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Attn: Sixto Fernandez, Grants Manager  
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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) appreciates the opportunity to review the proposed policy prior to its adoption and would like to provide comments as provided below on the new policy.

First, let me emphasize that the BLM highly values over 25-year partnership with the State of California in collaboratively managing off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. We strongly believe this partnership has resulted in tremendous benefits both for the people of California and the Federal public lands within the State's boundaries. We are confident that the funding provided to BLM has supported the OHMVR's program purpose "...to develop, maintain, expand, and manage high quality OHV recreation areas and trails, and to responsibly maintain the wildlife, soils and habitat of the areas in a manner that will sustain long-term OHV recreation..."

Please accept the following comments:

1. Chapter 15, 4970.10.2 (e)(2) "The Applicant shall agree to use the Facility for OHV Recreation purposes for a minimum of 25 years; if the Facility is not used for the purpose of OHV Recreation for 25 years, Grant amount shall be returned to the State."

BLM will to the maximum extent be consistent with federal and state law, intend to use and manage the facility consistently with the Agreements with California State OHMVR. This includes using and managing the facility consistently with the BLM's Resource Management Plans and the intended OHV use. If management of the facility becomes inconsistent with the purpose, BLM cannot guarantee to expend funds that are not obligated through for which it lacks an appropriation or authority therefor cannot agree to "if the Facility is not used for the purpose of OHV Recreation for 25 years, Grant amount shall be returned to the State.". However, BLM can agree to – "Should the Secretary and the State Director determine that the BLM's long-term management is wholly inconsistent with this Agreement; the BLM will use reasonable efforts to include in its annual budget request the appropriations necessary to reimburse California State OHMVR a pro-rated share.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these views with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jane E. Arteaga", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane E. Arteaga  
BLM California  
Travel and Transportation Manager