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OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

Johnson Valley OHV Area

The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) located in Twentynine Palms, CA has submitted a withdrawal application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to essentially put a hold on 422,000 acres while it studies those areas for possible acquisition into the base. The Marine Corps announced last year that the Secretary of Defense authorized a study that could lead to land acquisition near the base. The public acreage in the study area borders the base on its eastern, southern and western areas. Base officials say the withdrawal request gives the Marine Corps the opportunity to carefully study these areas as alternatives for meeting training requirements.

A large portion of the Johnson Valley OHV area is being considered. Johnson Valley OHV area is approximately 189,000 acres and is located in the high desert of California, just east of Los Angeles. The area is a Mecca for off-road recreation and is home to many events including off-road racing and competitive rock crawling.



For the past six months the OHV community has been aware that the Marines are studying this area for possible expansion. As a result, a small working group of OHV leaders has been working with the Marines to help them understand just how important this area is to the Southern California OHV community. It is the largest open OHV area in the country, and home to a myriad of competition events such as motorcycle races, 2- and 4-wheel drive off-road races and extreme rock crawling events. Jerry Grabow, President of the American Motorcyclist Association District 37, Off-Road, stated "Over half of our race program occurs on land within the Johnson Valley OHV Area. We have been racing in this area for over 50 years; there is simply not another open area large enough to hold these types of races."

The withdrawal application the Marines submitted requires that the BLM prepare a "Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting." When this notice is published in the Federal Register it starts a 90-day public comment period and segregates the public land identified in the application for two years. Uses that are currently allowed in the area will continue, but no new uses or projects will be permitted. "We are hopeful that another solution or compromise can be found that fulfills the training needs of the Marines while still allowing OHV recreation to continue in this area treasured by so many off-road enthusiasts," stated Meg Grossglass, ORBA Land Use staff member.

The Partnership For Johnson Valley is seeking to keep an approved off-road riding area bordering the base from being annexed for military use. The partnership has met with base officials to inform the leadership about public land use and encourage the government to look to the east of the base for its expansion plans, not into Johnson Valley. In a fact sheet published last year, the Marine Corps said it conducted a lengthy, nationwide search for additional training areas in Virginia, North Carolina, the Southeast and the Southwest, concluding only the Twentynine Palms facility met its requirements.

Brig. Gen. C.M. Gurganus, commander of the combat center, wrote in a letter to the community on Monday, August 18th that the proposed land acquisition has a single purpose: To train Marines as they fight.

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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, trials 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

JOHNSON VALLEY EXPANSION OFFICIAL

Of all the issues at hand concerning our available opportunity for off road use, the prospect of the closing of Johnson Valley requires our immediate attention. As you have learned from reading your CORVA newsletter, the Off-Roaders In Action (ORIA), our Military has just officially asked for Johnson Valley to be suspended from any new permits and will follow Course of Action Plan #3. The good news is that Plan 3 will include the evaluation of those lands to the north and east of the existing base, not just Johnson Valley. That is a total of 422,000 acres. If the Military does choose the open sections of Johnson Valley, OHV use will be prohibited from over 150,000 acres of current public lands that are now used by recreational off-roaders that include AMA District 37 Desert Racers, Off Road Truck Racing and numerous other hobbies. Additionally, the Rock Crawlers will lose ALL of the unique rock climbing "Hammers" and the desert racers will loose their established racecourses.

We the public will lose the largest open OHV recreation area in the country. However, this is insignificant compared to the loss to the multi billion dollar movie industry as this is the only place in the country they can still get a 360 degree panoramic view for film making. There will be losses to local communities from the supporting infrastructure of the film industry, which will cost even more jobs to our State in an already hurting economy.

Interestingly, California is also now in a huge push to be pro-active with renewable energy sources and has encouraged the planning and building of 90 wind generating plants all over our state including, yes, Johnson Valley. The Fry Mountain project will place 30 or more wind-generators on land that OHV currently use. The Power Company has assured the OHV leaders that off road use will continue in this area but land will be lost to the various transfer stations and new roads. We will forever have to look at those windmills.

