

**MISSOURI-MADISON RIVER FUND
RECREATION PROJECT
APPLICATION FORM FY2019**

Project Name: Law Enforcement/Emergency Response Off-Highway Utility Vehicle (UTV)

Reservoir or River Segment: Missouri River, Great Falls Area County(ies): Cascade

Site Name (or legal location if no site name): Giant Springs State Park, North Shore of Missouri River

Applicant Name and Agency: Keith Knighton, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Position (if applicable): FWP Game Warden Region 4

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Project Sponsor:

A Project Sponsor is required in order to submit an application to the River Fund. Project sponsors serve as active members of Missouri-Madison Regional Working Groups and include representatives of the U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks; local government; Madison, Gallatin, Broadwater, Chouteau, Lewis and Clark, or Cascade Counties; NorthWestern Energy and the Bureau of Reclamation. Visit www.missourimadison.com for a list of current Regional Working Group members.

Project Sponsor Name: Clark Carlson-Thompson

Agency and Position: Montana State Parks, Giant Springs Park Manager

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Complete the financial section below by providing total project cost, contributions by applicant and cooperators, request for NorthWestern Energy match of agency funds (see detail on page 2 of this application), and River Fund Grant request. Document in-kind contributions by public agencies for determination of NorthWestern Energy match request. A description of funding sources and in-kind contributions should be included in the Project Description.

Financial Support

Total Project Cost: \$ 18,059

Applicant Cash Contributions:

FWP R4 Enforcement Division \$ 1,000

FWP R4 Parks Division \$ 1,000

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NorthWestern Energy Match Request: \$ 2,000

River Fund Grant Request: \$ 14,059

Proposed Project Implementation Period: Spring 2019

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1. Has this project been previously submitted for funding consideration by the River Fund Board, either as a separate project or part of another project? ___ Yes X No

If yes, please identify which years the application was submitted and, if the project was previously funded, list the amount funded by year.

2. Is the proposed project at one of the Project 2188 license sites identified in the Missouri-Madison MOU and listed on page A2-2 of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan? X Yes ___ No

3. **Project Description:** Provide a brief (½ page) description of the proposed project.

Giant Springs State Park (GSSP) is Montana’s most visited State Park. The Park has nearly half a million visitors using the park each year. GSSP and the north shore properties of the Missouri river are managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. These properties encompass a large area of land with over 50 miles of trail system throughout the property. People visit the park for a wide variety of different recreational reasons including walking, hiking, hunting, fishing, biking and photographing wildlife and the surrounding scenery.

Every year emergency situations and enforcement incidents occur on the extensive trail systems found in the park and on the north shore. These incidents usually require emergency and/or law enforcement personnel to access the off-road trails to assist the public. In the past, it has been difficult for emergency responders and law enforcement personnel to access many of the areas on the north shore and in GSSP because of the extensive trail systems. GSSP and the north shore properties could greatly benefit from having an enforcement/emergency off-highway utility vehicle (UTV)/side by side, dedicated to the use of emergency response and law enforcement needs in the park and on the north shore trail systems.

The Enforcement Division of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Region 4 recently hired a new full-time law enforcement position whose major duties include law enforcement and emergency response at GSSP and on the north shore. Having this new full-time law enforcement position whose focus will be on Region 4’s state parks, including GSSP and the north shore, will help with enforcement and emergency response needs in the park. Receiving funding for an enforcement/emergency UTV will allow for this new enforcement position and other enforcement personnel to more effectively perform law enforcement duties and help emergency responders get to difficult to access trails of GSSP and the Northshore area.

4. **Cultural Resource Management:**

Because the UTV/side by side will not result in land disturbing activities, there is not a cultural resource requirement for this proposed project.

Scoring Criteria

- 5.1 *Project is for operation and maintenance of an existing recreation site or an existing Project 2188 license site.* Describe how the project would support O&M needs at an existing recreation site that are over and above day-to-day site maintenance. Needs may include measures to open a site for public use as well as minor repair; facility upgrade, reconstruction, and replacement; and major site rehabilitation.

This project supports the operation and maintenance of many recreational sites in Giant Springs State Park and on the north shore. By having a dedicated law enforcement UTV available for use in the park and on the north shore it will allow Park enforcement personnel to more effectively patrol areas that are either difficult to reach, or not accessible at all, by truck. Many of these difficult to access areas include recreation sites and previously funded projects such as signs, kiosks, tables/pavilions, railings, walking bridges and stairs that have been vandalized or destroyed in the past. Patrolling on UTV will allow for better law enforcement coverage of recreation areas throughout the park and on the north shore trail systems that are not accessible by full sized patrol vehicles. Having access to an enforcement UTV will allow for the continued protection of pre-existing recreational sites and infrastructure and for protection of future recreational site projects and infrastructure.

