

March 23, 2010

Bureau of Land Management
El Centro Field Office
Attn: Neil Hamada
1661 S. 4th Street
El Centro, CA 92243

**RE: SUPPORT - Bureau of Land Management Grants and Cooperative Agreements
Application, California Parks and Recreation: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Division.**

Mr. Hamada,

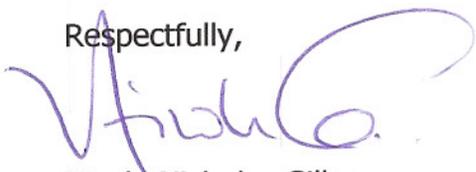
Please accept this letter of support for the El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as you seek funding through the California Parks and Recreation Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Grants and Cooperative Agreement.

The American Sand Association is a nonprofit, membership based organization that represents 35,000 users who recreate on public lands. Through our strategic partnerships with local communities and various entities such as the BLM, we promote a safe dune experience coupled with responsible use of public lands. This is accomplished through our joint safety and education programs. The funds the BLM are seeking will enhance and facilitate these safety and education programs in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA).

The ISDRA is one of the most popular off-highway recreation areas in the United States. With visitation reaching 150,000 during peak times, its imperative the BLM receive these funds in order to properly manage this area and provide adequate safety and effective medical services.

We look forward to our continued partnership and appreciate your support of the American Sand Association.

Respectfully,



Nicole Nicholas Gilles
Executive Director