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Sheriff's Office Is seeking comments on use of off-highway vehicle grant funds

MARIPOSA, Calif. – The Sheriff's Office is seeking public input on management needs and enforcement needs that would benefit from grant funds for off-highway vehicle recreation management on public lands. Staff will use public comments or suggestions submitted by Monday February 28, 2022, to develop a preliminary grant application to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. The Sheriff's Office will submit its grant request on March 7.

"This is the first time the Sheriff's Office has ever applied for this grant, we have seen an increase in the need to ensure the safety of our off-highway vehicle recreators," said Sheriff Jeremy Briese. "We look forward to seeing suggestions from those who enjoy off-highway vehicle sports on public lands. This year we anticipate seeking funds to support law enforcement needs in all of Mariposa County not just in designated OHV areas."

The California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division is funding the planning efforts through an off-highway vehicle planning grant. The state program supports off-highway vehicle recreation in California by distributing more than \$35 million annually collected from gas tax, entrance fees and off-highway vehicle sticker registrations. The program supports off-highway vehicle recreation in California by providing financial assistance to cities, counties, districts, federal agencies, state agencies, educational institutions, and federally recognized Native American Tribes and non-profit entities.

The public is invited to provide feedback to the Sheriff's Office that will help ensure the safety of recreators in the area, find safer solutions for shared trails, provide greater public access, and offer a more enjoyable experience. Anyone interested can review and comment on the preliminary applications from March 8 to May 7 by visiting the grants section at <https://ohv.parks.ca.gov>.

Public comments or suggestions can be submitted by mail to the Sheriff's Office at PO Box 276, Mariposa, CA 95338 attention Jenny Baker, or by email to jappling@mariposacounty.org. Additionally, stakeholders can contact Baker at the above address to request a meeting to discuss off-highway vehicle improvement needs in Mariposa County.

The agency works closely with stakeholders and communities in this effort.