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To Whom It May Concern:

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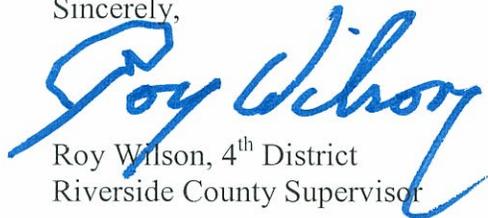
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding toward Riverside County's effort to create an Off-Highway Vehicle Park.

Riverside County has over 100,000 registered OHV vehicles in the County, but has limited riding venues. As a result, the County receives limited funds from the State and these funds have generally been used for enforcement purposes. If we are to address the current problems created by illegal OHV usage in the County, we will need to establish legal riding areas that are properly designed and maintained. Without legal riding areas, the County will continue to have citizen complaints, destruction of critical habitat, and the loss of revenue from the State.

Since the establishment of a citizen-led OHV Commission in 2007, the Board of Supervisors have identified two potential park locations through a lengthy and detailed selection process by the Commission that could prove viable, and will therefore offer citizens of Riverside County and visitors from other counties a legal area for both open riding and trail riding. Off-roading is a growing sport and a great family activity and the County understands there is a tremendous need for a park that offers opportunity for fun experience, and amenities that families enjoy.

Currently, we are seeking funding for the environmental studies on the two proposed sites. The state grant will allow this effort to proceed. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Riverside County Supervisor



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