

AGENDA

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Board of Supervisors Chambers
Bakersfield, CA 93301**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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Commissioners: Ryan Abler, District I;
William Chapman, District II;
Carol Lair, District III;
Lorena Cervantes, District IV; and
Ucedrah Osby, District V

Disclaimer: This agenda includes the proposed actions and activities with respect to each agenda item as of the date of posting. As such, it does not preclude the Commission from modifying the recommendations of staff or taking different actions than those proposed.

Salute to the Flag

COMMISSION MEMBER REORGANIZATION

1. Commission members to elect a chairman, co-chairman, and other officers they deem necessary for the 2023 term. **ACTION**

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND REQUESTS

2. This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons wishing to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. No response is required from the Commission or staff, and no action can be taken on items not on the agenda; however, Commissioners may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. Commissioners may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information, or request staff to report back to the Commission at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.**
 - i. Public Comments and Requests

CONSENT AGENDA

3. All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by staff. Consent items will be considered first and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Commission or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If discussion is desired, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence.
 - i. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on November 16, 2022; **APPROVE**
 - ii. Miscellaneous Correspondence; **RECEIVE AND FILE**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. General Services – This portion of the meeting is reserved for General Services staff to provide a report regarding new and ongoing projects, programs, and plans relating to Kern County Parks; **INFORMATIONAL**
 - i. Referral by former Commissioner Arnold-Chambers for staff to provide a response regarding a mitigation plan, if any, for the water plants at Hart Memorial Park; **INFORMATIONAL**
5. Park Ranger – Status Update; **INFORMATIONAL**

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

6. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of supporting, identifying priorities and projects regarding the Parks Master Plan update to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**
7. This portion of the meeting is reserved for the Ad Hoc Subcommittee appointed by the Commission for the purpose of the establishment and naming of trails to provide a report; **INFORMATIONAL**

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

8. Kern County OHV 2022 Grant Cycle Applications; **REVIEW OHV FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATIONS FOR 2022 GRANT CYCLE AND MAKE AWARD DETERMINATION**
9. Referral from Wildlife Resources Commission to combine quarterly meetings with regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; **DISCUSS WITH MEMBER FROM THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE/ ACTION**
10. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **DISCUSS POTENTIAL MEETING LOCATIONS IN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND SET SCHEDULE**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

12. Adjourn to next regular meeting, scheduled for February 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., to be conducted at the County Administrative Center - 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers, Bakersfield, CA 93301, unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or cancelled by the Commission.

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Public Presentations, Comments and Requests



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Consent Agenda

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Avenue, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Commissioner Ryan Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; Kathleen Arnold-Chambers, District III; and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Absent: Lorena Cervantes, District IV;

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Geoffrey Hill, Chief General Services Officer; Isaac Preston, General Services Manager; and Shane Denton, Park Ranger Manager

Others: There were four (4) others present

NOTE: Ab, Ch, Ar, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Arnold-Chambers, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ar-Ch denotes Commissioner Arnold-Chambers made a motion and Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion.

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EDDY LAINE WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS STATUS OF CLOSED RESTROOMS AT THE FOLLOWING PARKS BELLE TERRACE, CASA LOMA, HERITAGE, PIONEER, PATOMAC, REXLAND ACRES AND VIRGINIA AVENUE PARKS.

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 - I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on October 19, 2022. Ab-Ar TO APPROVE THE October 19, 2022, MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
 - II. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE. NONE

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

3. General Services – Status Updates

GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER AND ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER, WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE UPDATES REGARDING THE COUNTYWIDE WIDE PARKS PROJECTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE AND/OR PLANNED.

- I. Referral by Commissioner Arnold-Chambers for staff to provide a response regarding a mitigation plan, if any, for the water plants at Hart Memorial Park. GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION AND ADVISED THAT STAFF CONTINUE THIS TOPIC TO THE JANUARY MEETING AGENDA.
- II. Referral by Commissioner Arnold-Chambers for staff to provide a response to the questions raised by Marion Vargas regarding open fires along the Kern River. SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO ADVISE THAT FOOT PATROLS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, CITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND NEW SIGNAGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED.
- III. Presentation by the CALM Foundation regarding the Master Plan and land transfer – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT ON CALM FOUNDATION USE OF COUNTY OWNED LAND. STEVE SANDERS, CHIEF OF STAFF AT KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS AND MEG MAITLAND, DIRECTOR OF CALM WERE PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION; HEARD PRESENTATION. ITEM TO PROCEED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL WITHIN THE COMING MONTHS TO FINALIZE TERMS AND TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TO THE CALM FOUNDATION. EDDY LAINE, PUBLIC COMMENT HEARD.
- IV. Presentation by Katherine Winters of the White Wolf Wellness Foundation – KATHERINE WINTERS, WHITE WOLF WELLNESS FOUNDATION, HEARD PRESENTATION. CAROL LAIR, PUBLIC COMMENT HEARD.

