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Dear Mr. Fernandez,

The Forest Issues Group is writing in support of the 2014/2015 OHMVR Restoration Grant application by the Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation. Damage to sensitive wildlife and plant habitat by illegal ORV use continues to plague our public lands.

The proposed project fills a critical need on the Eldorado National Forest to monitor and quickly repair tracks and damage caused by those who refuse to stay on designated routes. The Forest Service simply doesn't have sufficient personnel, vehicles or financial resources to do all the needed monitoring and repairs. CSNC's monitoring and restoration project fills that need.

We urge you to fully fund this grant to support the restoration efforts.

Sincerely,

Donald L Rivenes

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