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Recreation & Conservation Office

Re: Colville National Forest OHV Ranger & Colville National Forest Dispersed Site Maintenance

The Board of County Commissioners supports the pursuit of grant funding for the above referenced projects.

The hiring of OHV Rangers is a very important component to the South End Project that may aid in the opening of additional roads for OHV use providing for much needed connectivity. With the implementation of Rangers, this will assist in the solution to illegal OHV use by educating those who utilize the trails and encouraging the protection of the landscape. Building solid relationships between the Forest Service and the OHV community will certainly lead to improved recreation experiences.

Dispersed sites are an important part of the effort to open the Forest to the outdoor enthusiasts. These sites can be challenging to maintain, but is crucial to deter illegal dumping and other public health concerns. These maintenance employees offer benefits to the public by providing a safe camping opportunity while protecting the natural resources. Furthermore, providing jobs in Pend Oreille County gives a boost to our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

PEND OREILLE COUNTY
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