- 5.2 *Project involves collaboration with other agencies or organizations.* Identify project partners other than NorthWestern Energy or River Fund, if any, and describe their participation. Document all funding sources and all in-kind support and services to a project, because all are sources of partnerships and in-kind contributions from public agencies qualify for calculation of NorthWestern Energy matching funds. If there are no project partners, explain why.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be an internal funding project partner. The State Parks division will contribute \$1,000 cash and the Enforcement Division will contribute \$1,000 cash. All labor and materials associated with maintenance of the UTV will be conducted and paid for by the Enforcement Division of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

In addition, we have received letters of support from both the Black Eagle Volunteer Fire Department and from the River's Edge Trail Foundation (attached at the bottom). We have also talked with the Cascade Co. Sherriff's office and received their support. We have discussed, and plan on allowing, the Black Eagle Fire Department/EMS, Cascade Co. Sherriff's office and Cascade Co. Search and Rescue access to the garage where the UTV will be kept at the FWP office. This will allow these organizations the ability to also use the UTV for emergency and law enforcement response situations when there is no FWP staff on duty, and when there is a need for medical or law enforcement response in GSSP or on the North Shore.

- 5.3 *Project provides a benefit to public recreation in the Project Area and addresses specific issues and goals of the Missouri-Madison Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP).* Identify how the project provides a benefit to public recreation. Describe how specific issues and goals in Chapter 2-1 of the CRP would be supported.

The proposed project provides both a direct and an indirect benefit to public recreation in the Project Area and addresses specific issues and goals in the CRP.

The first goal from the CRP that the project supports is "to provide safe and well managed recreation sites and dispersed use areas that provide enjoyable user experiences across a spectrum of opportunities and seasons". By having an UTV for enforcement and medical personnel to use in the park, it will allow for quicker response to recreational users who may need medical attention or search and rescue efforts. It will also allow for enforcement personnel to provide a law enforcement presence to a greater area in the park that will allow for the detection and deterrent of illegal activities that threaten recreational opportunities for the rest of the law-abiding recreating public.

Another goal that this project will support in the CRP is the goal, "to identify and implement management strategies that reduce and/or mitigate conflicts among recreation uses and users and that reduce and/or mitigate conflicts among recreationists and landowners". As recreational use increases in the park each year, more and more conflicts will arise among recreational users of the

park. Many of the conflicts between recreational users of the park are happening on the trail systems that are difficult to reach with traditional full-sized trucks, and these conflicts can be mitigated with an increased law enforcement UTV patrol presence on the trail systems. Also, by having access to an enforcement UTV, park law enforcement personnel can better access areas of the park where park lands and private lands meet. Seventy-five percent of the park and N. Shore properties are open to hunting and many of the conflicts occur when hunters leave the park and trespass onto the adjacent private lands. This would allow enforcement personnel to also better address any trespassing issues that may occur on the boundaries of private and public lands around the park, especially during hunting seasons.

The other two main goals in the CRP that this project helps to accomplish are the goals “to maintain or proactively increase public safety for recreationists in the Project Area”, and “to promote responsible user behavior that protects natural, cultural, and social resources in the Project Area”. Having a UTV for law enforcement and emergency medical rescue needs in the park will increase public safety and promote responsible user behavior on the trail systems by allowing for enforcement and medical personnel to access areas that have been typically difficult, or impossible to reach with traditional patrol vehicles. An enforcement UTV allows for park law enforcement to be able to quickly respond to any public safety issues on the trails and also allows for more uniformed patrols to promote responsible user behavior in the park and on the north shore.

5.4 Project responds to a clearly identified need. Describe and document the need for this project and how the project would address that need. Cite specific sources, as possible, to establish need and support the project. Discuss consequences if the funding request is unsuccessful. For a new construction or acquisition project, identify how post-project, long-term costs (such as site maintenance and management) will be provided.

Every year Giant Springs State park and the north shore have incidents where the recreating public needs medical attention, and/or rescue, on the trails system. Typically, EMS personnel either must go in on foot, or the parks maintenance/weed spraying UTV must be stripped of its equipment and commandeered to be used as an emergency response vehicle to retrieve the injured person.

There is presently very little enforcement presence on the trail system in the park and on the north shore. Every year, numerous enforcement issues arise in the park and on the trail systems, such as dogs off leash, suicidal individuals, drug use, vandalism and trespassing onto private lands.

Having a UTV dedicated to law enforcement and medical emergency situations would help provide a safer recreating environment and promote more ethical and responsible user behaviors among the public, increasing the attractiveness and use of the park and trail systems as a safe and enjoyable recreational area.

