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March 20, 2006



RE: Senator Boxer's plan to designate Sequoia National Forest Roadless Areas as more Wilderness

Dear Mr. Hutton:

Thank you for bringing to my attention the current status of Sequoia National Forest Inventoried Roadless Areas. It was interesting to see the Forest Service Roadless Area map 9/2000 recommending none of the Roadless Areas for Wilderness. I am comfortable in supporting the Forest Service's position that none of these areas should be considered as Wilderness.

Rest assured I only support Wilderness meeting the original intent of the 1964 Wilderness Act. I am not in favor of any inappropriate Wilderness designations.

I am supportive of multiple use recreation which is allowed in Roadless Areas. I understand thousands of my constituents enjoy riding their dirt bikes on the semi primitive & primitive trails in the Sequoia Roadless Areas. I would like to ensure that motorized recreation is allowed to continue in those Roadless Areas.

With so many of our public lands having been closed to multiple use recreation it is imperative that we keep the remaining lands open to multiple use, otherwise we risk forcing too many recreationists onto too small a trail system resulting in undesired impacts to the trails.

I recognize the dramatic growth of motorized recreation. The increased demand for OHV recreation is a valid reason to provide OHV recreation opportunities. In addition, agencies need to be looking at ways to expand opportunities to boost OHV tourism & help rural communities offset the loss of resource industry revenues & jobs from the collapse of the California logging industry.

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Thank you for contacting me & thank you for the thousands of hours Stewards of the Sequoia volunteers have spent to keep the Sequoia trails in good condition for all users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Morrow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Senator Bill Morrow
38th Senate District

WPM/tkt

CC: Chris Horgan, Executive Director – Stewards of the Sequoia