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Please reconcile discrepancies found in regard to Visitor User Numbers. The previous and current grant request show a dramatically different amount of OHV visitors as compared to the recent Travel Management DEIS recently released.

As the graph below illustrates, three different figures have been submitted by the Inyo National Forest on official federal and state documents. To make matters more difficult, the public has no way of knowing what the true and actual figures might be. The public has no reason to trust that any numbers, or any data, now released by the Inyo National Forest would contain any element of truth.

Since there is no explanation possible for this discrepancy, this would lead to the conclusion that the Inyo National Forest has deliberately changed the OHV visitor numbers to suit their own needs. This is a willful act, as submitting falsified information on these documents could amount to allegations of fraud.

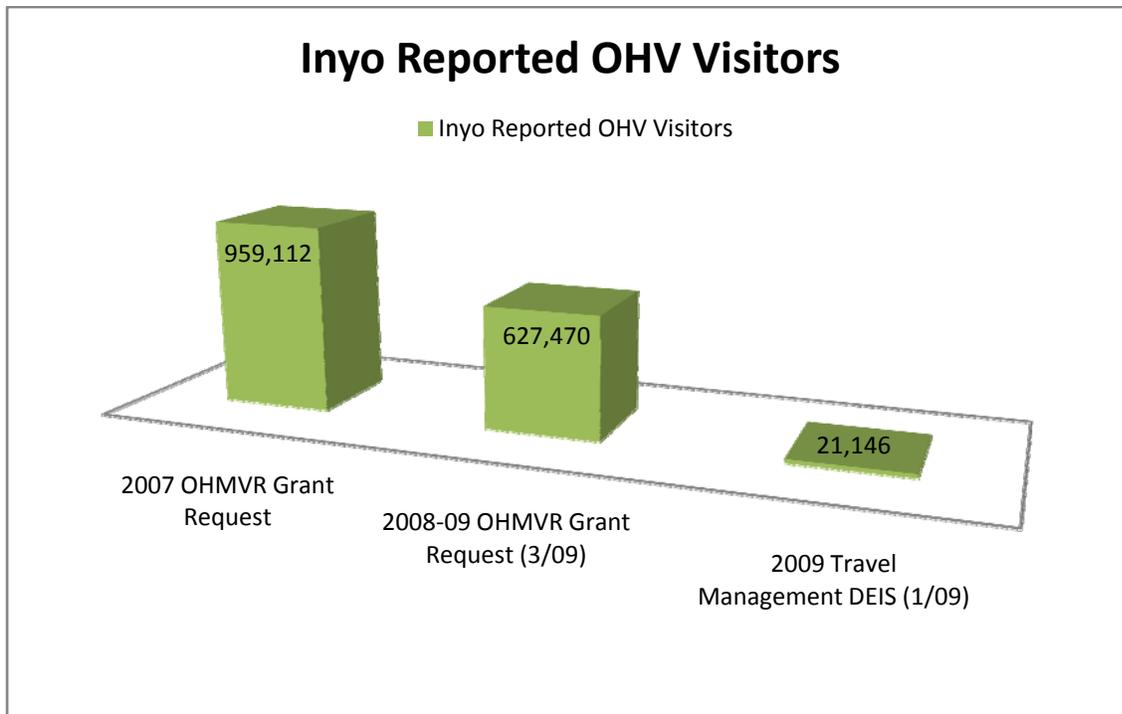


Table 1 Inyo National Forest Reported OHV Visitor User Day's

	01/2009 Travel Management DEIS	2006-07 OHMVR Grant Request	2007-08 OHMVR Grant Request	2008-09 OHMVR Grant Request
Total Visits	4,229,265			
Visits involving OHV	143,795			
OHV as Primary (VUD)	21,146*			
OHV Visitor User Days		60,360	959,112	627,470
OSV Visitor User Days			13,710	