4. Park Ranger – Status Update

SHANE DENTON, PARK RANGER MANAGER WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE RECENT RANGER ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST 30 DAYS. RANGERS CONDUCTED A DEDICATED ENFORCEMENT FOR AN ILLEGAL OHV OPERATION IN HART PARK. WORKING ON WATER SAFETY AND VESSEL GRANT TO ADD NEEDED VESSEL TO FLEET. TAGGING AND GRAFFITI BEING CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED. WORKING ON UPDATING ORDINANCE REGARDING OPEN FIRES.

AH HOC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONER OSBY PROVIDED AN UPDATE REGARDING THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES PROGRESS ON IDENTIFYING PROJECTS AND IDENTIFY PROJECTS REGARDING THE PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE. KATHERINE WINTERS, PUBLIC COMMENT HEARD.REPORT RECEIVED AND FILED.
6. NO REPORT FROM THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND NAMING OF TRAILS. CONTINUED TO A FUTURE MEETING.

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

7. Kern County OHV 2022 Grant Cycle Applications – GEOFFREY HILL, CHIEF GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER REQUESTED ITEM BE CONTINUED TO ALLOW FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS TO BE RECEIVED. GENERAL SERVICES TO PREPARE REPORT AND BRING ITEM BACK IN JANUARY. Ch-Ar MOTION TO CONTINUE TOPIC TO THE JANUARY MEETING. MOTION CARRIED. 4 AYES – 0 OPPOSED
8. Referral from Wildlife Resources Commission to combine quarterly meetings with regularly scheduled Parks and Recreation Commission meetings; DISCUSSION REGARDING THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION HOLDING THEIR QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETINGS. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE TOPIC AND REQUEST A MEMBER OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JANUARY MEETING BEFORE MOVING FORWARD WITH A FINAL DECISION.
9. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); ISAAC PRESTON, GENERAL SERVICES MANAGER TO FORWARD LIST OF POTENTIAL MEETING SITES WITHIN COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS. THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE JANUARY MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE, 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301.

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT

Yvette Zaragoza

Subject: RE: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KKCAS FOR DECEMBER 2023

From: Carol Lair <carollair@yahoo.com>

Date: January 7, 2023 at 9:34:26 AM PST

To: Geoffrey Hill <hillg@kerncounty.com>, Carl Brewer <brewerc@kerncounty.com>, Matthew Howard <howardma@kerncounty.com>, Shane Denton <DentonS@kerncounty.com>, Nicholas Cullen <cullenn@kerncounty.com>, Jeff Flores <floresjeff@kerncounty.com>, Barbara Hays <barbarah@thecatpeople.org>

Subject: REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES & KKCAS FOR DECEMBER 2023

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12-5-22 Picked up an adult cat and took it to KCAS

12-11-22 Found an adult cat that appeared to have been attacked by some predator and was dead

12-13-22 An adult cat was picked up and taken to KCAS

12-13-22 A park visitor picked up an adult cat and then contacted us and we took it to KCAS

12-19-22 A German Shepard was abandoned at the park and Animal Control was called to try and get it

12-21-22 A white adult dog was abandoned and was rescued by a park visitor

12-29-22 Four kittens abandoned and were rescued by a park visitor who found homes for them

3 cats taken to KCAS

4 kittens rescued by a park visitor

1 cat died at the park

TOTAL CATS REMOVED FROM PARK: 8

TOTAL DOGS ABANDONED: 2

Carol Lair



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Department Staff
Report(s)



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New/Unfinished/
Other Business

KERN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE LICENSE FUND

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

REQUIRED PROJECT INFORMATION

SHINING LIGHT RANCH APPLICATION FORM

1. **Submittal date**
October 28, 2022
2. **Name and address of applicant**
Shining Light Ranch, 102 Anna Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Non-profit EIN: 88-4030704 (Public Charity)
3. **Title of project**
Feed, Seed, Fertilize and Beautify
4. **Amount of funding requested**
\$13,995 + \$500 assembly + \$500 shipping/delivery + \$1,154.58 =
Total Requested: **\$16,149.58** for a side-by-side utility vehicle
This pricing is based off of the current cost of a BMS Colt 700 LSX 4S
5. **Name, title, address, and phone number of project coordinator(s)**
Elizabeth Prevost, CEO of Shining Light Ranch
102 Anna Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93308
661-472-4601
6. **Objective of project**
To develop and implement a method for participants/volunteers of various abilities and mobile capabilities to feed animals, seed pastures, distribute manure, improve landscape with trees/plants, and spread bark around the property with the goal of developing work ethic and life skills among youth and adults at no cost while building community and to increase enjoyment of the ranch atmosphere. We would like to obtain an off-highway "side-by-side" utility vehicle to aide with the tasks on this ranch ministry's property.
7. **Complete project description**
The completed project will have a set feeding and seeding schedule, method of removal and distribution of manure, and a line of trees to block dust, as well as trees to provide shade for participants and animals, and continual maintenance of the property.

