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Humboldt County Sheriff's Department:

We are writing to support the request to provide funding to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department for off-highway areas in Humboldt County, specifically Centerville Beach.

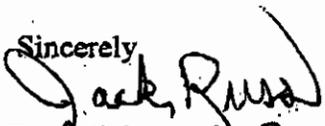
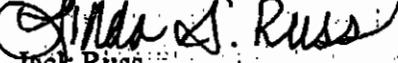
We have resided at 3592 Centerville Beach Road since 1972 and have ranchlands adjacent to the beach. As the beaches in Northern Humboldt have become more restricted to ATV riders, more users are coming to Centerville. At the present time, the racing and recreational riders are putting extreme pressure on the beach. Trailer after trailer go by our house on weekends. The beach and the dunes are suffering greatly. The serious dune erosion that has occurred since December 2008 has been caused in part by the overuse of the beach by ATV's. *The county needs to provide or encourage managed riding areas.*

Illegal camping has also been our concern for the last several years. It occurs during the summer months and an off-highway deputy is very necessary to discourage campers. The Sheriff's Department has our permission to access the beach from our Centerville Road property.

Weekend parties can be a big problem. The traffic speeds by our house at all hours of the night. Law enforcement presence is very important in keeping the parties under control.

We are very concerned about the deterioration of Centerville Beach. It needs immediate attention from our county officials and the presence of law enforcement to keep the public from abusing and overusing the beach.

Sincerely,

  
  
Jack Russ  
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cc: Jimmy Smith, First District Supervisor