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The undersigned organizations and groups, who represent of hundreds of thousands of motorized off-highway users in California, are writing to express our concern about the future of the Off-Highway Division of California State Parks. We understand that Daphne Greene has been terminated, an action we view with dismay and grave concern. Without Ms. Greene, we fear the Off-Highway Division will be unable to maintain the existing, albeit limited, recreational opportunities relied upon by many middle class families. Therefore, we request that Daphne Greene be reappointed as Deputy Director.

According to the U. S. Forest Service and California State Parks, off-road recreation is the fastest growing form of recreation in the United States, creating a responsibility borne by the government of the state to provide quality off-highway vehicle opportunities that include sound environmental stewardship practices. For the past seven years, those that use motorized means to pursue activities including hunting, fishing, motorcycling, rock crawling, rock-hounding and mining, have been the beneficiaries of an effective and efficient management team led by Daphne Greene as Deputy Director.

In addition to being the fastest growing form of recreation, off-highway vehicles contribute an estimated \$9 billion annually to the California economy, and we are concerned that changes to the existing system of opportunities will cause harm to an already fragile California economy, including a disappearing middle class. The OHV Division of State Parks has been tasked by law to sustain off-road activities throughout California. The vision of the Daphne Greene as Deputy Director is critical to the completion of this goal.

OHV enthusiasts are unique in the great passion and dedication they feel towards off-road recreation opportunities that exist in California. The off-road community also donates thousands of hours to maintain roads and trails throughout the state. They pay to support these areas, through green and red sticker off-highway registrations, fees at State Vehicular Recreation Areas and fuel used while pursuing off-road activities. In return, we are asking for your support and consideration when making changes that directly affect this community.

We request a meeting as soon as possible both to offer our assistance, and discuss ongoing programs and issues of interest to our members, including most importantly, the reinstatement of Daphne Greene as Deputy Director. It is our goal to ensure the forward direction of the OHV Division is determined with the assistance of stakeholders.



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