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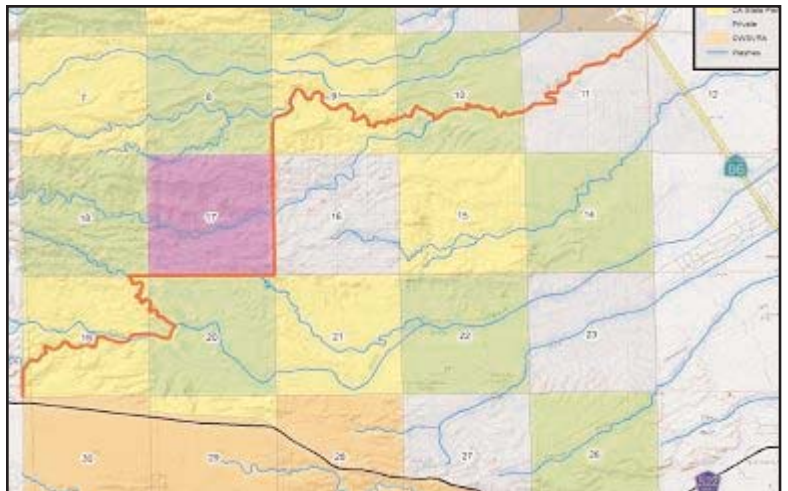
OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

A Portion of the Freeman Property Added to the Ocotillo Wells SVRA

The Freeman property (also known as Truckhaven/Desert Cahuilla) was acquired by California State Parks in 2006. Senator Denise Ducheny and Senator Dennis Hollingsworth recently convened a group of stakeholders to establish a plan for dividing the Freeman Property between Anza Borrego Desert State Park and Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA).

Following the stakeholder group meetings, the plan was finalized under Senate Bill 855. This legislation specifies that the northwestern portion of the property be annexed to Anza Borrego Desert State Park and the southeastern portion of the property be annexed to Ocotillo Wells SVRA. The map on the right depicts the annexations. The Ocotillo Wells SVRA addition, now called "Ocotillo Wells North" for general planning purposes only, will be included in the General Plan and EIR project that is underway.

Outreach activities in early 2011 will provide opportunities for the public and stakeholders to help identify planning issues and opportunities for Ocotillo Wells North as part of the General Plan process. Sign up to be notified of upcoming public participation activities. Go to www.planocotillowells.org for more information on the General Plan and EIR process.



For a more detailed and larger map please see:
http://planocotillowells.com/documents/OW_SVRA_Annexation_Map.pdf

CORVA Applauds the Initiative and Intent of Congressman Herger

Congressman Herger, who introduced a bill in the newly convened 112th Session Of Congress questioning the scope of Subpart B of Travel Management and delaying its implementation in California's National Forests. CORVA has been closely involved with the Forest Service Travel Management process in California since its inception and has seen first hand the inadequacies of the analysis. The implementation of Travel Management gives little consideration to local Forest access for purposes of recreation, hunting, wood gathering and parking. The Forest Service has incorrectly attributed 'highway' status to roughly graded forested roads, virtually eliminating all green-sticker use on these roads, an approach that has been particularly troublesome.

Congratulations to Congressman Herger for recognizing the harm that these plans will cause his constituents upon implementation and for making the Forest Service aware, in no uncertain terms, that they must take a step back and reevaluate these documents. CORVA also suggests a reevaluation of the criteria used to designate roads and trails and the omission of thousands of miles of roads and trails from analysis. The Travel Management process, originally well intentioned, has been fraught with missteps and unintended consequences. This bill starts the much-needed process of questioning and reevaluating Travel Management Subpart B. CORVA asks all it's members to support this bill and share CORVA's analysis, as written above, and please ask your representatives for their support as well.

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WHAT IS CORVA?

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

As winter rages on across the nation, we are waiting to see how the California OHV budget will be affected by Governor Brown's recent proposed budget plan. After a preliminary review it appears there is no specific line item that grabs the OHV trust fund to balance any other portion of the budget. However, we are very concerned because it has happened before and the trust fund has never received reimbursement. All budgets are hurting, but if the OHV trust fund is depleted again, the results could be devastating.

There are also concerns for the State Parks OHV Division Deputy Director Daphne Greene and Chief Phil Jenkins. The Division is self-funded through the DMV Green Sticker and SVRA park entry fees. These fees have allowed the State SVRA and public land areas to maintain minimally adequate funding with focus on all aspects of motorized access with an eye on environmental and safety concerns while promoting responsible and positive off-road experiences. They are also responsible for awarding grant money to various organizations for trail maintenance and restoration, law enforcement and education. It is this grant money along with the entire SVRA program that may be in jeopardy. Hopefully, the Governor along with the legislators will see the positive results of the Division performance and retain the current Division staff and programs.