8. **Project development schedule**

There are three main tasks for this project to be accomplished (please see attached document as well):

- A) Creating and Implementing Feeding Methods and Schedules
- B) Creating and Implementing a Method of Manure Collection and Distribution
- C) Planting Grass, Plants, Trees, Spreading Bark and Maintenance

Aside from on-going day-to-day maintenance, these specific projects will begin as planned when the off-highway motor vehicle is received and should be completed by the end of Spring 2023.

9. **Other funding sources explored for funding on this project**

Donation of equipment that no longer works, so that participants on the ranch can attempt to fix it and use it. The property owners do have a riding lawn mower that is used at times to help, but the mower recently has had issues beyond basic repair.

Outside of the use of an off-highway vehicle, donations from individuals in the community will be used to purchase feed, hay, equipment, grass seed, stone/wood/concrete for terracing recreational lawn area, bark, trees, plants and irrigation. Shining Light Ranch will reach out to businesses, farms and food banks to provide food for volunteers/participants working when appropriate and/or the animals to optimize health (i.e. carrots).

10. **Description of how the project can be phased for funding purposes**

The larger tasks, which use the off-highway vehicle, can be postponed until a vehicle can be purchased. Participants with varying abilities that do not allow them to do jobs that require substantial amounts of walking, will be given optional tasks to replace those duties that may not be accomplished without the use of an off-highway vehicle. All tasks that can be done by hand will be done by hand by volunteers/participants.

11. **Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.) discussion of alternatives for accomplishing project objectives**

Shining Light Ranch is a ministry open to the public to be a safe place for all individuals. The ranch offers time with large and small animals, gardening, crafts and more; all surrounded by the beauty of creation. The caretakers want to make the ranch a beautiful place for individuals and families to spend time together and experience peace away from the weight of life. With the aim of offering all services at no cost.

The off-highway vehicle would be used to distribute food to animals, relocate animal feces (horse/donkey/small animal manure) to a drying location to create compost and reduce flies, help with spreading seed in pastures, so animals can enjoy grass and hay and also help with the landscaping. It would also be used for ranch maintenance by carrying panels, troughs, tanks, tools and equipment for fixing irrigation pipes and removing weeds.

Use of the off-highway vehicle will be daily (at least 4-6 users to begin with, more users as they are trained).

The ranch continues to care for the plants and animals daily. Current alternatives in involve hand carts and people walking and carrying items needed.

12. Long-range plans of the project

This project will help create a long-lasting landscape for the ranch ministry that will continue for as long as possible. Shining Light Ranch is modeling after other ranch ministries around the nation and in California that have lasted 25+ years and are still pouring into their communities by mentoring, providing hope through Jesus Christ and empowering youth and adults.

13. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps

The land was purchased for the purpose of the non-profit.

The owners of the land have a private residence on the property, however, all the ranch land and extra buildings, lawn, etc. are for the use of Shining Light Ranch.

Legal description of the land is attached as Exhibit A.

The vicinity of Shining Light Ranch is north of 7th Standard/Merle Haggard Dr, about twelve miles.

We are the first ranch located east of Hwy 65 on Gretlein Road, just past the oil fields.

