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To Whom It May Concern,

The Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC) is in strong support of the Trails Access Project. We have a short trail system located at our Corn Creek Visitor Center for the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. These trails are located just minutes away from the Las Vegas urban core, home to over two million residents and a vacation spot for over 42 million visitors per year.

The Trail Access Project would inventory these trails for accessibility and provide needed information to potential visitors. This information will allow persons with disabilities to decide if the trails are suitable for them based on their comfort level and abilities. Furthermore, the added signage at the trailhead would provide needed information before users start on our trails, assisting them in making safe choices. This is critical for an enjoyable and meaningful visit to public lands. This project would help visitors of all abilities tremendously.

In addition, we know of no issue that would prevent this project from occurring on our trails. Project work will not facilitate motorized activities on non-motorized trails, and we agree to any responsibilities assigned to us for this project and to maintain project feature's for 25 years. The assessment work and installation of signage are already covered through existing management documents for the trails and will not require additional NEPA or NHPA.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Heroux
Chief of Visitor Services
Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex