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RE: Support for American Desert Foundation Grants and Cooperative Agreements
Application, California Parks and Recreation: Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Division.

Mr. Jones,

We at the United Desert Gateway are excited to hear that the American Desert Foundation (ADF) is seeking grant funds from California's Department of Parks and Recreation through the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

The United Desert Gateway is dedicated to safety and litter education throughout the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) and other public lands. The funds the ADF are seeking will enhance and facilitate this mission and also the various partnerships represented in this application.

We are pleased to see items included in this grant proposal that would provide funds for services essential to those who recreate and work in the ISDRA. ATV safety training and automatic external defibrillators will enhance safety and effective medical response for visitors at the ISDRA. Visitor education is another necessary component to success in the ISDRA, and we are encouraged to see plans for an Interpretive Center at the Cahuilla Ranger Station and procurement of a sound meter for use in safety classes included with this purpose in mind. The Camp Host off-road vehicle will be a very helpful tool to facilitate education, safety, and more effective medical response for visitors to the ISDRA.

We also understand that the ADF seeks funds to support the printing of the UDG Recreation Guide. This valuable resource is distributed throughout the ISDRA, and other OHV areas, providing safety tips, rules and regulations pertaining to OHV activities, community and services information, litter and resource educational items. We look forward to once again providing this publication to over 20,000 visitors and helping the ADF further their mission at the ISDRA.

Respectfully,

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