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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a representative of Southern California Working Snow Dogs. Our group has 907 members in Southern California. We promote dog mushing as a means to a healthier, happier, and more meaningful lifestyle for our beloved canine companions.

We regularly engage in the outdoor recreational activity of dog mushing. Dog mushing includes dog-powered sports such as a team of dogs pulling a wheeled cart, or one to three dogs pulling a driver on a scooter or bicycle. Our group organizes informal fun events such as weekend camping trips which include daytime and nighttime mushing excursions.

We enjoy dog mushing in a variety of locations, such as the western Antelope Valley including Fairview Bluff Trail, and the West Mojave including the Red Mountain and Randsburg area.

In order to access these locations we utilize the designated motorized off-highway route network within the DRECP planning area. Specifically, we travel these routes to access staging areas and camp sites, and for mechanized travel by the dogs and carts.

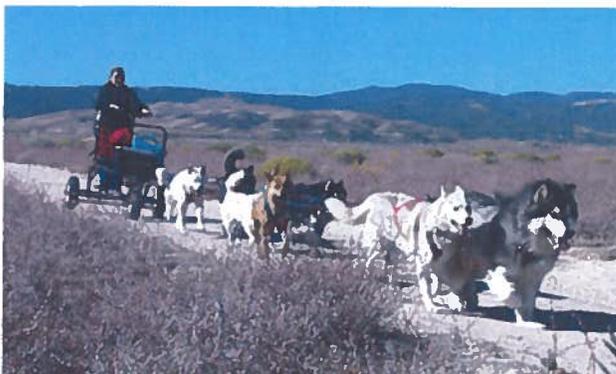
Our recreational activity, dog mushing, could be significantly and negatively impacted should the DRECP result in the closure of off-highway roads and trails, or other restrictions on recreational access and activities. The areas in which we enjoy dog mushing are unique in that they have cold weather for our sledding breeds, little snow to impede our wheeled carts, well groomed roads and trails, and remote settings to minimize conflicts and contact with high-impact motorized activities.

We urge the DRECP to obtain and consider data specific to our recreational activity so as to avoid or minimize any harmful consequences of the DRECP on our important recreational activity.

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Red Mountain camping trip



Fairview Bluff, Lancaster



Fairview Bluff