On top of these issues, OHV advocates expect more controversy over the Wilderness Bills. CORVA expects we will be barraged in the next year, as more and more we must struggle against those who want to limit our recreational opportunities.

What does this mean to you? Where will we go after the areas are closed? The burden on an already over crowded State Park system will be overwhelming. The recent closure of the large Clear Creek Management Area on BLM land was very disappointing. If this is an area you have used, where do you go now for your OHV recreation? What can CORVA members do?

First, READ YOUR ORIA. The better informed you are, the easier you can inform others. Our web site is constantly updated so you can check on current status for hot issues. It has been said before, but please, write to your Congressperson, State Senators and Assembly members. A quick letter does make a difference and helps to educate them as well. Help us spread this information by volunteering your time at our shows and events.

Secondly, when you have finished reading your ORIA please pass it on to a non-member and encourage them to join CORVA. You can even fill out a FREE 90-Day membership for your non-involved friends so we can educate them and get them helping. Don't forget about your own membership - every membership is important and so are those donations. Every dollar counts.

Remember that CORVA is and always has been staffed by all volunteers. We don't have expensive offices or paid staff. We are truly the grassroots of the OHV community in California. In order to represent our members and defend our OHV rights we need financial support. Our excellent attorneys and lobbyists are worth our investment, but we need to be ready with available funds when necessary.

There are many issues – in all areas throughout California. If you love the off roading experience and want to keep the opportunities available, we need your help. Won't you please get involved?

I look forward to meeting you all at the Southern Jamboree in California City.

See you on the trail,

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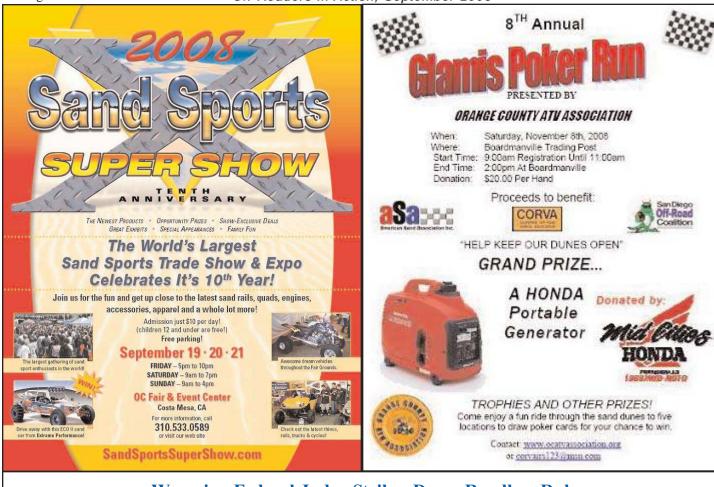
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The events are now taking shape for the annual Southern Jamboree. We hope you have our event on your calendar now. We can't promise you great weather but we have put in a request. We will do our best and promise you and your family a great time at the events / games we currently have planned.

If your in the northern half of the state, please see page 13 and mark your calendar now for the annual Northern Jamboree on October 25-26th at Frank Raines OHV park.



Wyoming Federal Judge Strikes Down Roadless Rule

A federal judge in Wyoming on August 12 struck down the so-called Roadless Rule instituted by the Clinton administration in 2001 that bans road construction on some 60 million acres of national forest nationwide.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer said the rule violated the federal National Environmental Policy Act and the Wilderness Act because in some instances it created defacto Wilderness areas that ban most activities, including off-road recreational riding. The judge said only Congress has the power to create Wilderness.

This is just the latest salvo in a continuing battle among various interests who want to participate in, or ban, certain activities from the 60 million acres of national forest. A U.S. district judge in California earlier reaffirmed the Roadless Rule, which means that for the issue to be fully resolved it ultimately will need to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court.

While roadless areas are called road less, they, in fact, contain miles and miles of motorized trails. Federal officials over the years have repeatedly stated that motorized recreation is allowed in roadless areas. The rule is designed to stop logging and mining on the acreage.





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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

There is so much going on with the land use it is simply difficult to know where to begin, but let's step back and look at the big picture. There are major trends evolving that are going to have a huge impact on OHV recreation. I think most of you are aware of these trends, but if not I've tried to summarize them here.

