

March 23, 2010

Imperial County Sheriff Office
Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team
Attn: Sheriff Ray Loera
PO Box 1040
El Centro, CA 92244

RE: SUPPORT - Imperial County Sheriff Office – Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team Grants and Cooperative Agreements Application, California Parks and Recreation: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division.

Sheriff Loera,

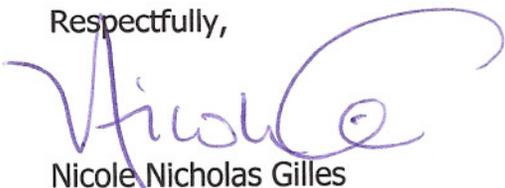
Please accept this letter of support for the Off Highway Vehicle Enforcement Safety Team (OHVEST) of Imperial County Sheriff Office, as you seek funding through the California Parks and Recreation Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division Grants and Cooperative Agreement.

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 Imperial County Sheriff Office (OHVEST), 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 OHVEST 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