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BLM Carson City District
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV 89701
Attn: Colleen Sievers, Project Manager

RE: Comments on Greater Sage Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment

Dear Ms. Sievers:

We are writing in support of the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) DRAFT V.2. — December, 11, 2015 regarding comments on the Greater Sage Grouse Bi-State Distinct Population Segment.

BRC has done a ton of research into this issue and has outlined very well the points they see as problem areas.

As the Director of Environmental Affairs for the United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA), I wish to add the support of our nearly 21,000 members to this document.

One of the UFWDA's main focuses is to maintain OPEN ACCESS for motorized recreation on our American public lands. While in general, we also support the Endangered Species Act, we find that in too many instances there is not substantial scientific data to warrant these listings and the strict limitations created by these listings.

Motorized recreation is of great economic value to all governmental entities - Federal, State, and Local. It is also of great value as a relief from the daily drudgery of life in general. We do not see the values of motorized recreation being sufficiently valued by our land management agencies as supported in the Multiple Use - Sustained Yield Act of 1960.

Given the renewable resources of Motorized Recreation, often supported by volunteer work on individual trails and areas, we feel the opportunity to continue recreating on our public lands should be given much more protection.

Wildlife is often given too little credit for their adaptability. Many species have even adapted to living among urban areas without any significant detriment to their numbers or lifestyle. The need for "buffer areas" is more than a little suspect as to their required need.

Sage Grouse can be found living near human activity with little or no impact. In some instances, it has been my observation they will do this as a "protection" from predators that tend to shy from human activity.

We thank you for your listening to our point of view and look forward to helping with this and other issues.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smith

Director of Environmental Affairs for the United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA)

Director: Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO)