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CA 18073

Kevin O'Conner  
State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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Re: Recreation and Public Purpose Lease Renewal (CA 18073) 5-year lease renewal.

Dear Mr. O'Conner:

I am the current President of the Mountain Valley Bowhunters with whom a lease is established near Lake Isabella, Ca. This letter pertains to the improvements made since the last lease was issued and our goals for the next 5 years.

The Archery Club members have:

- Maintained a National Field Archery Range of 28 targets as well as a National Field Archery 3-D Animal Range of 28 targets. We have a 4-star rating with the National Field Archery Association.
- Maintained semi-monthly access to the public through our Achievement Shoot (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday) and our Open Shoot (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday), additionally we provide access to the public during our two annual invitational shoots (first weekend in April and last weekend in October) and our 3D Unmarked shoot (in February).
- Maintained defensible fire spaces at the clubhouse and outlying structures.
- Cut and cleared dead timber as needed and remove dry brush at the campground areas.
- Cleared Fire Safety roads around the range. Maintained defensible fire space at clubhouse and outlying structures.
- Replaced the roof on the garage and clubhouse.
- Improved the Kitchen counters and extended the registration desk to accommodate the increase in shooters.
- We continue to offer lessons on how to safely shoot a bow through our bow clinics.
- Continue to replace target bales with new compressed straw and some with carpet bales.
- Added back drops on our targets for safety.
- Replaced and painted all target yardage markers.
- Built two new refreshment stands.
- Replaced trees that have been downed with trees native to the Lake Isabella area.
- Put trees (native to Lake Isabella) along the practice area to maintain the beauty of the area.
- Put in a drip water system with existing water to maintain the new trees and replaced the water tank with a larger one to accommodate the extra use.
- Piped water to one of our food booths for easier clean up and for use during shoots.
- Piped water to the camp areas for Archery participants to have access to fresh water.
- Installed electrical outlets to add better control for turning off lights to playground and practice areas.
- Maintained range roads to prevent weather related corrosion.

- Purchased box cars that provide more covered storage for 3-D animal targets to provide a safe work place for the range coordinator to repair and maintain targets for shoots.
- Improve 3-D target range with easily identifiable target steaks for future State Broadhead Shoots and club broadhead shoots.
- Added a fire Hydrant for BLM/Search and Rescue to help them save the land in the event of a fire.
- Improved the stairs to the shooting area and made more stable and larger shooting areas.
- Replaced signage at gate and clubhouse to aid emergency service response
- Installed steps and safety handrail at the entrance to clubhouse
- Replace wooden bow racks with metal racks.
- Improve road and access to 3-D animal range.
- Installed two regulation Horseshoe Pits.
- Improve drainage and road condition at entrance to range.
- Paint and maintain structures in accordance with 2912-CA-18073 Appendix B #3.

#### Our 5-year Improvement Plan

- Improve box car target storage area by putting a man door on it and improving the fluorescent lighting and improve the shelf area.
- Improve the 3D Range adding a food booth and expanding our layout to include 60 targets for tournaments.
- Maintain the roads using the Loader to remove the ruts from weather and prepare area for BLM if necessary.
- Extend the registration desk to include a raffle counter.
- Repair the floor in clubhouse to remove small holes and repaint.
- Add security cameras and lights to ensure range is free of vandalizing.
- Clear the empty trailers from our former caretaker. Prepare the area for our future caretaker.
- Install a power meter for the future caretaker to have own power source.
- Replace the straw bales with carpet bales and move the good straw bales onto the 3D range to start preparing for expansion.
- Put water to the food booths closes to the source of water.

Please add this to our lease renewal appendices for 2016.

Sincerely,

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