

Lake Mead National Recreation Area

Letter Template for Illegal Roads SNPLMA Round 20 Support

Instructions for use:

EMAIL: Copy and paste this letter into your email and send to snplma@blm.gov

MAIL: Copy and paste this letter into your favorite word processor (e.g. Word or Google Docs), print, sign, and mail to: **SNPLMA Executive Committee Chair, BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.**

Dear SNPLMA Executive Committee,

I am writing to strongly encourage you to fund the Conservation Initiative project Managing Illegal Roads to Protect Recreation, Safety, and Resources: Phase 1, submitted by the National Park Service Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

USER INPUT: *Briefly introduce yourself and your recreational or conservation interest at Lake Mead.*

As a passionate advocate for public lands and a frequent visitor to Lake Mead, I understand the delicate balance between recreation and the preservation of safety and natural and cultural resources. The proposal put forth by Lake Mead offers a thoughtful and inclusive approach to addressing these concerns in two key areas of the park (Government Wash and Overton Arm), which includes active public engagement. I believe in the importance of this project and its potential to enhance the park experience for all visitors.

Natural and cultural resources can be destroyed instantly when someone decides to ride off approved roads, yet salvaging those resources takes significant time and money. It also takes considerable time and money to meet recreational needs (like adding new roads, extending existing roads, or developing backcountry camping areas accessible to vehicles) to adequately address why people went off an approved road in the first place.

We all know parks and public lands are underfunded and understaffed, and you have the opportunity to directly address this problem in a park that is being hit hard. This SNPLMA funding is a critical resource to help address illegal roads at Lake Mead (and other public lands by extension through their proposed educational programs) AND help meet a recreational need in the community. Please don't leave this park behind.

YOUR NAME/SIGNATURE HERE