14. The history of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

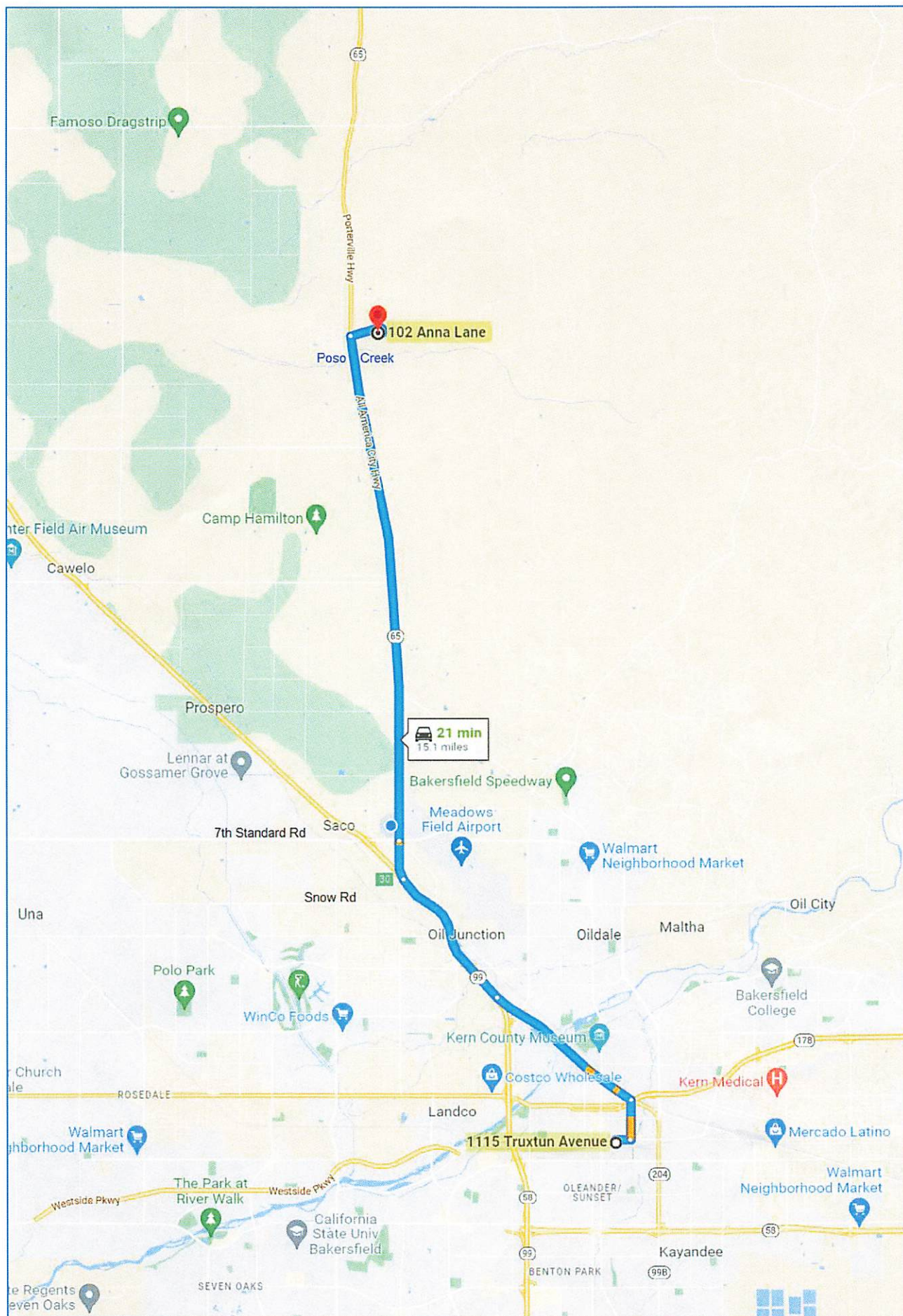
Historically this area is extremely dusty with dirt roads. We have access to well water. The ability to accomplish this project will bring much beauty to the community and will provide a place for those wanting to retreat from the city to an open area of land and give an opportunity to interact with large and small animals. We expect to have a ranch ministry that is inviting and beautiful where all feel welcome.

15. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project.

On 10/29/22, Shining Light Ranch has a scheduled site visit with an existing non-profit ranch owner/professional landscaper from the Central Coast. She has offered to create a professional landscaping site plan.

The provided site plan is one that volunteers have created for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of this grant. Receiving this grant would greatly help the ranch focus its resources on people, animals and plants.

Shining Light Ranch is just beginning, having received its non-profit status in September 2022, with plans to create a beautiful place where participants needs can be met in many ways.





SHINING LIGHT RANCH

10 acres
(minus road easements
and private residence)

1. Manure drying for future crops
2. Donkey pasture
3. Horse Pasture
4. Arena
5. Future Horse education area
6. Lawn for recreation, games and future garden
7. Barn, future arts & craft area
8. Private residence
9. Horse lodging
10. Small animal area (goats, sheep)
11. Future ranch office building
12. Future edible garden

PARCEL MAP NO. 11211

IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
18.19 ACRES

BEING A DIVISION OF PARCEL 1 OF PARCEL MAP NO. 18444 - RECORDED IN BOOK 51, PAGE 6 OF PARCEL MAPS IN THE KERN COUNTY RECORDS OFFICE ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THE WEST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, M.D.M. 18444.

NOTES:

1. ALL DISTANCES AND DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE IN FEET AND DECIMALS THEREOF.
2. THE BLUE BORDER INDICATES THE BOUNDARIES OF LAND SUBDIVIDED BY THIS MAP.
3. THE OWNER'S STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESCRIBING CONDITIONS REGARDING THIS MAP AS OF THE DATE OF FILING, WHICH DOES NOT AFFECT RECORD TITLE IS SHOWN ON SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS.

