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California Department of Parks & Recreation
OHMVR Division
PO Box 942896
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RE: SUPPORT – Imperial County Sheriff’s Office Grants and Cooperative Agreements Application, California Parks and Recreation: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the American Sand Association and our support of the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office request for grant funding. Follow are my comments:

G11-03-09-S01

Education & Safety - The American Sand Association supports the Imperial County Sheriff’s Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement Team (OHVEST) “Camp Smart” curriculum. This grant funding will provide OHVEST the tools necessary to develop educational materials and deputy time to help educate students of all levels.

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Law Enforcement - It is imperative that visitors to the Imperial County desert areas have a safe recreational experience. This grant will provide OHVEST the funding necessary to accurately do so. It will also provide deputies with the opportunity to educate the visitors on OHV compliance and safety by distributing safety information.

For these reasons, we request you fund the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office grant request for the full amount. The assistance you provide for this program is an important component in keeping the area safe for those who visit it.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached at (760) 996-8983.

Sincerely,

Nicole Nicholas Gilles
Executive Director