How can you promote the positive aspects for more OHV access, meet with fellow off-roaders and enjoy a wonderful time in Sacramento? By attending the OHV advocates meeting that we call "Lobby Day" of course! CORVA along with multiple OHV groups will co-sponsor the annual gathering in Sacramento with a tentative date of April 10-11, 2011. If you had the opportunity to attend in the past, especially last year, you understand what a great event this has become. But if you have never attended a Lobby Day before, make it a priority this year. The event begins with a training meeting on Sunday afternoon where you will learn some basic OHV Lobby Day history, receive instruction on how to verbalize our priorities while visiting the legislative offices, and will finish with a question and answer period. Sunday night is open so you may explore downtown Old Sacramento for a great meal with your family and OHV friends. Early Monday morning, the program begins with presentations by various invited guests. For example, last year we heard presentations from gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner, Meg Whitman's policy director Richard Costigan, Assemblyman Joel Anderson, Assemblywoman Jean Fuller plus the California Director of State Parks Ruth Coleman, as well as Daphne Greene and Phil Jenkins. This year's list of speakers is still in the works, but will be equally exciting and full of empowering information for us all.

After the presentations, attendees visit the Capitol to distribute folders and materials provided by CLORV to the various legislative offices, and meet face-to-face with the elected officials and their staff. (This is called "walking the halls.") So while you expand your education on OHV issues, you share a common bond with other attendees from various OHV groups and put a positive face forward for the legislators. You are encouraged to meet directly with your own legislators during the afternoon plus there are many newly elected officials who need to meet their constituents. Finally, you will attend an awards ceremony and reception Monday night to finalize the events of the day. (The event finishes early enough so you can catch that late flight home, so you only need to take Monday off from work!)


Please, decide that this year you will make a positive difference to keep our OHV areas open. Plan now to attend Lobby Day. Sign-up information will be available on the CORVA and CLORV web sites during February, and look for more information in the next newsletter. The sooner you make your reservations, the better. I hope to see you this year in Sacramento and don't forget to bring your kids. Education about our state government and maintaining access to our public land is, and should always be, a family affair!

See you on the trail
(or the Capitol)





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Poker Run starts 10:00 a.m. Cutoff starting course 2:00 p.m.
Games at check points on Poker Run
Dog Show 4:00 p.m.
Dinner 5:30 p.m.



Awards, Raffle and CampFire following dinner



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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

[Salazar, Abbey Issue BLM Order to Establish Potential Wilderness](#)

Key point: Designation of “wild lands” will be done based input of the public and local communities. It is up to us to see that the BLM makes good on this promise.

Secretarial Order 3310 directs the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), based on the input of the public and local communities through its existing land management planning process, to designate appropriate areas with wilderness characteristics under its jurisdiction as "Wild Lands" and to manage them to protect their wilderness values.

"The new Wild Lands policy affirms the BLM's authorities under the law - and our responsibility to the American people - to protect the wilderness characteristics of the lands we oversee as part of our multiple use mission," said BLM Director Bob Abbey.

Abbey said that Secretarial Order 3310 fills an important land management need for the public and the agency. "Wild Lands," which will be designated through a public process, will be managed to protect wilderness characteristics unless or until such time as a new public planning process modifies the designation.

The Secretarial Order does not change the management of existing Wilderness Study Areas pending before Congress or congressionally designated units of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The BLM may also still develop recommendations, with public involvement, regarding possible Congressional designation of lands into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

[112th Congress Opens with Introduction of Wilderness Bills](#)

Following on the heels of the swearing in of the 112th Congress on January 5, a new piece of California wilderness legislation was introduced, and a familiar wilderness bill was reintroduced.

The first wilderness bill introduced was the “Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act” by Representative David Dreier (Republican of Rancho Cucamonga). It will enlarge the Cucamonga and Sheep Mountain Wilderness Areas in the San Gabriel Mountains by about 18,000 acres. This bill is relatively new and we have not had a chance to fully analyze this proposal for impacts to access.

Representative Darrell Issa (Republican of Vista) reintroduced the “Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act,” which will add over 7,000 acres to the Agua Tibia Wilderness and 13,635 acres to the Beauty Mountain Wilderness. Both are in northern San Diego County. This bill will not affect existing OHV areas such as Wildomar or Corral Canyon.

