

1 Q. **C-136, Upgrade Transmission Line Access Trails \$313,000**

2 Why is the cost for this project not considered to be an operating expense?

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5 A. An operating expense is considered to be maintenance work which involves
6 bringing a trail back to its original condition by clearing vegetation, repairing
7 washouts, potholes, and ruts. The work to be carried out in this project is
8 considered to be a capital expense since the funding will be used to improve a trail
9 beyond its original condition such that it conforms to the new standard.