

REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 1054, EUREKA, CALIFORNIA 95502



April 1, 2011

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 Fourth Street
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Lt Knight:

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Continuation of a beach and dunes deputy funded by the OHV grant is extremely important for Humboldt County beaches. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Leskiw
5440 Cummings Rd
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cc: State OHV Rec Divis



Sierra Club
North Group, Redwood Chapter

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April 1, 2011

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 Fourth Street
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Lt Knight:

On behalf of the North Group, Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club, which has nearly 1000 members in Humboldt, Del Norte, and western Trinity Counties, I am writing in favor of continuing the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant to support law enforcement on the beaches of Humboldt County. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has requested \$75,371 from the state's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

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North Group, Redwood Chapter, Sierra Club

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THE HUMBOLDT BAY STEWARDS

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February 17, 2011

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Mr. Knight:

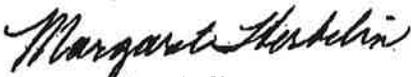
The Humboldt Bay Stewards is a group of federal, state, and local agencies, businesses, landowners, and community groups and citizens who share a common concern for the protection and restoration of the Humboldt Bay area. We are writing in support of the proposed Off-highway Vehicle Grant to continue enforcement efforts on the beach and dunes systems in Humboldt County.

The enforcement efforts continue to make a difference in the quality of enjoyment of our beaches and dunes. The grant provides our area with officers on the ground to enforce proper use of the beaches and dunes. Without the valiant efforts of the Sheriff's Department-in-particular Officer Rick Chandler-this would not be possible.

The Humboldt Bay Stewards mission is to educate the public about the issues that affect the quality of life for both humans and the other elements of our ecosystem. It is through education that people gain understanding of the reasons protection and law enforcement are needed. We support the additional funding for visitor safety, search and rescue, and information and education.

The need for increased enforcement has been a common sentiment among many community members at meetings through out the year. As our society uses our recreation areas, many conflicting and often incompatible activities emerge. These need to be addressed through law enforcement and public education. It is through enforcement efforts such as those funded by the OHV grant that we can achieve increased public safety and resource protection. We urge you to continue to support funding for the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,



Margaret Herbelin
Coordinator-The Humboldt Bay Stewards



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February 15, 2011

Off Highway Vehicle Commission
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Humboldt County Off Highway Vehicle Grant Application

Dear Commissioners:

We deeply appreciate the past support provided by the Commission. Several of our Supervisorial Districts include a significant amount of Humboldt County coastline. The South Spit and entrance to Humboldt Bay, the Eel River mouth and Mad River and Clam beaches, and much of Southern Humboldt's "Lost Cost" are some of the most notable areas.

As you are all aware, the Federal Government is demanding more attention for listed species in our County. It continues to be our goal to manage our beaches for multiple uses. Many of our beaches still support wood gathering, wave slope riding, fishing, clamming, horseback riding and hiking. These diverse uses require monitoring and enforcement to prevent conflict with natural resources.

To date, the Sheriff's Office has been able to patrol our local beaches and enforce local regulations. The Off-Highway Vehicle grant is our only means to provide law enforcement presence on our beaches. If we can continue our presence and demonstrate our intent to allow and manage for multiple uses, we can keep our beaches open to everyone.

Again, we want to express our thanks for your past support and thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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Office of the Chief of Police

February 7, 2011

Lt. Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 Fourth Street
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Lt. Knight:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for your application of the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant. Having a law enforcement presence on the beaches and dunes is certainly a way to eliminate activity detrimental to the property and livelihood of adjoining homeowners and businesses, as well as for the safety of all the people who frequent the beaches, including the offenders.

The City of Eureka owns property outside the City limits on Samoa Peninsula and an airport is operated on that site. My contacts with tenants and business owners at the airport facility have informed us of many problems regarding ORV drivers, which they identify as predominantly adult males who are DUI.

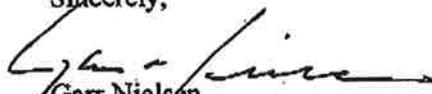
The following are some of his concerns:

- Cutting away, breaking down, and /or destruction of airport fences.
- Trespassing on airport grounds and using hangars, runways and gravel pit as their obstacle course/raceway.
- Concerns over the possibility of a large 4-wheel drive vehicle on the runway as a small plane touches down...too late to divert and avoid a disaster.
- Take off is the highest time for malfunction and aircraft must have a clear area at the end of the runway.
- The biggest problems occur off hours.

While tenants say they usually can handle these problems, there are occasions where they find it necessary to call the Sheriff's Office for assistance and feel just having some one respond to their call for aid is the greatest help. Random patrols would definitely be of assistance. They would like to see law enforcement ORV patrols near the airport. The Eureka Police Department is not equipped to assume patrol responsibility for ORVs at this facility and any patrols by the Sheriff's Office are a great help.

It is clear that the need for the Off-Highway Vehicle grant would be well received and certainly put to good use. I will be happy to discuss in more detail the problems at the airport on Samoa Beach if you require.

Sincerely,


Garr Nielsen
Chief of Police



March 24, 2011

Steve Knight
Sheriff, Humboldt County
826 Fourth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: G10-03-11-L01

Dear Sheriff Knight:

Please accept this letter from Quiet Warrior Racing, a firm that supports responsible off and on-road recreation, as indication of our support for your 2010/11 Law Enforcement Grant.

QWR has reviewed the proposal and believes the request is certainly appropriate considering the size of your patrol area. QWR believes your OHV-related law enforcement efforts are a key element for continued dispersed motorized recreation on the county's beaches, riverbeds, and timbered backcountry.

As a native of Humboldt County, I thank your office for allowing QWR to comment.

Sincerely,

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