You can contact Representative Issa by emailing him from his website or by calling 202-225-3906. Please briefly share how wilderness designation affects your interests.

You can contact Representative Dreier, who introduced the “Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests Protection Act” by emailing him from his website or by calling 202-225-2305. Please briefly share your concerns.

[Omnibus Public Lands Bill Withdrawn by Senator Reid](#)

The Omnibus Public Lands bill was withdrawn during the “lame duck” session of Congress by Senator Reid. The bill was a collection of more than 70 measures and more than 1,000 pages. Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) was one of several senators who protested the legislation, saying it was too sweeping to consider prior to the end of the current session. In addition, key representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives, such as House Natural Resources Chairman-elect Doc Hastings (R-Wash.), voiced opposition to the measure.

“We need to protect public land for future generations, not from future generations, and that includes responsible OHV recreation access,” Moreland said. “In addition, legislation deserves a full and public debate on its merits, and parliamentary tricks and sleight-of-hand, such as what we saw in 2009 and what we’ve experienced here, do not allow that.”

[The Obama Administration's Great Outdoors Initiative](#)

As many of you have heard, President Obama convened the White House Conference on the Great Outdoors (AGO) in April. The deadline for the final AGO report was November 15th. It may be late January or even February before the AGO recommendations are finally released to the public.

[Oceano Dunes Update](#)

State Parks is independently installing five 30-foot towers to measure wind at the Oceano Dunes, a move that activists fighting air pollution there call an end run around the county's air pollution study.

"They don't like the results" of the study conducted and vetted at public hearings by the county's Air Pollution Control District, said Katrina Dolinsky, who, with neighbors on the Nipomo Mesa, has been fighting to improve air quality.

Ronnie Glick, an environmental scientist with State Parks, says it is "ludicrous" to characterize its studies as an attempt to undermine the county's work. He calls them a supplement to the county, necessary because there is "an incomplete understanding" of wind patterns.

The county study concluded that off-road vehicles contribute to particulate matter blowing on to the Nipomo Mesa, creating a health hazard. Off-roading activists, as well as State Parks, have questioned the thoroughness of the study, even as those who conducted it defend it as being scientifically accurate and peer-reviewed.

Off-roaders fear the county study will be used ultimately to curtail or even eliminate their activities at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area. South County business leaders fear the loss of a multimillion-dollar activity, while those who oppose off-roading say a more environmentally friendly activity might still bring in money.

Aeron Arlin-Genet, Air Pollution Control District outreach supervisor, said the district did not recommend another study. "We don't want to have any second-guessing going on," she said.

Dolinsky has appealed the planners' approval, so the matter will go to the Board of Supervisors and, if necessary, to the California Coastal Commission.

The Santa Lucia chapter of the Sierra Club also is protesting the towers.

[Travel Management Update](#)

1. The Stanislaus National Forest has been sued by environmental organizations over their Travel Management Plan. In spite of closing over 80% of motorized trails, the lawsuit challenges a decision by the Forest Service federal to "expand the motor vehicle system in the Stanislaus National Forest at the expense of irreversible damage to public natural resources and without adequate public disclosure". The Plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief from the decision, stating that it "violates federal executive orders and environmental laws and regulations by failing to fully disclose to the public or to minimize environmental damage to the forest, including impacts to wildlife, wildlife habitat, soils, vegetation, watersheds, and other protected areas."

A coalition of pro-access organizations, including CORVA, has filed in federal court as an intervener in this case.

2. Sequoia National Forest - The Piute area planning process has wrapped up following a series of stakeholder meetings held in Kernville. Pro-access interests favored keeping as many trails open as possible and this group has developed an alternative very close to the route inventory. Route analysis continues and we expect to see a draft environmental impact statement that will outline the Piute Plan soon.

3. Tahoe National Forest - Motorized Travel Management Appeal - To our disappointment, a number of pro-access appeals of the decision, have been filed. The Forest refused to give ground at the appeal resolution meeting. The final disposition is due on January 22nd. We expect all appeals to be denied as has occurred on all other Travel Management Plants to date.

4. Plumas National Forest - Appeals of the Travel Management decision were filed on December 27th by Sierra Access Coalition and CORVA. The decision calls for large scale closures of roads and trails. The counties have also filed appeals based on failure of the Forest to coordinate with local agencies. Pro access groups requested specific remedies. It is now up to Plumas NF to respond.

Forest Service Planning Regulations Due for Completion

The U.S. Forest Service is continuing the process of revising their regulations that govern how the agency prepares Forest Plans. Known as the "Planning Rule," these regulations will be the driving force behind how the agency prepares Land Use Plans.

