



November 6, 2003

(sent via facsimile transmission and U.S. Mail)

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Bureau of Land Management
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Re: Request Processing of Existing RS2477 Assertion on the King Range National Conservation Area

Dear Ms. Roush:

As you know, in the late 1990s the BlueRibbon Coalition and a number of local residents filed RS2477 rights-of-way assertions on approximately 140 miles of travelways in the King Range National Conservation Area. Included in those submissions was a historic Humboldt County map from the mid 1800s that showed a travelway that paralleled the coast from Shelter Cove to the mouth of the Mattole River. To further strengthen our claim that the public had both mechanized and motorized access on this historic route, I have attached photos of the Shelter Cove to Mattole River Road near Big Flat, Hadley Creek, and of an asphalt section on Black Sands Beach near Shelter Cove.

Your response at that time was to basically place our assertion in a state of limbo based on agency policy (e.g. Babbitt Memo, etc.) and the ongoing congressional debate on said subject. However, the Department of Interior has since revised its RS2477 policy regarding the processing of such claims and has, in fact, further resolved the issue in a recent settlement agreement with the State of Utah. Congress has also addressed this topic.

Because of the aforementioned changes regarding RS2477, I am requesting that you process our existing claims on the King Range National Conservation Area. This should be done in a timely manner, since I plan to exercise our rights to access historic travelways on an upcoming dual-sport ride on the coastal route from Shelter Cove to the Mattole River. Also, this assertion and the issue of existing roads and access must be significantly addressed in your current "King Range" visioning process.

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I look forward to a prompt response from your office.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

- 1) Roadbed at Big Flat
- 2) Roadbed at Hadley Creek
- 3) Asphalt roadbed at Black Sands Beach