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Office of the Chief of Police

January 31, 2014

Lt. Wayne Hanson  
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office  
826 Fourth Street  
Eureka CA 95501

Dear Lt. Hanson:

I am pleased to write a letter of support for your application of the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant. Having a law enforcement presence on the beaches and dunes is certainly a way to eliminate activity detrimental to the property and livelihood of adjoining homeowners and businesses, as well as for the safety of all the people who frequent the beaches, including the offenders.

The City of Eureka owns property outside the City limits on Samoa Peninsula and an airport is operated on that site. My contacts with tenants and business owners at the airport facility have informed us of many problems regarding ORV drivers, which they identify as predominantly adult males who are DUI.

The following are some of his concerns:

- Cutting away, breaking down, and /or destruction of airport fences.
- Trespassing on airport grounds and using hangars, runways and gravel pit as their obstacle course/raceway.
- Concerns over the possibility of a large 4-wheel drive vehicle on the runway as a small plane touches down...too late to divert and avoid a disaster.
- Take off is the highest time for malfunction and aircraft must have a clear area at the end of the runway.
- The biggest problems occur off hours.

While tenants say they usually can handle these problems, there are occasions where they find it necessary to call the Sheriff's Office for assistance and feel just having some one respond to their call for aid is the greatest help. Random patrols would definitely be of assistance. They would like to see law enforcement ORV patrols near the airport. The Eureka Police Department is not equipped to assume patrol responsibility for ORVs at this facility and any patrols by the Sheriff's Office are a great help.

It is clear that the need for the Off-Highway Vehicle grant would be well received and certainly put to good use. I will be happy to discuss in more detail the problems at the airport on Samoa Beach if you require.

Sincerely,

Andrew Mills  
Chief of Police



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February 11, 2014

Lieutenant Wayne Hanson  
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office  
826 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
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RE: Humboldt County Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application

Dear OHV Commissioners:

Humboldt County is very proud of its partnership with the Off-Highway Vehicle Commission. Public use on our beaches and rivers requires intensive management and education. These areas are popular for a number of recreational activities, OHV riding being one of significance.

With your past support, we have been able to patrol sensitive wildlife and native plant habitat while providing for OHV riding opportunities. As stated in previous letters of support, "Our ability to maintain OHV access is clearly associated with our enforcement capability and your generous support". There have been recent agency and non profit acquisitions that will require more patrol and on-site education. Through our cooperative effort we hope to maintain our existing recreational activities and help manage all the public properties.

We very much appreciate your support and thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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February 1, 2014

Lieutenant Wayne Hanson  
Humboldt Count Sheriff's Office  
826 Fourth Street  
Eureka CA 95501-0516

Dear Mr. Hanson,

I am a member of the general public who frequently spends time hiking, bird watching and enjoying the beauty of our local beaches. I am writing in support of the proposed Off-highway Vehicle Grant to continue enforcement efforts on the beach and dunes systems in Humboldt County.

The enforcement efforts continue to make a difference in the quality of enjoyment of our beaches and dunes. The grant provides our area with officers on the ground to enforce proper use of the beaches and dunes. Without the valiant efforts of the Sheriff's Department this would not be possible.

It is through education that people gain understanding of the reasons protection and law enforcement are needed. I support the additional funding for visitor safety, search and rescue, and information and education.

The need for increased enforcement has been a common sentiment among many community members who use our beached and sand dunes. As our society uses our recreation areas, many conflicting and often incompatible activities emerge. These need to be addressed through law enforcement and public education. It is through enforcement efforts such as those funded by the OHV grant that we can achieve increased public safety and resource protection. We urge you to continue to support funding for the Off-Highway Vehicle Grant in Humboldt County.

Sincerely,



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February 09, 2014

Lieutenant Wayne Hanson  
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office  
826 Fourth Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

Humboldt County Sheriff's Department:

We are writing to support the request to provide funding to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department for off-highway areas in Humboldt County, specifically Centerville Beach.

We have resided at 3592 Centerville Beach Road since 1972 and have ranchlands adjacent to the beach. As the beaches in Northern Humboldt have become more restricted to ATV riders, more users are coming to Centerville. At the present time, the racing and recreational riders are putting extreme pressure on the beach. Trailer after trailer go by our house on weekends. The beach and the dunes are suffering greatly. The serious dune erosion that has occurred since December 2008 has been caused in part by the overuse of the beach by ATV's. ***The county needs to provide or encourage managed riding areas.***

Trespass on our private lands that border Centerville Beach is a great concern for us. The public's lack of respect is growing. The Sheriff's Department has our permission to access the beach from our Centerville Road property.

Weekend parties can be a big problem. The traffic speeds by our house at all hours of the night. Law enforcement presence is very important in keeping the parties under control.

We are very concerned about the deterioration of Centerville Beach. It needs immediate attention from our county officials and the presence of law enforcement to keep the public from abusing and overusing the beach.

Sincerely,



Jack Russ  
Linda S. Russ

cc: Rex Bohn, First District Supervisor