- 1. Renewable Energy The increase in oil prices is driving a boom in opportunities to develop wind and solar resources as an alternative energy source. The basic difficulty with solar power, and also to some extent wind energy, is that the energy is extremely low per square unit of surface area. This means that huge tracts of land must be developed to acquire enough energy to make a solar project viable. Much of the available land for renewable energy is public land, and because designated areas such as wilderness, ACEC's, and SMA's are off limits, OHV recreational land represents much of what is potentially available for development. There have been 125 applications covering 1 million acres of BLM land for solar projects, not doubt much of that will involve our trails. Most are aware of the West Fry Mountains wind energy proposal that would occupy a D 37 competition area.
- 2. Wilderness Proposals in my last message I wrote about the Boxer McKeon bill, the Eastern Sierra and San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act. We recently became aware of a new proposal being considered by Senator Feinstein to designate as wilderness a number of desert areas. Many of these areas were considered but not included in S 21, the Desert Protection Act. Whether or not this will go forward as a bill and exactly which areas will be included is yet to be determined. A group led by CORVA members will be meeting as of this writing to analyze the proposal. Because a bill has not been drafted this is the ideal time for OHV representatives to become involved. Further details, including maps, are available on the Partnership for Johnson Valley website.
- 3. <u>Military Expansion</u> Most of you are aware of the proposed military expansion into the Johnson Valley area. We expect an announcement on the next couple of months as to whether or not this will go ahead, most likely it will. For further information please check the Partnership for Johnson Valley website www.PFJV.org. We are fortunate to have this group advocating for access to this important area.
- 4. <u>Wildfires</u> Wildfires have occurred this season on most of California's National Forests. Several OHV trail systems have been decimated by fire, and route designation plans have been put on hold while the damage is evaluated. There is little doubt that Forest Route Designation will continue in areas that are unaffected with the goal of completion of Travel Management by January 2009, but this will not be possible in all areas under consideration. Stay tuned for more on this subject.

<u>Cleveland National Forest Travel Management Plan</u>: CORVA representatives have submitted comments on a number of Travel Management actions, most notably the Environmental Assessment for Cleveland National Forest. Although riding opportunity on the Cleveland is limited, Ed Stovin was very successful working with the Forest and even was able to get some trails added to the system as well as generally improving the plan for that area. This has to be a first and is a great example of how CORVA volunteers working with an agency can have a positive effect on the outcome.

<u>Tahoe National Forest Draft EIS due out approximately August 22, 2008</u>: With the Eldorado Record of Decision now behind us, CORVA looks forward to the next big hurdle in Travel Management with the long awaited release of the Tahoe NF DEIS. This will take a thorough review and study for effective comment writing. The CORVA Comments Project is well positioned a ready to take on this major challenge. OHV volunteers had a very positive effect on the Eldorado Travel Plan, and we hope to do the same in every California National Forest.

<u>BLM South Coast RMP Revision</u>: The South Coast management district covers a huge tract of BLM land in San Diego and Imperial County, among others. The area has limited but important OHV riding areas such as Lark Canyon. Our San Diego based volunteers as well as the highly effective group from SDORC have submitted comments on this important BLM plan revision.

BLM Announces Record of Decision on Truckhaven Geothermal Leasing: BLM recently announced that geothermal leasing will be allowed within the planning area, including the Ocotillo Wells SVRA. It was their determination that there would not be a significant impact to the SVRA, and development well sites and well access is to be coordinated with SVRA administrators. The decision was made following extensive comments by OHV recreation groups. Just how this will work in practice remains to be seen. Hopefully impact on the SVRA will be minimal, but this demonstrates that energy development rates higher on the scale of need than recreation, especially OHV recreation. A lease such as this would never be permitted in a wilderness area, for example.

<u>USFWS Releases revised Draft Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan</u>: The USFWS announced the release of the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan this month, opening the 90 comment period. The Plan includes instructions to limit OHV events on tortoise habitat and defines OHV use as a moderate threat to the reptile, It further defines the habitat areas. We are studying the plan to better understand the implications for OHV recreation in the desert. If anyone is familiar with desert tortoise issues we'd appreciate your help with comments for this draft.

