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RE: Letter of Support for El Dorado Trails Chipping Program

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The El Dorado County Parks and Trails Division strongly supports the application of the Friends of El Dorado Trail for funding under the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District (EDCAQMD) AB 2766 (DMV Fees) Motor Vehicle Emissions Reduction Grants.

If awarded, grant funds will be used to purchase a chipper. Volunteer organizations, including Friends of the El Dorado Trails and participants in the Adopt a Trail Program, have committed to providing crews to operate the chipper and to help maintain the trails. The County currently outsources with a private vendor to provide brushing and burning services. Chipping would be a better air-quality alternative and the use of volunteers will enable deferred and ongoing maintenance of the trails.

The future of El Dorado County parks and trails requires making use of the abundant talents and energy of volunteers and building coalitions of private businesses and community organizations that have a vested interest in park and trail resources. Through Friends of the El Dorado Trails and the Adopt a Trail Program, this coalition has been formed and is ready to move forward once grant funds are awarded.

Sincerely,

Vickie Sanders
El Dorado County Parks Manager

cc: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
Terri Daly, Chief Administrative Officer
Kim Kerr, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer