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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, DEC 1, 2020: Applications Now Available for 2021-2022 Off-Highway Vehicle Grants

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is now accepting grant applications for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation projects and law enforcement patrols.

Federal, state and local government agencies as well as not-for-profit organizations are encouraged to apply for grants to enhance safe recreational use or mitigate impacts of side-by-sides, ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles on public lands. Law enforcement agencies can apply for grants to conduct OHV patrols and enforce the provisions of the OHV Act (66-3-1001 NMSA).

Funds for grants are user-generated revenues from OHV registrations, collected in the state's Trail Safety Fund and administered by the Department. Grants will reimburse up to \$15,000 for projects starting July 1, 2021, with final invoices due no later than June 15, 2022.

Grant application forms and information can be downloaded from the <u>OHV program</u> <u>website</u>. Applications will be accepted via <u>email</u> until Friday, March 26, 2021. Applications can also be mailed to: OHV Program, 7816 Alamo Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120, postmarked no later than Friday, March 26, 2021.

For further information, please contact the OHV program manager, Matt Seidel, by phone at (505) 222-4728 or email.