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VIA FAX

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Dear Jack:

I want to thank you and Mary Wagner for briefing us last month concerning off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and the Forest Service's tentative plans to better address the issue.

State wildlife agencies have a vested interest in balancing reasonable OHV access on designated routes for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-dependent recreation with the need of protecting wildlife species and their habitats from harassment and damage respectively. Real problems of OHV usage in the wrong areas, or at the wrong time, or in the wrong manner already exist, and they are growing. We feel these problems can be remedied but their solution will require national standards coupled with local planning, communications, and enforcement.

The International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and our members commend the Forest Service for addressing this important issue, and we look forward to coordinating with you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

John Baughman
Executive Vice President