Using input, they will finalize the proposed rule and draft environmental impact statement with the intent of publishing the proposed rule and DEIS in December 2010. This final rule has not yet been announced.

Clear Creek Management Area Decision to be Announced in May-June 2011.

The future of Clear Creek is seen by all as a precedent-setting national issue that will have repercussions for the future of OHV recreation for years to come. The preferred alternative identified by BLM was disappointing because it excluded motorcycles from the CCMA and allowed only limited access to the area based on claims of health hazard due to asbestos. The latest information we've received indicates that:

- Energy-related proposals in the Mojave are taking priority in Washington
- BLM has submitted proposal similar to alternative E in draft RMP with additional routes which are not yet defined. A draft of final resource management plan is not publicly available.
- There will be no dry season closures.
- No off road vehicles (dirt bikes) are to be allowed in CCMA.

Once the Record of Decision has been announced, objections may be filed. CORVA plans to join with other interested groups in filing objections.

A copy of the Clear Creek draft EIS/RMP can be downloaded at:
http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html

CORVA Report from Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Meetings

Many of you have heard about the intense competition between various interests to reserve parts of the California desert for renewable energy development and protection of endangered species. Some of these areas are "limited use" BLM lands that have long been open for public access via motorized routes of travel. CORVA has been involved in discussion related to the future use of California's desert public lands and has spoken out to help keep our areas open.

CORVA recently received information that the Center for Biological Diversity threatened to stop a major solar project if 150 square miles of land was not purchased for mitigation. Although this would be private land, many areas of the desert are a checkerboard of public and private land crossed by routes used by the public. Mitigation land is usually transferred to a conservation organization for management and fenced off blocking traditional access routes.

CORVA representatives will be meeting with industry leaders to discuss the various issues affecting public access to these lands.

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Educational News

VP-Education, Ed Waldheim

Education has all different forms and can be interpreted in many ways. It could be you listening to your teacher when you went to school, it can be self taught by reading books, and the list goes on and on.

Over all these years, I have found that meeting people and working with the agencies has probably been the best form of education that we as off roaders, fighters of access to our public lands, can do by educating everyone you meet.

When I think of the hundreds of meetings that I attend or run during the year and since 1978, I can not help but wonder how many incredible managers, legislators we have had the privilege to be associated with.

In the last newsletter you read the article by Gerry Hillier, here you have a friend who has been around longer than any of us (not as long as Bob Ham, but a long time). The fact that he has taken the time to write an article for us speaks volumes for the character of this incredible public servant as BLM district manager when I first came on the scene with the California Desert Conservation plan

For years I have been leading meetings with the National Forest leadership, that is forest Supervisors, District rangers in 6 national forests in the southern part of California and the BLM. The relationships that we have developed over these years have been nothing but incredible and rewarding.



Chris Horgan , Ed Waldheim, Tina Terrell and Judy Hyatt

My other first encounter besides Gerry Hillier was with Mike Rogers, then forest supervisor for the Angeles National Forest, he encouraged us to have leadership meetings, which to this day is still being done. He encourage us to have "Action Logs" which to this say we still have and follow, he asked CTUC (California Trails Users Coalition) to adopt the North Fork Fire Station in the Angeles National Forest. We did. Now almost 15 years later, we are still there with our volunteer Todd and providing services and access to motorcycles, equestrians, hikers in an area that is 30 minutes from Sunland and Acton. Without our relationship with Mike this never would have happened, and to this day we still stay in contact.

Gloria Brown, from Los Padres National Forest, is another forest supervisor who encourages us to get our CTUC maps going and make it so that we have a good tool for our visitors, Gloria retired to Oregon and we still stay in contact with her.

Tina Terrell, now here is a grand Forest Supervisor from Cleveland and Sequoia National Forest. Yesterday, Jan 11, 2011 we had our leadership meeting in Kernville, CA where she informed us that it would be her last meeting. She is moving to Colorado to work for the Washington D.C. office of the Forest Service. Chris Horgan from Steward of the Sequoia a division of CTUC put it best when we presented Tina with a certificate from Supervisor Jon McQuiston's office by Judy Hyatt. I then presented her a plaque from CTUC and Chris a mug with Sequoia Forest on it. But what is the most remarkable of all, in 4 years, Tina was able to reduce our action log by 1/2 with the biggest achievement in getting a Cost Share Agreement signed for Steward of the Sequoia. Getting NEPA work on replacement for restrooms that we have been working on since 2006, and the list goes on.

