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Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
Off-Highway Vehicles Program
Attn: J. Scanland
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Dear J. Scanland:

I appreciate the Nevada Off-Highway Vehicles Program's support to further the OHV and motorized roads and trail management program of the Inyo National Forest, White Mountain and Mono Lake Ranger Districts. I am requesting a one-year extension of the 2019 Inyo National Forest Planning and Storm Damage Repairs Grant. The grant agreement expired December 31, 2020, but some funds have not yet been spent and not all implementation tasks have been completed.

The grant projects continue to assist in providing well maintained roads and trails, to minimize closed area incursions, and to address severe storm damage in areas open to motorized vehicles. Forest Service staff has been working on implementing the grant scope of work including planning studies, storm damage repair, general maintenance, OHV patrols, and data management. Most drainages have been cleared, Carsonite signs have been posted, and some minor road damage has been repaired. There has been a focus on OHV patrols, conducting compliance and visitor checks, and distributing OHV safety material and maps. Resource specialists continue to conduct field and heritage surveys to minimize resource impacts. Although much work has been completed there is still work to complete. The grant balance of \$53,815.24 will be applied to accomplishing the deliverables.

The Forest is committed to finishing the deliverables outlined in the Grant. The grant extension would allow Forest Service staff to complete the following:

- Continue resource conservation projects.
- Continue patrols and visitor contacts.
- Prevent erosion in specific locations.
- Continue clearing drainages.
- Reconstruct road sections.
- Install Carsonite signs in Mineral County.
- Complete resource survey reports.



Inyo National Forest has hired and filled OHV/Recreation vacancies to complete this work until the end of 2021. The staffing challenges have prevented us from completing the much-needed work. The Forest is anticipating a one-year extension will allow the grant scope of work to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

Lesley Yen
Forest Supervisor

Cc: Renea Kenec, Acting Assistant Public Services Staff Officer