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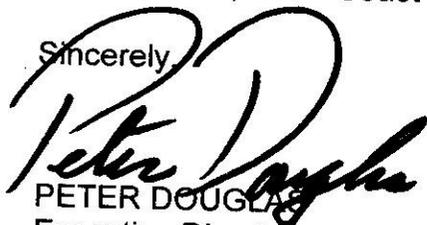
Re: Humboldt County Sheriff's Office OHMV grant - Supporting Beach
Enforcement and Education

Dear Lieutenant Knight:

I write in support of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office grant funding request to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Program (OHMV). OHV use in the target area, the wave slope and adjacent dunes, some of which is illegal and much of which is destructive of native vegetation and significant habitat, requires greater management and protection. The Coastal Commission strongly supports efforts to accomplish that. Proposed grant funding is vital to strengthen law enforcement capabilities and public education efforts to ensure that OHV riding in the identified area complies with local, state and federal laws protective of sensitive and protected species of plants and animals, as well as private property in the area. We think that if an increased law enforcement and public education presence is effective in preventing future environmental damage to sensitive resources and avoids trespass and damage to private property in the area, complete closure of the area for OHV use can be avoided.

Please feel free to pass this letter of support along to anyone who may be interested in this constructive effort to address a major environmental damage problem before it escalates out of control. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or Bob Merrill, North Coast District Manager in our Eureka office.

Sincerely,


PETER DOUGLAS
Executive Director

cc: Bonnie Neely
Bob Merrill