LEGEND:

- O FOUND MONUMENT AS DESCRIBED PER PM 18444
- © MON SET - 3/4" REBAR W/ CAP MOD ECE 13943
- () RECORD PER P.M. NO. 18444 EX. 51, PG. 7
- BS - RECORD OF SURVEY
- O.R. - OFFICIAL RECORDS
- P.M. - PARCEL MAP
- IP - IRON PIPE
- LS - LICENSED SURVEYOR
- BC - BRASS CAP
- RCT - REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER

RECORDERS STATEMENT

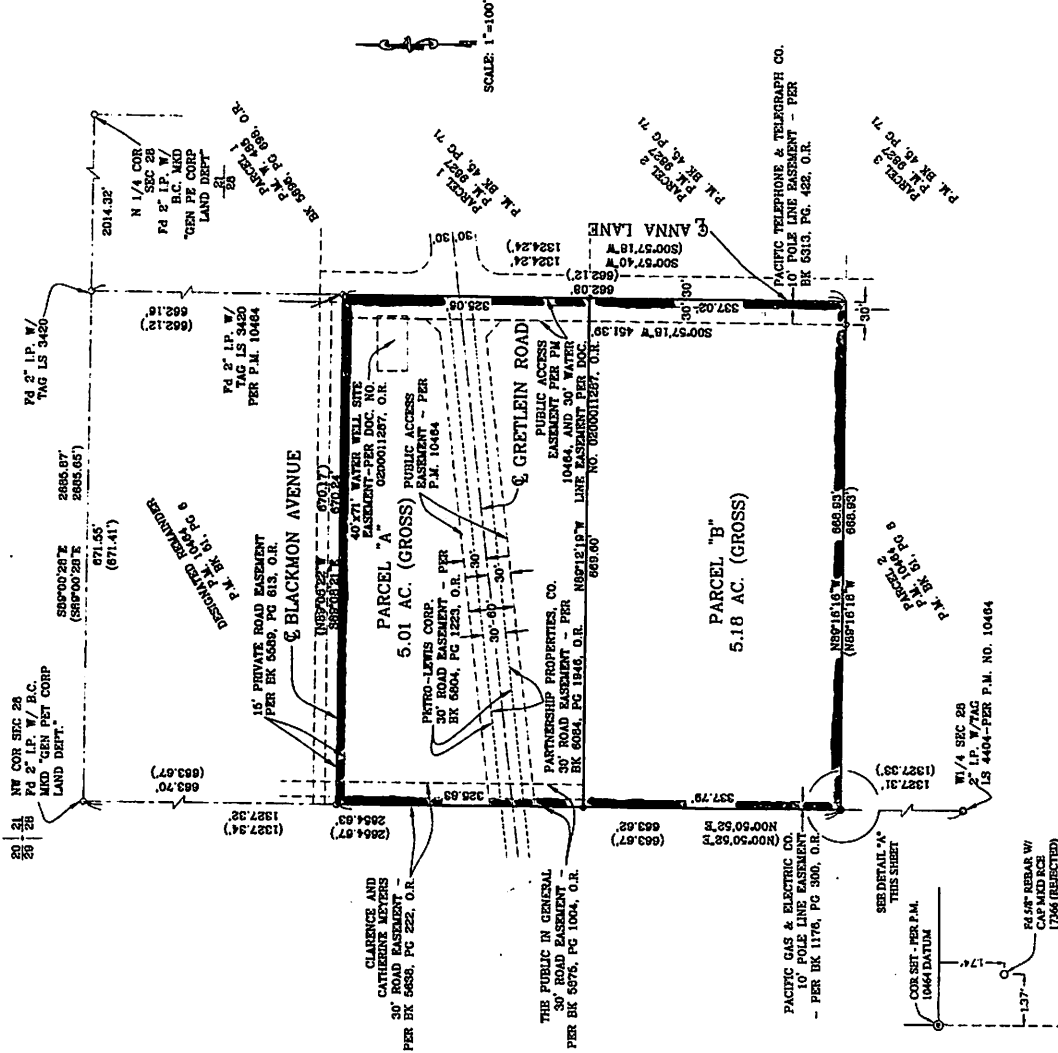
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BOOK 51 OF PARCEL MAPS AT PAGE 6 OF THE REQUEST OF
DIE JASPER.

James W. Pich
County Assessor-Recorder

By Deputy RECORDER

SHEET 2 OF 2 SHEETS

206-20408



THE BEARING OF NORTH 0°45'31\"/>

EXHIBIT "A"
Legal Description

For APN/Parcel ID(s): 074-070-50-00 and 074-070-51-00

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL 1: (074-070-50-00)

PARCEL A OF PARCEL MAP NO. 11211, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED AUGUST 15, 2006 IN BOOK 55, PAGE 40 AND 41 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, BUT WITH NO RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY.

