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Dear Mr. Lewis and Staff,

It was an honor for my fellow enthusiasts to meet with you at the close of the March 22nd Town Hall Meeting in San Diego. It was a pleasure for them to speak with you and Congressman Hunter about the importance of the possible U.S.M.C. annexation of Johnson Valley OHV in Southern California and the impact that would have on thousands of users. We appreciate your long-standing support of the U.S. military and off-road recreation, and we want you to know we are strong supporters of you and the military as well.

Johnson Valley OHV has earned world-wide acclaim for its unique terrain and in particular, the system of trails that are available literally nowhere else. The mountainous terrain between Means dry lake bed and the Marine base boundary has become famous for the quality and challenges its trails offer. We wish for General Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps, to understand how truly unique Johnson Valley OHV is. We also wish the Commandant to understand that while we are against the possible annexation of Johnson Valley OHV, we support him and the mission of the U.S. Marine Corps. We simply believe their needs can be equally well met in another location.

It is especially crucial to note that the area closest to their existing boundaries the Marines are looking at annexing is precisely the area in which most of trails we use are located. This is our greatest concern.

Per your request, we have assembled this album of photographs taken within Johnson Valley OHV for your use and enjoyment. You will also find descriptions and the locations from where they were taken. We hope you will enjoy the album and share it with others.

If you are interested in joining us in a ride-along in Johnson Valley, please let me know, we would be more than happy to accommodate.

Thank you Congressman Lewis, your support is appreciated very much.

Sincerely,

Enclosures: photo book, petition