



## Manila Community Services District

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California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Off-Highway Vehicle Commission

Re: Off-Highway Vehicle Grant/Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

To whom it may concern,

The Manila Community Services District owns and manages hundreds of acres of rugged beach dunes, including a coastal access point centrally located in Manila. Along with miles of public beaches, these dunes harbor federally listed endangered plant species and some of the last remaining native beach dune habitats in California.

Due to the development of the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center to our north and the current use of coastal access, we are facing increased public use with little or no resources to patrol this area. The public has voiced a sense of despair during our monthly board meetings regarding this situation.

The Sheriff's office can attest to the fact that we continue to suffer incursions from unauthorized motor vehicles, illegal encampments and illegal dumping. This not only creates a safety hazard for the public at large but gives the public the sense that nobody is there to stop the violators, or conversely, to save them from a difficult or dangerous situation should the need arise.

The Manila Community Services District fully supports the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and their OHV Grant application. As a small, rural agency, we are unable to patrol, enforce or provide emergency services to the miles of beaches we enjoy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "CD" with a flourish.

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