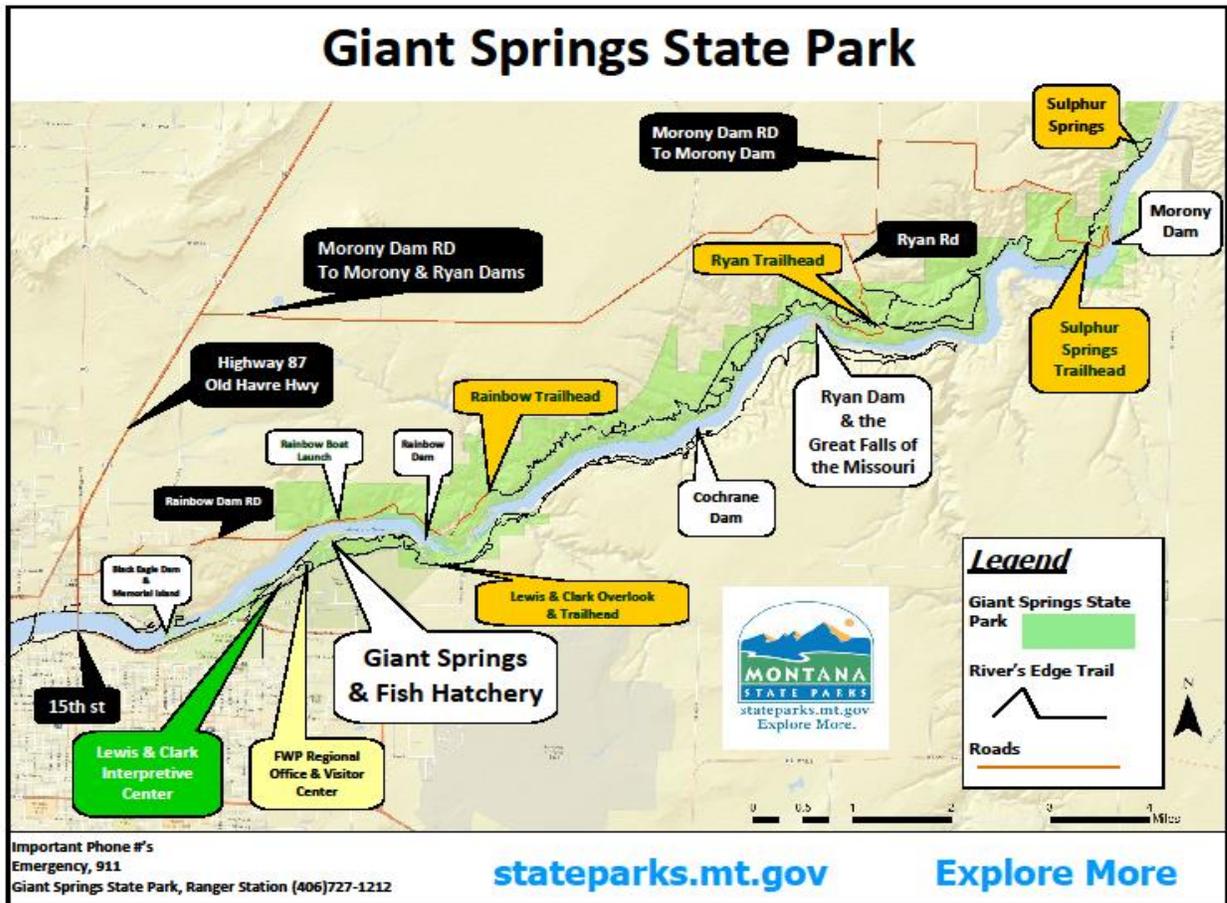
5.5 Project design options have been considered, estimated, and a preferred design selected. Well-designed projects reduce occurrences of budgetary overages, design changes, and additional complications. Discuss the current design phase for this project and include cost estimates.

The current cost of a full-sized basic model off-highway utility vehicle (UTV) from a reputable manufacturer is typically between \$12,000 - \$18,000 MSRP. The make and manufacturer that seems to provide the most practical and cost-effective option, while still providing enough power and space for the intended use is the Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX EPS Full-size UTV. We have discussed our needs and received a quote from the Kawasaki dealership in Great Falls for the model and extras we would need for this project. The dealership gave us a quote of \$15,259, and that quote is attached below. In addition, for the UTV to be enabled to offer safe and effective medical rescue capabilities it would be greatly beneficial to have a quality aftermarket medical rescue transport unit added to the bed of the UTV. The basic medical and rescue model for this capability is made

by a company called Kimtek and is available for \$2,800 MSRP. This aftermarket medical rescue unit would allow for the UTV to be able to carry one patient and one additional EMS personnel comfortably and safely in the bed of the Kawasaki Mule UTV.

