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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
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Dear Senator Murkowski:

The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), a national trail-based recreation group, urges you to hold a legislative hearing on S. 414, the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act (CDCRA).

As you know, the Designation of National Monuments by Presidential Proclamation can be a topic of heated controversy. Instead, BRC would prefer to see Congress act on pending legislation. Because of the outreach by Senator Diane Feinstein's staff and other stakeholders, BRC believes this legislation creates a unique opportunity to create a "win-win" proposal that both protects legal OHV recreation and natural resources. BRC believes Congress should act to seize this window of opportunity to protect these important values.

A Monument Designation is not likely to reflect the careful balancing of public land access or OHV recreation tenets that have been produced by the unique collaborative efforts behind S. 414.

Thanks for your review of our request.

Sincerely,

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