



OFF-ROAD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, Inc.

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Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Desert Managers Group Desert Tortoise Recovery Planning and Implementation Work Group

Dear Roy and Becky:

Thank you for subject invitation. I applaud your desire to include representation from the OHV recreation community. As you know, that community has been greatly impacted by the original DTRP, as well as management decisions and lawsuits resulting therefrom. For that reason we are certainly an interested party and legitimate stakeholder.

After discussions with the leaders of the American Motorcyclist Association—District 38, the California Off Road Vehicle Association, the Off-Road Business Association and the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, it was agreed that I would be their nominee to sit on this work group. In addition, John Stewart of the California Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs has indicated that he did not have the time available to participate.

I have attended most DMG and MOG meetings over the last three years, as well as two Desert Tortoise Symposia. The OHV community is vitally interested in the future of the species on at least two levels. One, we genuinely would not like to see the extinction of that or any other species. But we obviously have an ulterior motive: If we can help in the recovery of the species—and/or establish that motorized off-highway recreation is not the threat some think it is—further loss of access to public lands may be prevented.

With those interests in mind, I endorse and support the mission of the DTRPWIG and, if selected, will comply with the duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McGarvie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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