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February 14, 2013

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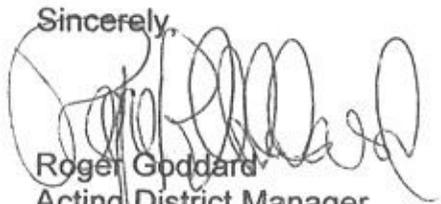
Dear Phil:

I support the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) in obtaining this year's Off Highway Vehicle Grant. As you know, much of California State Parks property borders Humboldt County property. There are areas where off highway vehicle use is allowed on the County's properties and the education of those using off highway vehicles by HCSO would be a great asset to all involved.

Also, as Parks has an excellent mutual aid assist program with the HCSO, their ability to access our beaches during emergencies for search and rescues or law enforcement needs greatly benefits our department as well.

Please call me if you have any questions, (707) 445-6547, Extension 25.

Sincerely,



Roger Goddard
Acting District Manager
North Coast Redwoods District

cc: Sixto J. Fernandez, Senior Park and Recreation Specialist



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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February 26, 2013

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Humboldt County Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Application

Dear OHV Commissioners:

Humboldt County is very proud of its partnership with the Off-Highway Vehicle Commission. Public use on our beaches and rivers requires intensive management and education. These areas are popular for a number of recreational activities, OHV riding being one of significance.

With your past support, we have been able to patrol sensitive wildlife and native plant habitat while providing for OHV riding opportunities. As stated in previous letters of support, "Our ability to maintain OHV access is clearly associated with our enforcement capability and your generous support". There have been recent agency and non profit acquisitions that will require more patrol and on-site education. Through our cooperative effort we hope to maintain our existing recreational activities and help manage all the public properties.

We very much appreciate your support and thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sundberg, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc:kh

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0502

March 11, 2013

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Lieutenant Knight:

I am pleased to write in support of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office application for an Off-Highway Vehicles grant.

This funding will provide visitor safety, search and rescue capabilities, law enforcement, information and education on environmental issues and conservation concerns to the residents of Humboldt County.

I urge your favorable consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress



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March 18, 2013

Lieutenant Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
825 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Subject: State of California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation
Grants Program for 2013

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) supports your preliminary grant application (G12-03-11-L01) to the State of California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program for 2013. HRC owns and manages 209,000 acres of timberlands in Humboldt County. OHV use is restricted on the property to those who are issued permits for specific areas, specific activities, and for specific time of year. Restrictions are needed to insure that OHV use is compatible to our goals of not allowing activities to create environmental disturbance. We do not have an expectation that county law enforcement will patrol our lands, but we do look to the Sheriff's Office (SO) to provide support if we encounter repeated large scale OHV trespass. In addition to the trespass issue, it is imperative that the SO have the tools and trained Staff to respond with ATV's during incidents such as Search and Rescue events and investigations of trespass marijuana growing on remote private lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office grant request 2012/2013 Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

Sincerely,

Tom Schultz
Forest Manager

October 24, 2011

Lt. Steve Knight, Operations
Humboldt County Sheriffs Office
826 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Lt. Knight:

RE: An Encounter with Dan Larkin
at the Orick Tsunami Siren Test, October 21, 2011

I regret that I feel compelled to write this letter and complain about the above-referenced incident. Hopefully, however, with some listening up on your end, some good will result from it.

How It Started

Please imagine yourself at home going about the normal routine of home care (because you're home 24 hours a day caring for your 81-year old mom who has Alzheimers). This was the case for me. Suddenly the emergency evacuation siren sounds loud and clear. I think, "What is that?" I freeze where I stand, collecting my thoughts to begin evacuating my mom (she is hard of hearing and her frail frame is bent and difficult to maneuver into the car). I hesitate. With an adrenaline rush, I take a chance and decide to call the local Chamber of Commerce to see if it is, perhaps, a test. I'm told it is believed to be a test and to call over to the water services district to find out for sure. I call the number and get an answering machine, so I leave a message. Not good enough.

Like I said, that tsunami siren gave me an adrenaline shot that gave me the fight or flight reaction like it should. After all, no one even came by to alert or evacuate us in response to the Japan quake, and the possibly ensuing Tsunami. We sat, oblivious of possible danger, until a concerned, out-of-state relative called informing us of the quake and tsunami. Even PG&E's recording advised me at 7 AM that no outage had been reported for Orick—and they had shut off the power intentionally!!! That is how much the emergency services system failed us, then.

So this time, my boyfriend stays home with my mom while I drive to the siren's location—all the while I'm hoping I'm not wasting precious time (previous training taught me that a siren means evacuate, not make phone calls and drive around for answers).

