



**NEVADA**  
DIVISION OF  
OUTDOOR RECREATION



# Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

2023 Rural Roundup

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## DIVISION OVERVIEW

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**Mission:** *To advance and promote sustainable, world-class outdoor recreation opportunities throughout Nevada*

### Goals:

- Support Nevada's outdoor recreation economy
- Establish Nevada as a home for world-class outdoor recreation
- Affirm outdoor recreation's role in improving public health and community wellness
- Increase community capacity for outdoor recreation and stewardship
- NDOR is run as an effective and efficient agency



# DIVISION PROGRAMS

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- Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program
- Nevada Starry Sky Destination Program
- Trail System and Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Planning/Rehabilitation Grant Program
- Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program





# 2022 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

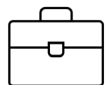






## ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN NEVADA

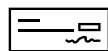
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**50,563** Direct Jobs



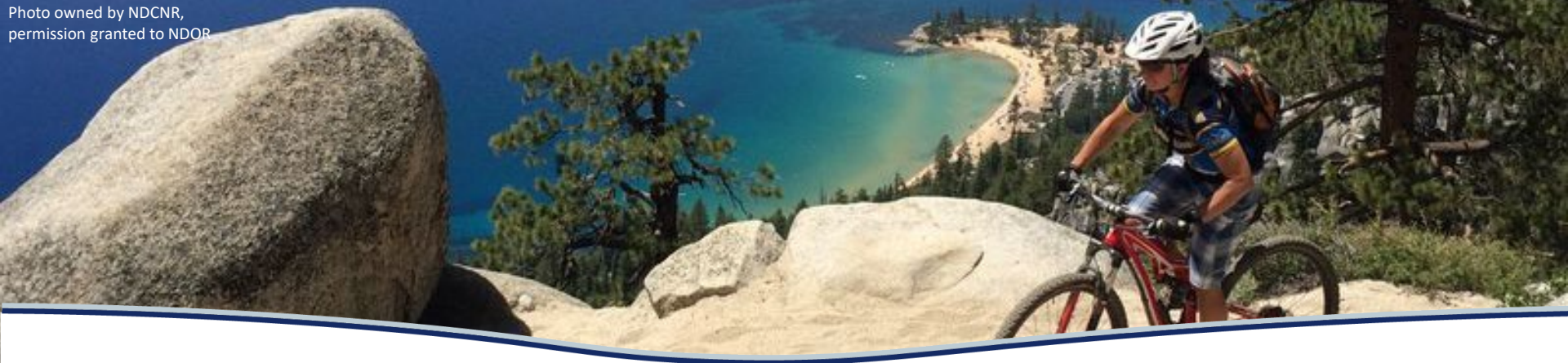
**\$4.9 Billion** Total Outdoor Recreation Value Added



**\$2.4 Billion** In Wages and Salaries



**2.5%** Share of GDP



## STATE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN NEVADA

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**72%** of Nevadans recreate outdoors



**4/5** of public survey respondents cite mental wellbeing as a reason they recreate



Camping in Nevada increased by **40%** during the pandemic





## NDOR's Role

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*Connecting people and programs to resources to increase equitable and sustainable access to the outdoors*

### **Example: Boulder City Dark-Sky Friendly Lighting Retrofit**

- Collaborated with stakeholders including the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce, City of Boulder City, National Park Service, and more
- Identified dark sky tourism as an area of potential economic growth
- Provided support to capacity-limited partners
- Sub-granted \$1.9 million in federal funding to implement project

# CURRENT PROJECTS AND KEY FOCUS AREAS

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- **Non-motorized trail organization resource hub**
  - Increases community capacity
- **Recreation demand management and transportation planning**
  - Clark County
  - Tahoe Meadows
- **Nevada Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Study**
  - Currently have state-level data
- **Pursue federal funding for projects**
  - USDA, EPA, USDOT, etc.
- **Agreement for Recreation Shared Stewardship**
  - Develop strategic plan
- **Affirm importance of outdoor recreation in PreK-12 and post-secondary education**
  - Support local education providers
  - Engage with UNR
- **Rural Recreation Network Development**
  - Seeking to increase community capacity



