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Ms. Christina Leach
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Dear Ms. Leach:

The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) would like the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval to establish a pooled-fund study using 100 percent SP&R Funding for solicitation #1438 - Wildlife Vehicle Collision (WVC) Reduction and Habitat Connectivity.

We estimate five to ten state DOTs and land management agencies, including Canadian provinces, will participate in this project with NDOT serving as the lead agency. We anticipate most of the DOTs would use SP&R funding, while some may use funds from their state budgets. This is a new study, rather than a successor to a closed project.

Your approval to establish this pooled-fund study at 100 percent SP&R funding, while waiving the non-Federal funds match requirement, would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (775)-888-7220 or via email at kchambers@dot.state.nv.us for any further information.

Sincerely,

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