

A. Statement of Development Activity

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4. A solar energy system for the overall facility that is designed with the goal of bringing the facilities consumption down to a net zero rating.
5. Exterior lighting system for security, safety, and customer service.

Jawbone Station

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Since its opening day the facility has proven to be a very popular stop off location for both OHV recreation enthusiast and the public as a whole. Because of this popularity the demands on station's designed layout space was quickly exceeded. To solve this problem, the BLM decide to try to obtain funding to begin the process of expanding the facility and implementing phase two construction.

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Ridgecrest Field Office

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driving. The road and trail systems also provide access to the public lands for recreation visitors to enjoy many non-motorized activities such as hiking, backpacking, hunting, rock hounding, wildlife viewing, and mountain biking.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Jawbone Station is a very unique place by being located at the entrance into a off-highway vehicle open area and one of only a few visitor centers operated by the BLM that is primarily focused towards serving the OHV recreationalist. Because of the facilities central location at the mouth of Jawbone Canyon, campers in the area are able to ride their OHV's right up to the facility to obtain information.

Both the expansion of the current visitor center and the addition of the work center/ vehicle storage building will assist in sustaining and enhancing OHV recreational opportunities found in the area. The added interpretive space and multi-purpose room will provide additional space upon which to educate the visitor about the region and how to enjoy it in a responsible manner. The addition of a work center/ vehicle storage building will provide a location for both staff and volunteers to work out of as they perform field implementation and maintenance operations. By having a location near the most common recreation areas in which to store signs and other maintenance materials, it will be easier to conduct field operations to meet the visitors needs and to improve and provide a high quality recreational experience for the various recreational opportunities that abound in the region. Furthermore, the proposed construction improvements will greatly enhance the overall functionality and utility of the Jawbone Station by making it the first of its kind in California to be energy sufficient, permit a more safe and clean environment to repair/service heavy equipment indoors, and provide extended security for equipment that can be stored outdoors, vice taking up critical space in an existing structure.

C. Size of the proposed development

The project with its various elements consists of the increased space of approximately 1800 square feet for the education wing, 2380 square feet for the work center, 980 square feet of covered over hang/ exterior storage, 846 square feet of walk ways, along with the shade ramada shelter being approximately 2,080 square feet.

D. Timeline for Project Completion

Attachments:

[Development Timeline](#)

E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities

The Jawbone Station facility sits at the entrance to the Jawbone Canyon Open Area which is enjoyed by multitudes of recreational users including motorcycle, ATV, and 4WD enthusiast. Additionally, adjacent to this site or within an easy drive are the most popular recreational areas managed by the Ridgecrest Field Office including the Spangler Hills and Dove Springs OHV Open Areas along with the limited use areas of the El Paso's, Rand Mountains, and Jawbone-Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

Additionally, because of Jawbone Station's central location to these various recreational opportunities and its convenient location along Highway 14, it serves as a first stop for many area visitors. The facility is used as a location from which to gather the latest information of area conditions, regulation updates as well trip planning. From the facility, visitors are able to obtain numerous brochures and flyers on topics ranging from OHV recreation, Hunting, Birding, to backcountry Wilderness hiking opportunities.

The two additions are envisioned to play an integral role in enhancing the multitude of recreational opportunities found on public lands along with furthering management objectives. The added interpretive facilities will provide additional space and mediums upon which to inform the visitor about the many quality recreational experiences in the region, where to find them, and how to enjoy these opportunities in a responsible manner to protect the sensitive natural environments of the Mojave Desert region. The workshop/storage facility will be a central location from which staff and volunteers can undertake field operations to maintain and manage these recreational experiences along with the public lands.

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1. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans

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[Jawbone Station Development Design Drawings](#)

2. Land Tenure Certification

3. Project Specific Maps

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Ridgecrest Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Development	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Maintenance Lead	346.000	30.000	HRS	0.00	10,380.00	10,380.00
	Other-Recreation Branch Chief	80.000	45.000	HRS	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
	Other-Friends of Jawbone Labor	80.000	30.000	HRS	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	16,380.00	16,380.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Design and Architectural Fees	1.000	11900.000	MISC	11,900.00	0.00	11,900.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Audio Visual Equip, Tables, Chairs	1.000	7500.000	MISC	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Other-Interior Display walls, cabinets,	1.000	10000.000	MISC	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Other-Outdoor Display Cases	14.000	893.000	EA	12,502.00	0.00	12,502.00
	Other-Building Permits and Fees	1.000	8298.000	MISC	8,298.00	0.00	8,298.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				38,300.00	0.00	38,300.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Solar Energy System	2.000	42250.000	EA	84,500.00	0.00	84,500.00
6	Others						

