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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the American Sand Association and our support of the Bureau of Land Management's El Centro Field Office request for grant funding. Following are my comments:

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Project #1 - We believe it is imperative that visitors have access to information. The 20 kiosk panels being requested will include interpretive information that will help educate OHV users.

Project #2- The historic significance of the Plank Road is unquestionable. The BLM needs funding for replacement waysides to help preserve this landmark for future generations.

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It is important that users have a safe recreation experience. The BLM's grant request for funds to assist OHV non-law enforcement park rangers, medical supplies and rescue buggy maintenance is a necessity for the visitors to the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA).

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Having trash removal and vault toilet maintenance is a needed for the amount of people who visit the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. As per the BLM's application, these grant funds help BLM protect OHV opportunities and the Desert Tortoise. It is essential to have vault toilet maintenance in the ISDRA as it decreases the amount of waste in the desert and helps protect wildlife.

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The El Centro Field Office manages 137,253 acres that are open to OHV use within Imperial and San Diego Counties. They have successful partnerships in place to assist with their education and outreach programs. The American Sand Association is pleased to be included as one of these valuable partners. The funding requested for law enforcement, education and outreach are an important factor in making sure that visitors have a safe recreation experience. Because of the large amount of visitors to the area, it is important to have an adequate amount of law enforcement. The in-car camera systems and RADAR units will provide these officers with the necessary tools to perform their job properly. Mobile computer work stations are essential to law enforcement and will improve officers ability to execute their job efficiently; consequently, allowing them more time in the field to manage visitors.