Thanks to All, Bruce

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Membership Survey 2008

If you haven't taken the survey yet please do, your answers to the questions will allow us to serve you better now and in the future. The survey can be completed online at:

www.corva.org/survey2008

So please take the quick survey either online or from the 2 pages found in your August newsletter. Results so far have been encouraging and interesting. For example, most members have stated that Representation is what CORVA does the best and that is followed closely by Keeps Me Informed.

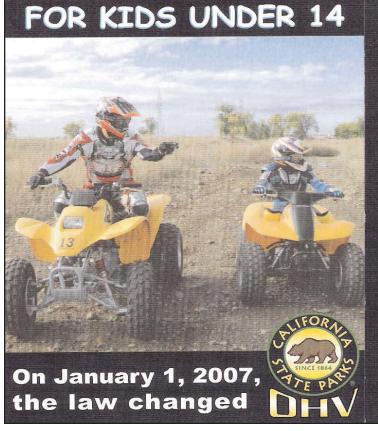
The comments received will help us and have been quite in line with our goals. One member wrote in regarding to how well we are doing as; "Very good considering your resources". As you know, our funding levels compaired to our opposition are very small in comparison. We don't have that "feel good" campaign edge enjoyed by our adversaries. We then have to ask our membership to support our efforts in everything we do.

Another part of our survey asks our members where they like to recreate. The answers received to date show that the majority of our members visit more than one location for their recreation. So make your voice count and please take the survey soon!

Thanks, CORVA Board of Directors

Just A Little Reminder

On January 1, 2008, California Senate Bill 742 increased the OHV green and red sticker registration fee to \$50 every two years. This increased funding will be used to support OHV recreation in the State Vehicular Recreation Areas, at the OHV Recreation Division Headquarters of the Department of Parks and Recreation, and for grants and cooperative agreements to federal, county, and local OHV areas. Grants include Operations & Maintenance, Restoration, Law Enforcement and Safety & Education. And don't forget the rules and message below for those of you with young children. Think SAFETY first!



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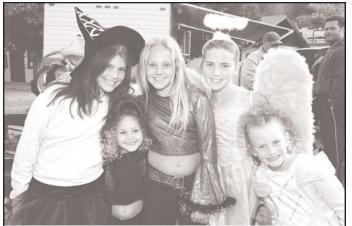
THE NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

by Amy Granat

We're nearing the end of a busy off-road Summer, and look forward to a going into the Fall with the CORVA Comments Project Program in place. We're ready to educate and empower all forest users, teaching everyone that enjoys the roads and trails in our National Forests how to make a difference in your local forest's Route Designation Plan. Around Northern California, most of the forests that are involved with Route Designation will release their Draft Environmental Impact Statement this Fall, signaling the start of the public comment period. This is your time to tell the forests which roads, trails and riding areas you want to stay open! And CORVA is here to help. Our first workshop will be in the Auburn area, targeting the Tahoe National Forest. We look forward to future workshops around the state. Please contact us at commentsproject@corva.org for more information.

Save the date on your calendars for the Northern Jamboree the last weekend in October at Frank Raines Park. The Northern Region Board of Directors look forward to reconnecting with our old friends and meeting new ones. At the annual Northern Board meeting on Sunday we will be holding our elections, if you are interested in serving on the Northern Board please let us know. We're looking forward to a fun weekend filled with fun and games, and some good trail riding and driving. We'll see you there!

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The Northern Jamboree is all about having a FUN time!

THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

by Jim Arbogast

On Tuesday August 12th the new Southern Board held its 1st Board Meeting (conference call) since it was duly elected on July 13th. The next meeting will be September 9th at 7pm. Board members present were Ed Stovin, George Paniagua, Jeff Leonard and Scott O'Connell. Guests included Jim Woods & Jim Colln. Many topics were covered as we face so many issues to our riding opportunities.

