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Desert Research Institute  
Attn: Teresa Wriston  
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Reno, NV 89512

## **LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION**

Dear Ms. Wriston:

On October 7, 2015 we received your completed proposal for coring on the dry lake beds in Warner Lakes. We have completed our review of your proposed plan and are hereby authorizing access to some of the dry lakes (Stone Corral, Campbell, Upper Campbell, Flagstaff and Mugwump) by way of access roads in the attached maps and with the stipulations detailed in this letter. We have determined that the totality of Hart Lake and Crump Lake are outside of BLM jurisdiction and we therefore cannot authorize access to these lakes.

### **General Stipulations**

1. Travel would be limited to frozen or dry soil conditions to minimize potential impacts to soil and avoid other protected resource values.
2. The frequency of trips would be limited to the minimum necessary to complete the required task and would be controlled to prevent the development of new trails on the landscape.

### **Site Specific Stipulations**

1. There are two known Oregon BLM special status plants species in the area: *Sesuvium verrucosum* (verrucose seapurslane) and *Heliotropium curassavicum var. obovatum* (seaside heliotrope). A map is included for the proponent and known sites will be avoided as much as practical for all activities.
2. To prevent the spread of new noxious weeds into the project area and Warner Lakes, all equipment and vehicles shall be washed to remove all dirt and plant matter prior to entering public lands in the study area.
3. If coring sites are located within weed infestations the equipment must be washed prior to moving to the next coring site to prevent the spread of weeds from one site to another.

4. A map of disturbed areas will be provided to the BLM so that BLM can conduct future monitoring for weeds.
5. Many of the proposed areas are in the Warner Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This ACEC is currently closed to off highway vehicle traffic. All vehicle tracks will be hand-raked from lakebed access points for up to 300 feet after leaving the main road. This will reduce the likelihood of other OHV traffic following the Drill Machine tracks.

If you have any questions, you may contact Phil D'Amo, Geologist, at (541) 947-6114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Todd Forbes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. Todd Forbes  
Field Manager

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