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May 24, 2017

Ryan Zinke, Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

As the Supervisor representing the 2nd District of San Diego County, I am writing to request that you take immediate action to prohibit shooting on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) property located in and around Donohoe Mountain, near the community of Dulzura. This issue has taken on even greater urgency following a major wildfire this past weekend.

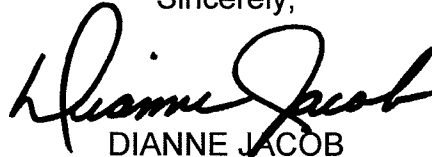
As you may be aware, San Diego County is home to a year-round wildfire threat. Over the past several years I have held multiple meetings with concerned Dulzura residents, BLM officials, and representatives from fire and law enforcement regarding the fire danger associated with shooting on this specific area of BLM land near Donohoe Mountain. I have also sent multiple letters, to no avail, to BLM Field Managers and the California BLM State Director requesting that shooting be prohibited in this area.

The Gate Fire, which erupted last Saturday, broke out on this specific section of BLM land due to shooting. Although the fire has been contained, it burned over 2,000 acres, caused evacuations of nearby residents, and required a comprehensive and exhaustive response by fire officials and first responders to fight the fire and keep the public safe.

Due to the continuing public safety issues and the recent major fire event, it is my hope that you will take immediate action to do what is necessary to prohibit shooting in this specific area.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention. If I can be of further assistance or you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (619) 531-5522 or via e-mail at dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Jacob". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D".

DIANNE JACOB
Chairwoman

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Cc: Congressman Juan Vargas, 51st District
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