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Dear Angela;

Thank you for the opportunity to visit with you and your staff on June 1. My management team and I are grateful for the time you spent with us to discuss the travel management planning process in California's national forests. We covered a lot of ground in a short two hours.

I look forward to your consideration and response to the following discussion topics from the meeting:

- Lack of regional direction to provide the kind of off-highway vehicle opportunities the public seeks.
- Support for the Region's position that maintenance level 3, 4, and 5 roads are highways per the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Differences in interpretation of the CVC between Region 5 and Region 6.
- Regional travel management policies and consistency with national direction for mixed use analyses and motor vehicle use for dispersed camping, big game retrieval, and parking off roads.
- The use of recent safety and traffic surveillance data to establish regional travel management policies and forest travel management plans.
- The ability of the Forest Service to maintain higher standard, passenger car roads with current and projected budget constraints.
- Collaboration with counties and the public to design well-connected, motorized road and trail systems on the national forests.
- The short timeframe to complete the first round of travel management plans. The desire for more public/county involvement in the planning process.
- Interagency coordination to develop state-wide policies, programs, safety training, etc. to enhance program effectiveness and the seamless delivery of services to the public.

The Recreation Outdoors Coalition represents thousands of off-highway vehicle users. Our organization seeks a balance between public access and environmental stewardship. We will continue to work with individual national forests as well as regional office staff to achieve this goal.

Thank you, again, for a productive meeting and listening session.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sylvia Milligan

Sylvia Milligan

Chair, Recreation Outdoors Coalition

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