PARCEL 2: (074-070-51-00)

PARCEL B OF PARCEL MAP NO. 11211, IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED AUGUST 15, 2006 IN BOOK 55, PAGE 40 AND 41 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

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Shining Light Ranch: Feed, Seed, Fertilize and Beautify

Project Development Schedule

IN PROGRESS:			
		Due Date	Notes
Determine amount of feed per animal		ongoing	Feeding amounts established, feeding is done by hand cart
Manure is removed and carted a substantial distance and emptied by hand.		ongoing	Not all participants are able to accomplish this task, due to various physical abilities.
Plants trees for windbreak and dust control		6/21/2023	Trees were planted on fence line, hand carts and water tanks being used to distribute water. The task was too overwhelming during the heat of the summer, most of the trees died.
Plant drought tolerant plants in recreation lawn area.		6/21/2023	Heat tolerant plants were planted but died due to water run off. Terracing needs to be created in the lawn area using wood, stone, blocks or concrete to stop water run off down hill. Plants can be put on different tiers in lawn.
TO DO: Create Feeding Method Schedule			
		Due Date	Notes
Set standard of Feeding Method - Display Standard Measurements		1/1/2023	
Incorporate distribution of Food - List Steps for Participants		1/1/2023	
Create a set method for maintenance and safe storage of all equipment (feed, bins, carts, vehicles)		1/1/2023	
TO DO: Create Method of Manure Collection and Distribution			
		Due Date	Notes
Muck rakes, buckets, handcarts suitable for participants with various abilities.		1/1/2023	
Dump cart location and method of transportation must be established and written out.		1/1/2023	
Possible use of manure spreader to ease workload, or spread manure by hand using rakes and other tools. Manure will be spread to soften soil and replenish nutrients for the grass, plants and trees.		1/1/2023	

Shining Light Ranch: Feed, Seed, Fertilize and Beautify

Project Development Schedule

TO DO: Grass, Plants, Trees, Bark and Ongoing Maintenance			Due Date	Notes
Research grass seed variations for pastures.			6/21/2023	
Research grass seed/hay variations for open fertilized land.			6/21/2023	
Research local tree companies for best trees to plant on fence line to reduce dust from spreading on participants and animals along with trees for shade trees for participants and animals.			6/21/2023	
Purchase seed and spread prior to heavy rain to reduce use of water.			6/21/2023	
Contact irrigation experts to install dripline on fence line for trees.			6/21/2023	
Purchase trees and plant prior to high temperatures.			6/21/2023	
Research options for bark including delivery.			6/21/2023	
Spread bark throughout property in high dust areas.			6/21/2023	
Maintain appropriate feeding, seeding, fertilizing and plants/trees (fix water lines/pipes, trim trees, level property in lawn area to reduce waste of water, and remove weeds especially those that produce thorns that can harm participants).			6/21/2023	

Dates can be modified based on grant distribution schedule

STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA

Non profit 501c3
PO Box 1246
Wofford Heights CA 93285

October 13, 2022

Kern County General Services
1115 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Fl - General Services
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Kern County Staff,

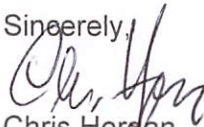
We ask that you consider our enclosed OHV grant application for your 2022 OHV grant cycle.

Enclosed please find-

- Eight copies of our Keysville Trail Maintenance and Signage OHV grant application form
- BLM letter of support for our grant project

Stewards of the Sequoia are a registered 501c3 under EIN 83-0702363.

Sincerely,



Chris Horgan
Executive Director
Stewards of the Sequoia
chris@stewardsofthesequoia.org

"Since being founded in 2004, Stewards of the Sequoia continues to be the largest on-the-ground organization of volunteers in the Sequoia National Forest. Our crews have maintained over 4,000 miles of trails and have planted hundreds of trees in reforestation projects. We represent in excess of 5000 members whose activities include camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, motorized recreation, boating, windsurfing, rock climbing and horse riding"

Promoting Responsible Recreation & Environmental Stewardship

KERN COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE LICENSE FUND

PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

REQUIRED PROJECT INFORMATION

Answer every question on this application form in the order that it is presented. Type or print the associated question with each answer in your submittal. Attach any additional information that you feel is relevant to the project. Provide **eight (8) copies** with your submittal package. Package is due in Parks and Recreation Office, 1115 Truxtun Ave., 3rd Floor – General Services, Bakersfield, CA 93301, **by 5:00 PM , Friday, October 28 , 2022.**

1. Submittal date
10/13/22
2. Name and address of applicant
Stewards of the Sequoia
PO Box 1246
Wofford Heights CA 93285
3. Title of project
Keysville French Fire Trail Repair and Maintenance
4. Amount of funding requested
\$43,000
5. Name, title, address, and phone number of project coordinator(s)
Chris Horgan, Executive Director 760 223-2366
6. Objective of project
Performing trail maintenance and repair of French Fire trail damage and installing trail signs
7. Complete project description

The Keysville BLM lands located on the Kern River near Lake Isabella are the most heavily visited lands within the over one million-acre BLM Bakersfield land area. Keysville OHV trail maintenance burden is far in excess of the BLM's already limited trail maintenance capacity.

Last year was the first time Kern County funded maintenance of this existing BLM OHV trail system. Previously they received very little if any maintenance or signage. The subsequent French fire last year decimated the trails in the area. It was most fortunate that Kern County funding had just been granted last year, as this allowed us to perform timely emergency work after the fire to prevent trail shortcutting and degradation, which would have been hard or impossible to repair later.

