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RE: G13-04-58-R01

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to strongly urge you to decline the Grant Application from The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation which is run by Ms. Karen Schambach.

What concerns me is that she is applying for a restoration grant and by definition restoration takes “maintenance” to return something to its former condition. In this grant The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation is not doing that, however they are using funds to waste on analysis, data collection and training. The OHV funds would be better spent for those providing education and maintenance of this historic trail rather than supply them with money to run a class on preservation of meadows. Also, requesting money for use a four wheel drive vehicle does not make since as that is what they are saying has caused the ground disturbance. The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation has opening condemned OHV use and works to ultimately close OHV areas.

In the past few years, the Rubicon Trail has had a lot of work done to it to help alleviate some of the problem issues. Satisfying The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation’s request for funding would mean that we are allowing them to utilize these funds against us.

I oppose this grant as the largest portion of the money being used is for salaries and feeding/lodging of the trainees.

I would like to thank the California State Parks OHMVR for their hard work and continued efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Cowan