# LOOKING AHEAD AND NEXT STEPS

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- Inventory contributors to Nevada's outdoor recreation economy
- Continue to collaborate with Travel Nevada and regional/local Destination Marketing Organizations
- Champion the value of outdoor recreation
- Expand community access to outdoor recreation as a public health resource
- Increase the number of partnership programs among all sectors of the recreation ecosystem

# EXTERNAL FUNDING REALIZED

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- Collaborated with Travel Nevada to allocate EDA State Block Grant funding for recreation projects
  - Tahoe Meadows Managed Recreation Planning
  - Outdoor Recreation Economic Impact Study
  - Outdoor Adventure Asset Mapping
  - Dark Sky Community Planning Toolkit
  - Nevada Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant
- Economic Development Administration Boulder City Dark Sky Friendly Municipal Lighting Retrofit



# EXTERNAL FUNDING REALIZED

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- NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
  - 9 current projects across Nevada
  - Synergy with Travel Nevada Destination Development Grants
- Completion of Toiyabe Trails Institute Feasibility Study
  - Collaborating with stakeholders in search of Phase 2 funding

# 2022 NDOR FACILITATED FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS





# STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS

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- Nevada Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Grant
- Recreational Trails Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Transportation Alternatives Program

# FEDERAL/NON-PROFIT FUNDING PROGRAMS

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- USDA Rural Development
- NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program
- US EPA Recreation Economy for Rural Communities
- IMBA Trail Accelerator/Dig In Grants
- NRPA Youth Mentoring Grants



# Questions?



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NEVADA OFF-HIGHWAY  
VEHICLES PROGRAM



# Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program

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**Rural Roundup**

***Mesquite, NV***

*April 12, 2023*

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# OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES – MADE FOR NEVADA

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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***To promote safe and responsible use of Nevada's offroad recreational opportunities, and to ensure today's registration dollars create tomorrow's off-highway adventures.***

# PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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Administer OHV grant program and funding projects



Promote safe and responsible OHV use



Expand quantity and quality of OHV recreation opportunities



# NEVADA COMMISSION ON OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

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## **Voting members:**

1. Offroad racing
2. ATV/UTV riders
3. Snowmobile riders
4. Sportspeople
5. OHV dealers
6. Conservation
7. Sheriff and Chief's Association
8. Nevada Association of Counties
9. Agriculture

## **Ex Officio:**

Bureau of Land Management  
U.S Forest Service  
Nevada Commission on Tourism (Travel Nevada)  
Department of Motor Vehicles  
Nevada Division of Wildlife\*





# How are Grant Funds Used?

(NRS 490.069)



## Pertaining to OHV trails and facilities:

1. Studies or Planning
  2. Mapping and Signage
  3. Land Acquisition
  4. Enhancement or Maintenance
  5. Construction
  6. Restoration of Damage Areas
  7. Features to Minimize Environmental Impacts
- AND
8. OHV Safety Training and Education
  9. Improve OHV Registration and Enforcement

# OHV Friendly Communities – An Economic Driver

NRS 490.100 authorizes a City or County to designate portion of Highway for OHV use.

- City of Ely: \$ 10,000
  - ORD 714 – June 2018
  - Connectors from town to Ward Mountain campground and Cave Lake State Park
  - Signing & Education components
- City of Elko: \$ 60,000
  - ORD 718 – January 2019
  - OHV use allowed in town for local business access
  - Enforcement and Signing component



# Benefits of OHV Friendly Communities

- Business opportunities
  - Outfitter and Guide
  - OHV Tourism
  - Gas, Lodging, Food
- Improved Safety
  - Know where to ride
  - Know vehicle requirements
  - Increased patrols for OHV misuse





