points Possible	Project Score
Application demonstrates that project benefits rare, threatened, and endangered species.	20	
Application demonstrates that project protects critical environmental resources (soil, water, wildlife, etc.).	20 10	
Application demonstrates that project will prevent off-route travel and associated.	10	
Application will restore damaged areas or decommission routes in or near an existing or proposed wilderness areas, inventoried roadless areas, or other environmentally sensitive area.	10	
Application is for project that will decommission unneeded roads that are causing significant resource damage.	40	
<i>Application demonstrates applicant's track record of successfully implementing similar projects.</i>	10	
TOTAL	100	