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Dear Mr. Monnig:

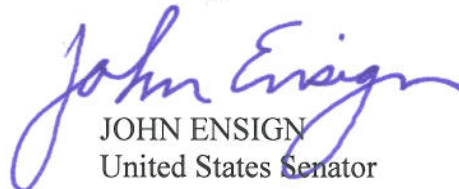
I am writing to you about the United States Forest Service actions regarding 36 CFR Parts 212, 251, 261, and 295, travel management on National Forest System lands.

Providing for the long-term sustainable use of National Forest System lands and resources is important to maintaining and sustaining a high quality of recreational and economic activity that Nevadans enjoy. As you know, miners, sportsmen, ranchers, and recreationists all use off-highway vehicles to access rural parts of Nevada. While I am aware of the concerns that the Forest Service may have about increased vehicle use on Forest Service lands, I am equally concerned about any action the Forest Service may take that would disrupt the way of life that Nevadans, especially in the rural parts of my state, enjoy and need.

I am aware of the demands placed on you to manage Forest Service lands, but I would ask that you continue to work with local stakeholders to ensure that the interests of Nevadans are addressed. Commonly used roads to access recreational or economic interests should remain open to the public. Further, I would ask that you provide me an update on this issue, including any decisions have made to date and a timeline on future planned actions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or my staff. Thank you again for your consideration of this issue. As you know, I have enjoyed our working relationship in the past and look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,


JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senator

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