The Encounter

Standing there by the siren, clipboards in hand, are several people. They appear calm. I realize it must've been a test, and I'm glad. Then, I'm angry. I wonder, "Was the public notified? How did we get missed again?" I park the car, walk over to the group, and ask who is in charge. Dan Larkin states that he is. I have an accusatory attitude and I fire my many thoughts and concerns to Dan Larkin. His responses are slow and he appears reluctant to address me. I sense that he is turned off by me and my complaints, and I feel as though I am an "outsider", a party-pooper of sorts ruining their celebratory moment of a "successful" test. I feel defensive and state that I am not stupid or an idiot—only upset at having been left out of the emergency services loop AGAIN. I state that I am worried for my mother. I apologize to Dan Larkin and to the others in the group (twice) for disturbing them and for my being so upset. I tell them my situation and how I came to be so upset about a mere siren "drill". The biggest problem: I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A DRILL!

Dan Larkin's Response

Dan Larkin took a defensive stance, advising me that advertisements had been placed in the paper, radio, local television, and the internet. He seemed to think that, that was "everything". He even stated that, "We can't reach everybody." I said, "I just want to keep this problem from happening again. Tell me how we can do that."

- He advised that I get a weather radio—this same radio that another member of the group had just stated he had gotten mixed results with (this was only after I pointed out that we cannot get indoor radio reception in Orick.) Since I work at home, I have no need to run up and down the highway daily, whereby, I might hear an advertisement.
- Satellite TV has replaced local cable, and local news channels add costs. As for the internet, not everyone can afford it.
- Finally, Dan Larkin advises me of "the list" maintained by IHSS (In-Home Support Services) that has 150 people on it who are to be notified in emergencies. He doesn't know exactly how it works but recommends that I find out more about it.

My Reaction

I leave the group, dissatisfied with what my tax dollars are paying for. We are several years into this emergency evacuation scenario, and we just got a working siren.

- After promptly calling IHSS, I learn that "the list" is not currently used for the County's Disaster Preparedness Assessment Plan, or in the event of evacuation emergencies. Rather, IHSS workers use the list to routinely check on clients' safety and well-being. They do not necessarily notify of emergency evacuation.
- Later that day, I spot a sheet of paper in the large Post Office window. It states that a test was scheduled for that day. It was simply not eye-catching in anyway. No sense of urgency. Black letters on a white sheet of paper. How about a 2-inch high, red letter "NOTICE" ?

Summary and Solutions

Please advise the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors of this whole ugly and unnecessary scenario. Additionally, I would very much appreciate your sharing with them my following thoughts toward solving future problems:

- (1) Dan Larkin is not a public relations person. He lacks compassion and understanding of human emotions and behavior that should be anticipated in emergency situations. I'm not even 5'3" and my hands were empty except for my car keys; I clearly posed no danger to him or anyone else. I stated my fears and concerns with the emergency "system" and he gave me a list of things FOR ME TO DO to assure my family's safety.
- (2) Definitely, he would benefit by attending training on "How to Handle Difficult People", as he will surely encounter some. If he had only said, "I'm sorry you were not informed" and "What is your mother's name? I'll give you a call later and we'll see what we can do to fix this for you", would have gone a long way to diffuse the situation. Rather, I came away with a list of things FOR ME TO DO to assure our safety.

- (3) It is just plain silly that the Coordinator of Emergency Services for the ENTIRE County of Humboldt doesn't have a business card when asked for one. Business cards can be purchased 500 for \$10 via Direct-TV advertisement, or (I'm told) 500 for \$5 on the internet.
- (4) Since television and radio stations cater to community needs, it should be possible to post emergency and testing related notices on satellite television via banners, for instance, across the bottom of the screen. Maybe someone (like the emergency services coordinator) can check into this.
- (5) Mail notification is still possible via the United States Postal Service. Each of the 650 Orick residents could have (and should have) received notification by mail of any pending emergency services test affecting them. Old fashion, I know, but effective.
- (6) A list should be maintained by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) of disabled people living in our communities and any special needs required to evacuate them, or to simply notify them of upcoming scheduled drills. I am attaching a copy of Page 2 (of 4) of a form completed by IHSS workers in which it is indicated that such needs "are to be listed in the Preparedness Assessment Plan (if utilized)". It certainly should be utilized.

If the mission of the OES is truly to protect all the citizens of Humboldt County, then great thought should go into evacuating the disabled, or keeping them and their caregivers informed of tests. Remember, we are all human beings; People in need of help will not act calm and collected. If this puts Dan Larkin off his game, then he should be reassigned.

If I had attempted to evacuate my mother for a "drill" and she was hurt or her health suffered because we were not notified, I would hold the County responsible. And I believe other folks in my position would feel the same.

Put competent and appropriate people on task—and back them with a budget that facilitates the mission of emergency services.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ramona Lockerman

*Please Place a copy of this
in Dan Larkin's Personnel File.
I want it on official record.*

Ramona Lockerman
PO Box 292
Orick, CA 95555
(707) 488-0116

**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROGRAM
INDIVIDUALIZED BACK-UP PLAN AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

RECIPIENT'S NAME:

CASE NUMBER:

RISK ASSESSMENT

SECTION 3 – GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT

A. IHSS Assessment

During this IHSS assessment process, you and your social worker identified risks based on those persons in your care and domestic and related services for which you may need assistance. Assistance may be met through IHSS or with other formal or informal services.