Why do I bring this up? Every one of you can have a story of education, creating relationships with the managers of our public lands, lands that you and I recreate on. I can go on and on with all the names of managers, district rangers, Forest Supervisors, that I have meet and still today work with on a daily basis. So the issues here are, everyone can do that. Everyone should take the time to get to know those that have the authority and responsibility to manage our public lands. It is our job to help them, make their job easier. That is what you all can do, as individuals, as organizations, whatever way you want.

So if you have a story, please let me know and send it to me. Make a promise to yourself to become more involved with the people that manage your recreational areas this year. Ed edwaldheim@aol.com

Freedom*

by Amy Granat

***It's not just another word for nothing left to lose. (apologies to Kris Kristofferson)**

Americans cherish our freedoms and have always reveled in the opportunities our country guarantees it's citizens. We have designed our government around the following words written in the Declaration of Independence; "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."



These beautiful and poetic words were written by men striving and hoping for freedoms they had yet to experience and could only imagine. But after a life lived under an unfair system of government, these men decided to define this new country by the highest of principles, making sure these words would stand the test of time, and remain a guideline for future generations.

As a child I remember wondering out loud (while I had to memorize this passage for class), "why is 'the pursuit of Happiness' included in the sentence?" because it seemed less important than the lofty ideals of Life and Liberty. At the time I was told these words were included in the Declaration because the authors understood that Americans could not, and should not live without Happiness. They wanted to ensure that future generations understood the "pursuit of Happiness" is vital to our very existence.

These words in the Declaration of Independence have served as a beacon for many years, but the true meaning of the words has become distorted over time, shaped to the whims and wants of others. The definition of "pursuit of Happiness" has become rewritten by the courts, and redefined by groups who try to limit the manner in which we seek enjoyment in this country. All those that enjoy and/or depend on motorized access have felt the sting of limitations placed on our sport, the inability to access areas previously open, the constant vigilance required to keep these opportunities viable and the pursuit of Happiness available to all Americans very real. Traditional sports such as hunting and hounding have become vilified, and rural communities suffer from limitations placed on recreation, tourism and industry.

Concepts that have no real definition or purpose, such as 'quiet recreation' are suddenly getting recognition in the courts, and are being interpreted as preferable, at the very real expense of thousands of Americans who enjoy other forms of recreation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident..." should be words of freedom, not words of limitation. These words hold a power we have yet to use to it's fullest, but have no choice but to employ in our efforts to return to our 'roots'. By looking back, we can gain the power to move forward and remind our fellow Americans of the strength in these concepts, and the guarantees granted us as citizens of this country.

We will have to return these concepts to the forefront of our political scene, understanding that none of us alone has the power to turn back the hands of time, and recognizing that our differing viewpoints are actually a strength. As Americans who cherish our history, we can take lessons from our forefathers to move forward as one, secure in the knowledge that we are fulfilling the very goals set before us by the founders of our country to ensure the equal "pursuit of Happiness" to all Americans.

Too often we have been hampered in our efforts by not seeking the advice and knowledge of others, or forging ahead without a shared vision. Working together towards a common goal is often not easy, and can be fraught with uncertainty and misunderstanding. Sometimes we create exclusivity among our ranks, pushing away others who may not outwardly appear the same, not recognizing we all strive for the same "pursuit of Happiness". There are many roads to success and individuals often choose different avenues, while still working towards common goals. In the end, however, by remaining true to our ideals, we will meet as equals to celebrate in each others success.

"...With certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." These are precious words, words to honor, and words that we fight to protect. They represent our history as Americans, and our future as we continue to fight for our right to pursue our "Happiness". When one right is taken away, all our rights are threatened. At the present time, we may feel like a small segment of the population trying to defend the right to enjoy our forests and our deserts, but we can join together, with others of like mind, in reminding our politicians of our shared history and turning our country back to the ideals upon which it was founded. We have proven again and again throughout our history that our American values, those freedoms we cherish, are worth fighting to keep. Our current battle is no different, and it continues in our proud American tradition, fighting for Freedom, fighting for our right to recreate as we choose.

Help Support the CORVA's Legal Defense Budget. Attend CORVA's TruckHaven Challenge or Family Fun Run and purchase your tickets to win a Honda Dirt Bike (CRF70). Tickets are \$1.00, winner must be 18 years or older but does not need to be present to win. Drawing for prize winner will be held at the Family Fun Run in March 2011. Don't miss this great opportunity to support CORVA and get a neat little dirt bike complete with cool CORVA graphics!



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