5.6 *Project supports or protects other resources and is consistent with or supports resource plans in the Project Area.* In addition to project-related benefits under #3 above, describe how this project will protect resource values (such as public access, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, habitats, and cultural resources) and support other resource plans, including Project 2188 License plans and land use and land management plans in place in the Corridor.

This project will also allow for the protection of other resources in the recreation area such as water quality, fisheries, wildlife, habitat, cultural resources and Northwest Energies hydroelectric dams. Giant Springs State Park is used for diverse recreational opportunities. People use the park to fish, hunt, swim, hike, mountain bike, wildlife view, and for its cultural and historical resources and for many more reasons. All these resources require a capable, professional, and properly outfitted enforcement component that is able to access all areas of the park and North Shore properties to ensure that all the above resources are protected properly for the recreating public to use and enjoy.



Map showing Giant Springs State Park/north shore and trail systems.



Image of Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX EPS Full-size UTV



Side view image of Kawasaki Mule Pro-FX EPS Full-size UTV



MEDLITE® Transport Basic (#MTB-101)

The MEDLITE® Transport Basic (MTB-101) is designed to carry one patient on a long board or a stokes basket and one EMS attendant. The long board or stokes basket are easily attached to the unit using 10 Velcro D loop straps which are included. The attendant's seat with seat belt is a fixed position seat. The MTB-101 comes with an adjustable end point so that the unit can be adjusted to accept a long board or the longer stokes basket. When it comes to off road rescues, safety and patient comfort are the key. Whether you are using it as a medical rescue or for a third passenger during search and rescues, the MEDLITE® Transport MTB-101 slide in skid unit should meet your needs and budget.

\$2,800.00 + SHIPPING

UNIT SHIPS FULLY ASSEMBLED - D = 48" W x 76" L x 11" H

Stokes basket or Long Board Not Included.



Kimtek Medlite Transport Basic MTB-101 on various style UTV's



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July 24, 2018

Missouri River-Madison River Fund

Greetings,

I am writing in behalf of River's Edge Trail Foundation to express our support for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region Four grant application to fund a Side by Side UTV for patrol, law enforcement and rescue work. The single track sections of Rivers Edge Trail along both the North and South shores are growing in popularity among hikers and cyclists. Unfortunately, these trails are largely inaccessible by conventional 4 wheel drive vehicles. The challenging design of many of these trails combined with their isolation from access roads makes patrol and law enforcement activities difficult to say the least. What is more, extracting an injured hiker or cyclist from these areas is especially difficult. Rivers Edge Trail Foundation strongly supports Region Four's application to fund a properly outfitted Side by Side UTV to access and patrol these areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Pollington".

Bruce Pollington
President of the Board of Directors
Rivers Edge Trail Foundation



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To Whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform about the grant that Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks field office in Great Falls, MT. They are applying for a grant to obtain a UTV (utility task vehicle). I believe that it would be a vital piece of equipment for them and all the mutual aid departments. There are around 60 miles of trails on both sides of the Missouri River. A large portion for the trails is single dirt paths that are limited to large vehicles which makes getting to an injured hiker or biker very difficult. This UTV would be used in many ways, for example to transport a patient off the trail to an ambulance or be outfitted with a slide-in fire suppression unit for any wildland fires in the area. I would recommend this grant be awarded to them.

Sincerely,



Michael Deshayes
Fire Chief

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DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE						DESCRIPTION OF TRADE-IN		
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KQR FULL GLASS W/S	\$	745	55	BASE PRICE		\$	13,099.00	
SPORT ROOF	\$	745	55	DEALER PREP and FREIGHT		\$	845.00	
REAR PANEL	\$	868	15	TOTAL UNIT PRICE		\$	13,944.00	
WARN 4500 S WINCH & MOUNT	\$	1,128	67					
FRT. ACCESS. HARNESS	\$	175	95	TOTAL ACCESSORIES		\$	3,875.87	
MT STREET LEGAL	\$	212	00	SUBTOTAL		\$	17,819.87	
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ACCESSORY TOTAL	\$	3,875.87		LESS BALANCE OWED				
ATTN: KEITH KNIGHTON				NET TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE		\$		
				PLUS DEPOSITS				
				TOTAL CREDITS				
				BALANCE DUE ON DELIVERY		\$	15,259.00	

Terms and conditions on both the face and reverse side of this bill of sale comprise the entire agreement pertaining to this purchase and no other agreement of any kind, verbal understanding or promise whatsoever will be recognized. Upon failure or refusal to purchase to complete this agreement for any reason, all or part of the cash deposit may be retained as liquidated damages. The purchaser certifies he/she is of legal age and hereby accepts and acknowledges receipt of a copy of this bill of sale.

LARRY MEIER

PERSON