Land use topics discussed were: Truckhaven, the proposed Johnson Valley Marine base expansion, the Fry Mountain windmill farm, the Ocotillo Wells Geothermal lease, Anza Borrego Desert State Park, Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area, the Rim of the Valley proposed plan, Sen. Feinstein's new Wilderness Proposal, the San Diego Counties Noise Ordinance and the proposed Lark Canyon Windmills.

Other topics of discussion were Grant funding sources, the OHMVR (Green Sticker) grants, Maldonado's SB1228 bill, and club involvement from all OHV (4x4, Motorcycle, Dual Sport, ATV, Buggy, etc) Clubs. OHV clubs are of vital interest to CORVA and we need your assistance.

These and other anti-access issues will evolve into an Action Log that will require volunteerism from all off roaders to put a halt to. Some things never change because... "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is that good men do nothing". – Edmund Burke 1729-1797. CORVA is a volunteer organization that never has enough help. Please consider Stepping Up and giving a little help.

CORVA's upcoming family fun Southern Jamboree on September 26-28 at Cal City was a hot topic. We still need some volunteers so please contact us. And bring the family and friends for a weekend of fun!

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

BY DAN EGER

SETTING UP CAMP

Most of the time as we venture out to enjoy the great outdoors we set up camp somewhere. Weather it be for the day or a full week of fun there is usually a spot we call home for that time. You may not think about it but even where we camp can reflect on our sport. Make sure to know the local regulations for camping. This information can usually be obtained from the local Forest Service or BLM office. Clean up the area of trash and debris before setting up. Defiantly give a final sweep of the area after packing up. Fully extinguish any fire pit before leaving it un-attended.

Many areas regulate how close to wet areas you are allowed to set up camp, know and obey these regulations. Usually they are at least 100'. This means for anything you bring with you (tent, chairs, tables, parking for you rig or toys...). Keeping your camp clean and in compliance with local regulations will help to keep our image clean and likely reduce your impact on the environment you are there to enjoy. It doesn't take much to keep a clean, safe and environmentally responsible camp. Do your part to help us help you to keep our trails open.

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Still not easy Being Green

By Norm Lenhart

Lessons from the other side of the fence

Almost seven years ago to the day, I left my job as senior editor at what was the primary Web site for off-road motorsports; my column, for which I had received both acclaim and sheer hatred; my life as I'd long known it ... and just walked away. My level of burnout and frustration was such that it was literally years before I even -looked- at an off-road related web site or magazine.

I went to work in the newspaper business, putting the skills I had honed at Off-Road.com to use in the mainstream media. The term 'media bias' does not begin to hint at the reality behind the scenes of the modern news industry.

When I read the boards today and see well-meaning people suggest things like getting a reporter out to cover their cleanup or other eco-positive-for-our-sport event, I cringe. As members of the off-road community, we have long believed that media bias was the result of undue influence by supposedly 'green' groups with money, and the political clout of the liberal wing of American politics. The first ugly truth is that your supposedly 'friendly' reporter likely 'is' a member of the green groups, the liberal wing of the American politics, and if you live in California, probably both. For most of those in the industry, it's not 'bias.' It's their world view, and their belief system colors their reporting exclusively.

Once upon a time, reporting the news was about just that... reporting the news. Old-time J. Jonah Jamieson style newsmen sending the Clark Kents and Peter Parkers of the world out to dig dirt and bring truth to a public hungry for honest answers. Newspapers, radio, television, it didn't matter. Jonah wore many hats.

In today's reality, Clark Kent is no Superman. He's Watermelonman. Eco green on the outside, Marxist red on the inside, and filled with the seeds of dissention - the result of education that emphasizes things like 'social' and 'environmental justice' over factual and accurate reporting.

Try arguing the fraud of global warming to the average reporter and they will perform a 10.0 Olympic-caliber routine of verbal gymnastics, demonizing Detroit, 'Big Oil' and those evil polluters (AKA you, your family and your OHV) while simultaneously deifying Al Gore and supporting the latest round of Democrat party talking points. Or you are summarily dismissed as the proverbial 'right-wing nut'. Size 7/8' or larger please.

Farther up the food chain, publishers and other executive level types have no interest in anything factual or honest, just single-mindedly securing profit for their particular publication or division. The news today is big business after all, and 'business' is the operative word.