# Winnemucca Dunes Trailhead Development

**Northern Nevada ATV Association**

**Project Cost: \$147,805**

- New shade structure, kiosk, CXT, picnic tables, etc.
- Construction and Environmental Clearance is OHV funded!
- Facility maintenance and access is completed by land manager





# Winnemucca Dunes Trailhead





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# Ride Safe Humboldt County

**Humboldt Co. Sheriff's Department**  
**Grant Award: \$25,000 / year**

- Patrol OHV riding areas
- Host ROHVAA and MSF safety courses
- Issue citations for safety and registration compliance



# OHV FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES -- BENEFITS

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- **Increase visitation & tourism**
  - New facilities improve information delivery/awareness
  - Proximity to resources
  - Tourism dollars in community
- **Reduce litter/misuse of facilities**
  - More eyes on site
  - One stop for staging and OHV patrols
- **Improve quality of life**
  - Family fun activities
  - Staging area for permitted events (rocket launches, racing, group rides)





# GRANT AWARDS MAP

## 2019 Grants

Awarded \$965,595

Funded 17 projects

## 2020 Grants

Awarded \$1,042,922

Funded 18 projects

## 2021 Grants

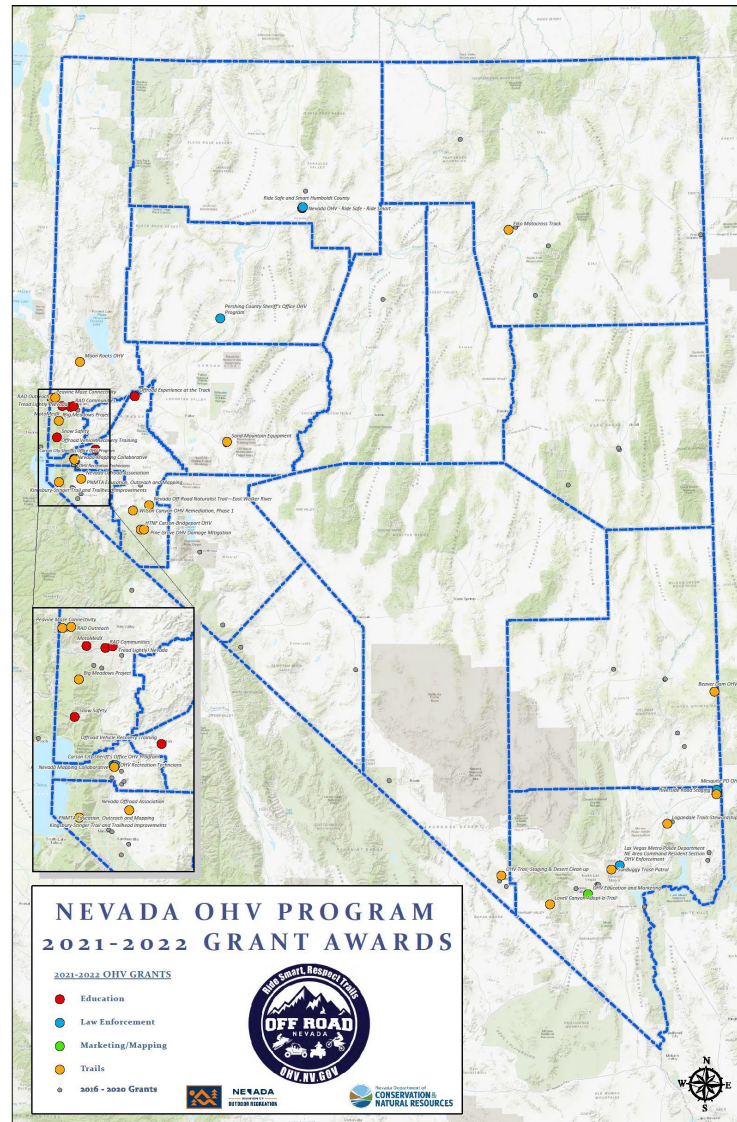
Awarded \$798,788

Funded 16 projects

## 2022 Grants

Awarded \$2,056,702

Funded 30 projects





# Questions?

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