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	Other-Education Wing	1800.000	138.889	FT	0.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
	Other-Flooring-Education Wing	2160.000	3.700	FT	7,992.00	0.00	7,992.00
	Other-Work Center/ Vehicle Storage	3360.000	125.000	FT	295,000.00	125,000.00	420,000.00
	Other-Walkways	846.000	68.000	FT	57,528.00	0.00	57,528.00
	Other-Shade Ramada	2080.000	37.327	FT	77,640.00	0.00	77,640.00
	Other-Lighting System	1.000	10000.000	MISC	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Other-Site Preparation and Fencing	1.000	125000.000	MISC	0.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
	Total for Others				448,160.00	500,000.00	948,160.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-5 Percent	1.000	29143.000	YR	0.00	29,143.00	29,143.00
	Total Program Expenses				582,860.00	545,523.00	1,128,383.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				582,860.00	545,523.00	1,128,383.00
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. Yes No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The station site is within potential habitat range for both the federally listed threatened Desert Tortoise and the State-listed Mohave ground squirrel according to maps contained within the West Mojave Plan. During the preparation of Environmental Assessment: Jawbone Canyon Visitor Contact Station – EA-CA065-91-34, a multi-disciplinary analysis was performed of the proposed site. Biological and vegetative field checks were performed and it was determined at that time that no listed animal or plant species existed on site. BLM Biologist Robert Parker further evaluated the site related to both the Desert Tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel and gave the location a very low rating for both species, bordering on non-habitat. The factors contributing to this rating include:

1. The site's proximity to Highway 14 and Jawbone Road
2. Well developed OHV trails through the site
3. High density of OHV tracks through site
4. Presence of residences within ¼ mile of site.

The newly proposed expansion and addition project is to occur within the area that was initially surveyed and disturbed with the facilities construction in 1995. Since the time of the facilities development neither species has been sited on the location. Due to these factors it is anticipated that no sensitive habitats or species will be affected by the proposed project. Additionally we will be incorporating the mitigation measures that we included in the initial development project into this project to further reduce the potential for any impacts.

No impacts will occur to wetlands or navigable waters since none exist within the proposed project area.

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

The cumulative impacts that we foresee from this project include the addition of a man made structure in a rural area, the potential for a slight increase in vehicle traffic, associated noise and the attraction of higher OHV use to the area. The project may contribute very slightly to a reduction in the subsurface water reserves in the Fremont Valley area. It is felt that through the implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment for the station development that no negative residual impacts should occur.

While some cumulative impacts will occur from this project we feel that the overall residual impacts of the project will be beneficial in nature. The facility would allow for an increased presence of public land management occurring in the area and allow for the exchange of information between the agency and the public land user. This ability to provide information to the user could result in an increased understanding of the agencies mission of multiple use and reduce impacts associated with visitation to the desert region.

Furthermore, the amount of manmade structures that this project will develop is relatively minor compared to another project that is currently proposed on private lands approximately three miles south of the site. Currently a private company is working through the permitting process to develop a solar power plant using solar trough technology that will encompass approximately two thousand acres of land. In addition to this solar plant there is also planned a new high voltage power line to be installed in close proximity to the facility that will provide for the transportation of the power to the Los Angeles basin area.

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

During the initial planning phase for the construction of the Jawbone Station facility, a geological and soils review for the project site revealed that the project site is located within the Garlock fault Zone and that soils in the area are poorly developed from alluvial parent materials.

The newly proposed expansion and addition project is to occur within the area that was initially disturbed with the facilities construction in 1995; due to this fact no significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances such as steep slopes or highly erosive soil is anticipated.

