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Greg Thomsen, Iain Fisher.

I am writing this e-mail in regards to the above project impacting our OHV opportunities in McCain Valley. As past OHMVR commissioner, this project has been going on since before 1979. In fact we provided \$82,000 to the BLM to provide a campground, improve McCain Valley Road, develop motorcycle trails in Lark Canyon, and do Stream Canalization. Then again in 1987 we provide money for O & M, to keep this area open to off roading both roads, restrooms, trails etc etc. Then again in 1988 we did the same thing, provide O & M. and this is as far as my records go but I am sure that BLM has applied for grants up to this current grant cycle .

It is with this information that I have a very hard time understanding why the BLM can just ignore the fact that OHV has been a part of this entire area for so long and impact our OHV opportunities. it is also an insult that you think putting some sunshade are going to replace the loss of OHV riding opportunities. Last time I looked, riding my off road vehicles has absolutely nothing to do with shade. That is a personal thing if someone wants to sit in the shade rather than ride, they can do that at any park .

We are talking about loss of OHV trail riding opportunity. This project must replace mile for mile of lost opportunity period. We the OHV community have paid millions of dollars to maintain our access to public land and for anyone to think they can just push us aside, I don't care if it is BLM or Renewable Resources folks or Public Utilities company's, we have been part of the BLM's recreational programs for a very long time and have management plans that allow this recreational opportunity.

It is incumbent on those that want to use our access to public lands, that they figure out a way to mitigate our loss by providing like opportunity in the area that we the California Residents, especially those from San Diego area have access to.

I know I am a few days late in the time frame, but request that you include my concerns and demands for no loss of OHV opportunities to the citizens of California especially those in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

Sincerely yours

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