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California State Parks OHV Division
Eldorado National Forest – Grant Application

The Polka Dots Motorcycle Club (PDMC) is submitting this grant application comment to the California State Parks OHV Division (Division) so that the Division can take into consideration the following when considering the Eldorado National Forest (ENF) grant. Below are recent facts regarding OHV use in the ENF. Other National Forests under Region 5 are moving in the same direction.

Current OHV opportunities in the ENF appear to be declining. The following points are recent decisions the ENF has made:

- ENF by way of their Travel Management decision closes the forest to OHV's for a minimum of 3 months and for as much as 6 months per year;
- The ENF has declined numerous OHV groups the opportunity to hold public OHV special events in the Forest.
- The EDNF has presented PDMC a cost of approximately \$50,000 for NEPA analysis and event monitoring for a five year special use permit for public OHV events. PDMC has made a down payment of \$21,000 towards this project. The ENF is two years into this project and has only progressed through the scoping point.
- Other OHV groups who have applied for special use permits in the ENF have been charged tens of thousands of dollars for NEPA analysis and subsequently denied a permit.

Current EDNF Grant Application Deficiencies:

- Projects seeking funding are not diversified across the forest. Four OHV trail projects are located in one OHV area (Rock Creek). Other OHV areas such as Elkins Flat and Gold Note have need but no projects seeking funding.
- The projects seeking funding in the Rock Creek area are not NEPA ready. These projects have a low chance of getting off the ground due to potential litigation, an on going problem for the ENF. Projects proposed in the 1999 EIS have yet to be started due to litigation.

It is clear to PDMC that granting 1.5 million dollars to the Eldorado National Forest for declining OHV opportunity is not the best place to put our OHV registration money.

Sincerely,

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