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RE: G13-04-58-R02

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to strongly urge you to decline the Grant Application from The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation which is run by Ms. Karen Schambach.

What concerns me is that she is applying for a restoration grant and by definition restoration takes “maintenance” to return something to its former condition. In this grants The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation is not doing that, however they are using funds to rake and shovel the area which is causing land disruption. As we are seeing now, natural rehabilitation is already happening and by going in there and raking and shoveling we are causing damage. Also, requesting money for a four wheel drive vehicle does not make since as that is what they are saying has caused the ground disturbance. The Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation has opening condemned OHV use and works to ultimately close OHV areas.

I oppose this grant as the largest portion of the money being used is for salaries and volunteers and does not make this land available to the public. Many different people use these trails not just the OHV community and they too destroy these beautiful lands.

I would like to thank the California State Parks OHMVR for their hard work and continued efforts.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Cowan