There is a huge need for continued funding now as there is still much work to be done to prevent the trails in the area from degrading due to the damage from the French fire as well as general maintenance.

This project will fund Stewards of the Sequoia to perform much needed trail maintenance including trail tread repair, water bars to reduce erosion, eliminating route proliferation, brushing, clearing of downed trees. Funding will be used for project leaders, trail crew, supplies, equipment, fuel, vehicle expense, administration, insurance and project management, as well as the installation of trail signs as directed by the BLM within Keysville and the surrounding BLM lands.

This project will be very cost effective due to the efficient methods Stewards utilize as well as volunteers.

This project also has an education component that helps makes trails more sustainable. Trail volunteers will learn about why it is important to stay on the trails and the importance of trail maintenance and how to properly maintain trails.

The BLM enthusiastically supports this project per their attached letter of support.

8. Project development schedule

The ground needs to be moist in order to install signage and perform trail tread maintenance such as water bars. Work will most likely be done in the fall and winter of 2022 and spring of 2023.

9. Other funding sources explored for funding on this project

No other funding sources are available for this project. Volunteers will be used when possible to augment staff. Volunteers will be local as well as coming from as far as Los Angeles.

10. Description of how the project can be phased for funding purposes

This trail system maintenance project is a continuation of work done under the Kern County 2021 OHV Keysville Trail Maintenance Project grant. This new project will perform much needed trail maintenance to improve trail system conditions to make these motorized trails more enjoyable for the public and to reduce environmental impacts.

If the project is not fully funded the trails that cannot be maintained or signed will further degrade to the detriment of recreation and the environment and the economy.

The maintenance and signage of these motorized routes will enhance OHV recreation and would be a higher priority use of the OHV funds compared to funding enforcement grants which can only be used for "Controlling the operation of motor vehicles in areas off the highways where the operation of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited".

Enforcement agencies have existing funding to patrol in Kern County including areas where OHV use is restricted or prohibited, whereas there is no base BLM trail maintenance funding to maintain sustainable off highway recreation opportunity.

11. Justification for project, including explanation of public benefit, (expected frequency of use, number of users, type of users, etc.) discussion of alternatives for accomplishing project objectives

These motorized routes are extremely popular and have the heaviest visitation of all 1.1 million acres of BLM Bakersfield office lands. Keeping these motorized trails in good condition is important for tourists and the community. The continued use of these motorized trails brings considerable business to the local economy in the form of hotels, dining, food, gas and supply purchases. These trails are also enjoyed by non-motorized users, especially mountain bikers so this work also benefits a wider spectrum of users.

The maintenance and signage of these motorized trails this year would improve the condition of the trails and reduce environmental impacts for the next several years

12. Description of land status, ownership, legal description, vicinity and site maps

The motorized trails which will be maintained and signed in this project are located within the BLM Keysville lands and other nearby BLM lands.

13. The history of condition and status of resource and expected benefits

In 2012 the Bakersfield BLM Resource Management Plan (RMP) designated the motorized routes in Keysville and other nearby BLM lands.

