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Commissioner J.A. Farrow  
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Dear Commissioner Farrow,

On behalf of Lassen County, I would like to thank you for your letter to the US Forest Service dated December 19, 2007. Like the US Forest Service, Lassen County has many unpaved roads which have historical significance, and your letter has helped to clarify the regulatory framework under which mixed use of these roads is allowed. These roads have been traditionally used by off-highway vehicles for recreation by residents and visitors of our county to access remote areas for hunting, camping, and other forms of recreation.

Since many of these unpaved roads enter US Forest Service lands, it makes sense for Lassen County to make decisions concerning appropriate use of our roads in the same manner as you have outlined in your letter to the US Forest Service. This letter will serve to confirm that, like the Forest Service, Lassen County will allow use by off-highway motor vehicles on roads that fall under the "roughly graded roads and trails upon which vehicular travel by the public is permitted" portion of section 38001 of the California Vehicle Code.

Lassen County is working to officially affirm this policy supporting the continued availability of "roughly graded" dirt roads for mixed use.

Sincerely,

Jack Hanson, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

cc: Daphne Greene  
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