



California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc.

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Re: BLM - Barstow Field Office Grant Application Reference # G12-01-04-G01 Barstow Ground Operations

Dear Grant Committee:

These comments are submitted on behalf of the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) and its membership. CA4WDC represents clubs and individuals within the State of California that are part of the community of four-wheel drive enthusiasts. Many of our members and supporters live in and/or recreate in the area covered by the *BLM - Barstow Field Office Grant Application Reference # G12-01-04-G01*. This document shall not supplant the rights of other CA4WDC agents and organizational or individual members from submitting their own comments and the agency should consider and appropriately respond to all comments received to this proposed grant.

While the main focus of CA4WDC is to protect, promote, and provide for motorized recreation opportunities on public and private lands, many of our members participate in multiple forms of recreation; including but not limited to hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, horseback riding, bicycle riding, and gem and mineral collection.

We recognize the positive health and social benefits that can be achieved through outdoor activities. We also recognize that motorized recreation provides the small business owners in the local communities a significant financial stimulus. And, our members are directly affected by management decisions concerning public land use.

Our members subscribe to the concepts of: 1) public access to public lands for their children and grandchildren; 2) condition and safety of the environment; and 3) sharing our natural heritage. The general public desires access to public lands now and for future generations.

This project funds work within 4 OHV Recreation Areas around Barstow, as well as lands adjacent to the open areas. These are the El Mirage, Razor, Johnson and Stoddard Valley OHV Open Areas. Work is done at the El Mirage OHV area during heavy use, special events,



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and holiday weekends. This project funds on site visitor services, OHV planning, program oversight, and the normal operations and maintenance activities required to sustain OHV recreation opportunities. The Project Manager is responsible for tracking project budget, coordinating seasonal Park Ranger work and ensuring project deliverables are met in a timely manner.

CA4WDC members and member clubs volunteer and work with land managers in the project area, and this grant will enhance these efforts. Many of our members also use these areas as their primary recreation areas.

CA4WDC supports this grant request to enhance the recreational experience in these four areas.

CA4WDC appreciates the opportunity to comment on this grant request made by the BLM - Barstow Field Office. CA4WDC is eager to assist land managers and we hope these comments have been helpful in the importance of this grant to our members and member clubs. If additional information is required please do not hesitate to contact Steve Egbert at (559) 936-3030.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Egbert".

Steve Egbert
President, CA4WDC