*As extrapolated from chart in DEIS p48

Since the same National Visitor User Monitoring data report has been quoted to substantiate the need for grants monies from the OHV Trust Fund for the applications submitted for the 2007-2008 grant cycle, as well as the 2008-2009 grant cycle, and was also used in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released March 2009, it would be expected that the figures on all these official documents would be the same. This same data, from the same report, used in three different official federal and state documents, should have no difference or variance. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Enclosures

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1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

- a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No
Starting (Month/Year) 10/2005 Ending (Month/Year) 09/2006
- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity
 - i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12
 - ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 2875
 - iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 1100
 - iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 627470
 - v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 157.85

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- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page
2006 National Visitor Use Monitoring Results (Combination of activities information and questions on use of facilities which can be directly attributed to OHV use).
- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 157.85

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 10

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)
- Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)
- Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)
- Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)
- At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)
- Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

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

- 3 or more skill levels (5 points) 2 skill levels (3 points)
- 1 skill level (1 point) Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

- b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

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

- Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points) Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)

Executive Order 12862 (Setting Customer Service Standards), and implementation of the National Recreation Agenda. To improve public service, the agency’s Strategic and Annual Performance Plans require measuring trends in user satisfaction and use levels. NVUM information assists Congress, Forest Service leaders, and program managers in making sound decisions that best serve the public and protect valuable natural resources by providing science based, reliable information about the type, quantity, quality and location of recreation use on public lands. The information collected is also important to external customers including state agencies and private industry. NVUM methodology and analysis is explained in detail in the research paper entitled Forest Service National Visitor Use Monitoring Process: Research Method Documentation; English, Kocis, Zarnoch, and Arnold; Southern Research Station; May 2002 (www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum). NVUM results are used to assess current recreation use levels and activities for INF lands in the economic analysis area.

The Inyo National Forest participated in the National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) project from October 2004 through September 2005. There were approximately 4,229,265 national forest visits on the Inyo National Forest during fiscal year 2005. The full Inyo National Forest NVUM report is available on the web through the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) Human Dimensions Module at: http://fsweb.nris.fs.fed.us/products/Human_Dimensions_NVUM/HD-NVUM_12/index.shtml.

The table below presents participation rates by activity for the Inyo National Forest during the NVUM survey period. The Total Activity Participation (%) column of the table presents the participation rates by activity. Participation rates will exceed 100% because visitors can participate in multiple activities. The Percent as Main Activity column presents the participation rates in terms of primary activity.

Table 3-4: Activity Participation on the Inyo National Forest

Activity	Activity Emphasis for Road & Trail Use	Total Activity Participation (%) ^{1/2}	Percent as Main Activity (%) ^{3/4}
Snowmobiling	Motorized	2.6	0.3
Driving for Pleasure	Motorized	20.5	1.5
OHV Use	Motorized	3.4	0.5
Other Motorized Activity	Motorized	0.9	0.3
Motorized Subtotal			2.54
Hiking / Walking	Non-motorized	31.3	8.8
Bicycling	Non-motorized	4.0	1.6
Other Non-motorized	Non-motorized	7.5	1.7
Cross-country Skiing	Non-motorized	18.6	18.0
Backpacking	Non-motorized	3.6	1.6
Horseback Riding	Non-motorized	1.4	0.6
Non-motorized Subtotal			32.2
Downhill Skiing	Other	28.3	26.1
Fishing	Other	16.7	10.5
Viewing Natural Features	Other	41.5	10.8
Relaxing	Other	37.1	6.4
Motorized Water Activities	Other	2.8	0.1
Hunting	Other	0.4	0.3
Non-motorized Water	Other	1.9	0.1
Developed Camping	Other	10.2	1.4
Primitive Camping	Other	2.6	0.3
Picnicking	Other	9.4	0.3
Viewing Wildlife	Other	28.3	1.4
Sightseeing	Other	0.0	0.0
No Activity Reported	Other	13.4	13.8

63,439
-21,146
-12,687
-107,423