B. Additional Risk Areas

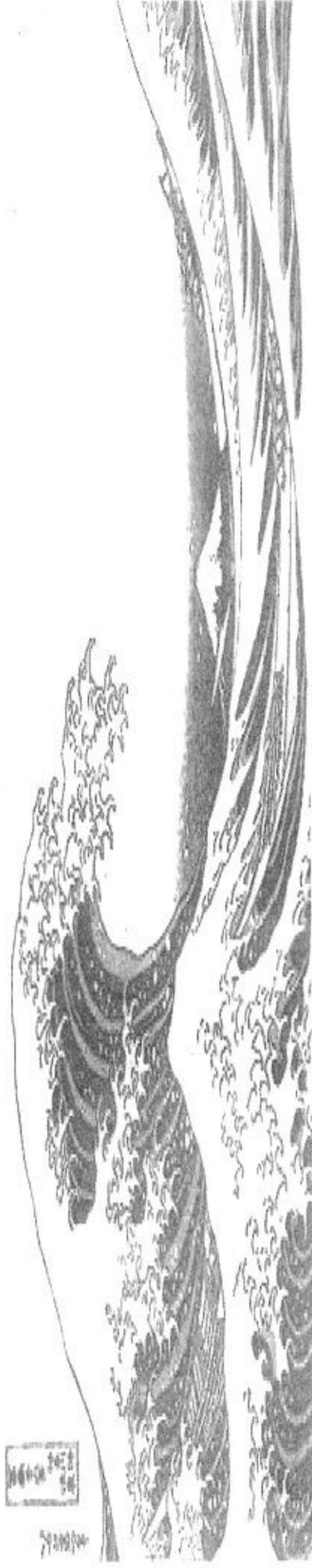
The following are additional risk areas that you and your social worker discussed that may be outside the scope of the IHSS program (check all that apply):

	Comments
<p>B1. Living Arrangements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lives with others who may assist</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lives alone, relatives/friends nearby who may assist</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lives alone, no relatives/friends nearby</p>	
<p>B2. Evacuation/Environmental Factors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can evacuate independently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can evacuate, but only with supervision/verbal direction</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs physical assistance to evacuate home in an emergency</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Able to access food/water independently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Aware of emergency or crisis numbers/contacts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Able to control lights, heat, cooling or other utilities</p>	
<p>B3. Communication</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Communicates without difficulty</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hearing impairment, communication limited</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Speech impairment, communication limited</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can speak or hear with the use of assistive device(s) Assistive device(s): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Able to place and receive calls independently</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can use telephone only with assistive device(s) Assistive device(s): _____</p>	

SECTION 4 – DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

In preparation for a disaster, such as hot and cold weather emergencies, fires, floods, and earthquakes, you and your social worker discussed the following:

- Your individual health needs that will be listed in the County's Disaster Preparedness Assessment Plan (if utilized by your county).



Orick Tsunami Siren Test

Friday October 21, 2011

Approximately 10:00 AM

This Is Only A Test

If You Have Questions Please Call 707-488-3093



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Arcata, CA 95521
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March 6, 2013

In Reply Refer To:
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Steve Knight
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
825 4th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arcata Field Office supports your preliminary grant application (G12-03-11-L01) to the State of California's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program for 2013. Funding for a full-time law enforcement officer to patrol the beaches and Eel River gravel bars would provide a much-needed presence. Much of the coastal lands near Humboldt Bay are privately owned and designated "closed" to off-highway vehicle use. Having a dedicated beach patroller (similar to past years) would deter illegal riding in these areas. A beach patroller would make more frequent contacts and educate riders about areas legally open to OHV use, such as the BLM-managed Samoa Dunes Recreation Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office grant request.

Sincerely,

Lynda Roush
Field Manager

March 19, 2013

Dear Rio Dell City Council Members,

We are asking for time to discuss the degradation of the Rio Dell River Bar.

The city of Rio Dell has provided access to the river bar at the Edward Dr. location:

Quad runners, four wheel drives and motor bikes are destroying the vegetation that holds the river bank in place. We are seeing serious erosion. The silt runs off into the river harming the fish.

Quad runners and four wheel drives race up and down the gravel bar spinning circles disrupting and tearing up the river bar. During low water or in the shallow water they spin circles raising the silt from the bottom of the river.

The logs that come down during the rainy season are being removed. There is nothing to hold the gravel in place to make the pools for the fish or to help build up the river bank

Noise pollution: At times the quad runners and motor bikes are racing all day.

There are no bathroom facilities. So where are they going??

Why is access provided to the river bar when the fishing season is closed or when the river is too high?

If someone is injured on the river bar who is responsible? I want to know since I own property bordering the river.

Mike and Karen Chase
480 Edwards Drive
P.O. Box 130
Rio Dell, Ca 95562
Phone 707-506-5060

CC Lt. Steve Knight, Refer: Off- Highway Vehicle grant application
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
826 Fourth St.
Eureka, CA 95501

Enclosed: Pictures,