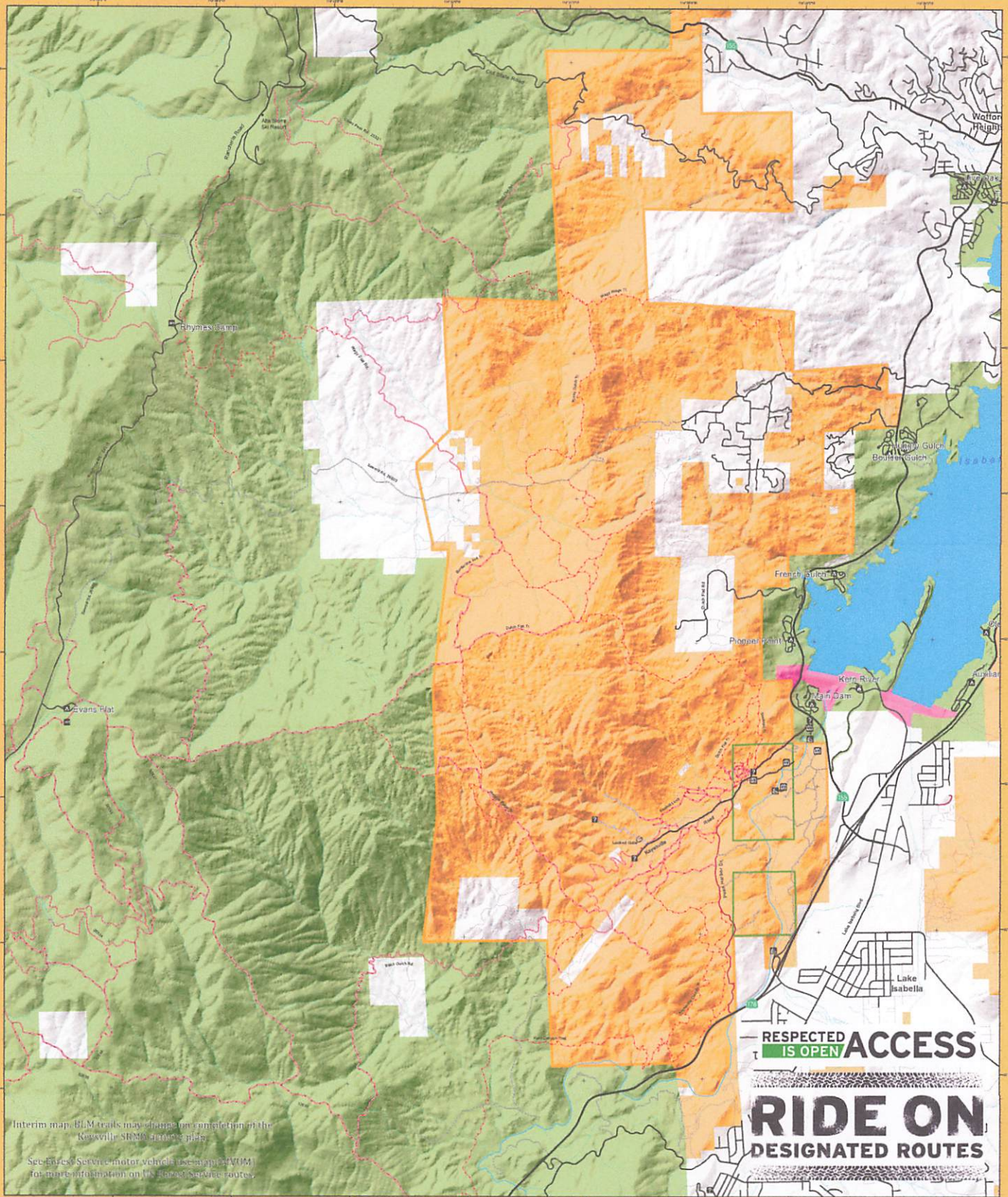
The 2014 Kern County OHV grant funded the building of new trails per that 2012 BLM RMP in the BLM Keysville Management area.

It is important to fund continued maintenance and signage in order to keep the trails in good condition and reduce environmental impacts.

14. Copies of design plans, as well as any information you feel is necessary for the complete review of this project

See attached BLM Keysville Recreation Area Map and letter of support from BLM

KEYSVILLE SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA



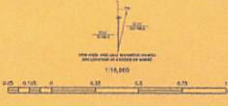
RESPECTED ACCESS
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- Singletrack Trail
- 4x4 Trail, All Trail Vehicles
- 4x4 Road
- 4x4 Road, Authorized Vehicles Only
- 4x4 Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Dirt road
- Dirt Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Paved Road, Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Other

- Campground
- Kiosk
- OHV Staging Area
- Raft Launch
- Ranger Station
- Vault Toilet

- Recreational Mining Area
- BLM Keyville Rec. Management Area

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- Army Corps
- Local Government
- Private



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GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) shown in degree-minutes-seconds (DMS) format. Grid lines are shown at 1-minute intervals. Grid ticks are shown at 15-second intervals.

Tread Lightly!

Travel Responsibly - on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas

Respect The Rights of Others - including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

Educate Yourself - by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

Avoid Sensitive Areas - such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes.

Do Your Part - by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas and joining a local enthusiast organization.





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Oct 4, 2022

Kern County Parks and Recreation Department
2820 "M" Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Dear Kern County Parks and Recreation Department,

The BLM Bakersfield Field Office has worked with the Stewards of the Sequoia for several years to maintain and improve various trails in the region surrounding Lake Isabella in Kern County, California. The Stewards plan to submit a proposal for funding under the Kern County OHV grants program for a project to perform maintenance and signage for the Keysville trails in 2022/2023.

The BLM Bakersfield Field Office wishes to express its support for the project and grant proposal. Keysville Recreation Area trails continue to be very popular, and the OHV trail maintenance burden is far in excess of the agency's already limited trail maintenance capacity. In FY 21 they completed 20+ miles of trail maintenance on some of the most difficult and hard to access trails within the Keysville SRMA

The signage and trail maintenance work performed by volunteers with the Stewards of the Sequoia helps to ensure that trails remain open and clear for recreation uses of all kinds, helps limit problems with soil erosion along routes, and helps to reduce trail proliferation caused by OHV users traveling off route to avoid difficult sections of unmaintained trails or unauthorized trails.

All maintenance work performed on BLM trails by the Stewards will be done in close coordination with the BLM under the terms of their volunteer agreement and will be subject to NEPA and NHPA review as necessary. The BLM enthusiastically supports the Stewards in their grant application to this year's Kern County OHV grants program.

Please do not hesitate to contact BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner Brian Ludt (661-391-6183) for further information.

Sincerely,

JEROMY CALDWELL

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