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Lisa Mangat, Director
California Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296

VIA EMAIL TO: trails@parks.ca.gov

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Restrict Off-Trail Use (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=27460)

Dear Director Mangat,

The Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors' Bureau stands opposed to the proposed rulemaking on the grounds that the proposed restrictions to off-trail use are unwarranted and would have negative impacts on Borrego Springs, San Diego County and California economies. The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, per the Anza-Borrego Foundation, receives half a million visitors annually contributing \$42 million to the state and local economies. Borrego Springs is the gateway to and 100% surrounded by the park. Limiting public access to the park will negatively impact Borrego Springs' tourism destination dominated economy, including the community's economic development and tax contributions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Haddock".

Linda Haddock
Executive Director

cc: Patrick Sampson, President
State Senator Joel Anderson
State Assemblymember Brian Jones