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

There are no highways designated as state scenic highways within the view shed of the Jawbone Station site. Therefore, the further development of the site shall have no affect on scenic resources associated with a designated state scenic highway

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

We do not foresee that this project will result in significant negative impacts off-site, displace users groups making them go elsewhere, or result in increasing use in the vicinity to a significant level. We believe that the project will actually have a positive impact to both the immediate and outlying areas that are used by the public that visit the Jawbone Station facility. The overall goal of this project is to provide information and resources so that the public may have a quality recreational experience that does not adversely affect the natural environment or cause off site impacts. In addition, by providing the public with quality informational materials, we should be able to solicit support and behaviors of the public to prevent significant impacts from occurring both onsite and off-site.

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CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[EA - Jawbone Canyon Visitor Contact Station EA-CA065-91-34](#)
[DNA - Jawbone Station Visitor Center Expansion CA-650-2008-106](#)
[EA- Ridgecrest Resource Area wide Maintenance and Surface Restoration](#)
[DNA-OHV Grant Application and Management of OHV Recreation](#)

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1 Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

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

- 76% or more (10 points)
 51% - 75% (5 points)
 26% - 50% (3 points)
 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2 Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

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

- No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
 One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
 Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
 More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 3

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species).. (Please select Yes or No) Yes No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species) 2

Reference Document

West Mojave Plan FEIR/S Map 3-10: 2002 Tortoise Range Map

West Mojave Plan FEIR/R Map 3-15: Range of Mohave Ground Squirrel

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

- No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
 Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)
 Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)
 Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 4

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

- Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
 Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)

- Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)
- Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Cultural Resource Negative Inventory Report # CA-650-2008-24

3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified use 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- ATV
- M.C.
- Snowmobile
- Other (Specify) [Hunting, Hiking, Rockhounding]
- 4X4
- Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV)
- Dune buggy, rail

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:

People enjoying many diversified recreational opportunities are well served by the Jawbone Station where they can obtain free information about enjoying their own activity along with many others on the public lands. An effort that we have under taken to provide and enhance these opportunities along with others in the region is through the production of Recreation Opportunity. Some examples of the topics and sites covered include Leave No Trace principles, Riding Your OHV on Public Lands, Dove Springs OHV Area, Exploring the Panamint Valley, and El Paso Wilderness.

Furthermore the addition of a work center/storage area at the facility will provide a location from which to base field maintenance operations. These operations will provide for and enhance both motorized and non-motorized recreation. Some examples of how these operations will provide for these activities include maintaining information kiosk, vehicle barriers, management fence lines, and the designated roads and trails.

4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project? 5

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

- No (No points)
- Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

El Paso Management Framework Plan

Jawbone - Butterbredt Area of Critical Environmental Concern Management Plan

5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as 5

- Materials diverted from landfills
- Recycled plastic lumber
- Fly ash content concrete

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

- No (No points)
- Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Fly Ash content concrete will be used for the concrete floors and footings for all structures added to the site.

6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.

6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Repaving with permeable asphalt
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard
- Water efficient landscaping
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Utilizing local building materials

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

No (No points)

Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

It is planned to add a small set of solar panels to the facility for the production of electricity with a goal of producing enough energy to bring the facilities consumption to a net zero rating.

All installed plumbing fixtures will use low-flow technology to reduce the amount of water consumption occurring from the facility.

Native desert vegetation which is very water efficient is the only current and future planned landscaping for the facility.

7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 3

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

Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)

Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

Camping

Birding

Hiking

Equestrian trails

Fishing

Rock Climbing

Other (Specify) [Hunting, Cultural Site Visiting]

9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

Meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Ridgecrest Field Office staff have made presentations and participated in discussions at three different meetings to solicit public input into the development of this grant proposal. These public meetings have included Ridgecrest Steering Committee, on February 27, 2009.

Friends of Jawbone, on February 18 and January 15, 2009.

Sierra Club's California and Nevada Wilderness and Desert Committees, on February 7 & 8, 2009

10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

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

- 4 or more (4 points) 2 to 3 (2 points) 1 (1 point)
 None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Friends of Jawbone

Eagle International

Therma Life Structures, Inc.

Kern County

11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 0

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

- Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
 Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
 Other Grant funding (2 points)
 OHV Trust Funds (No points)

If 'Operational budget' is checked, list reference document(s):

12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

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

- No (No points) Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Planned construction activities will use Best Management Practices to prevent and reduce the amount of offsite impacts relative to the proposed project. An example of one of these practices is going to be keeping soil damp during surface disturbing activity to prevent the creation of fugitive dust.

13 Riparian/Wetland Issues - Q 13.

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 10

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

- No (10 points) Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
- Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
- Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
- Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)
- Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document