Business however, is anything but good.

Remember that the news racket lives and (if you've seen recent industry circulation/viewership numbers) dies by ad revenue. Those numbers are in the flushless toilet across the industry thanks to Al Gore's invention (AKA the Internet) and a public fed up with having enviro and anti-American propaganda shoved down their collective throat.

Want positive coverage in the mainstream media? Buy a full page four-color ad for the day the article is to run or a 30 second commercial. I can promise you that even the most obedient little eco-reporter or reporterette opposed to your politically incorrect/tortoise-crushing/planet-killing hobby will get 'the talk' from their editor, ad manager or publisher. You know, the talk that 'encourages' a 'positive slant' to the 'unbiased' reporting of your event. Should that reporter refuse to grasp the concept, well... to write is human, to edit... divine. Pull the former reporter's byline, make a few 'minor' changes here and there ...presto!

"And by the way, If you want, we can do you up another ad for your next event at the good-guy rate if you lock it in now for only..."

This dear reader, is the truth behind how the Sierra Club and fellow travelers have achieved the level of influence they have. It's Marketing 101 taken to the nth degree. To quote one of Sierra supporter Don Henley's old tunes, "I can get you any result you like. What's it worth to you?... Because there is no wrong, there is no right and I sleep very well at night."

Unfortunately, I don't. And the cause of that insomnia brought me back where I belong.

You know something? It's good to be home.



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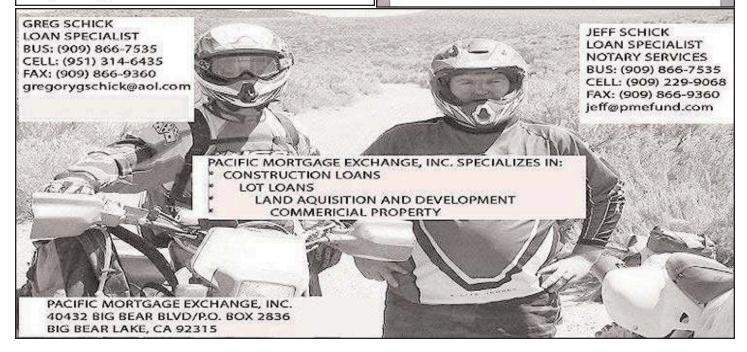
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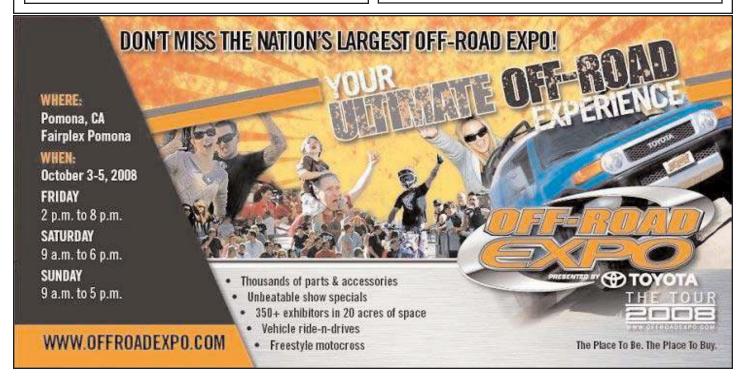
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Legislative News

SB 1228 - Proposed Legislation on ATVs and Children

The proposed language in Senate Bill 1228 that was authored by Senator Abel Maldonado of the 15th District has been pulled this session. This was due to the fiscal impact it held as well as the failure to reach a compromise between opposing sides and has since been replaced with new language, unrelated to OHV use.

The original introduced language would have extended existing law pertaining to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) requiring parental supervision from age 14 to 16. It would have required riders to provide a safety certificate to law enforcement personnel on demand. Also, the bill would have imposed specified size restrictions on all-terrain vehicles operated by persons under 16 years of age. That part of the bill was very disliked as children come is all sizes and abilities. Parents should decide the correct sized ATV for their own children based on many factors.

Senator Maldonado still may decide to come back with another bill next year as the safety of young ATV riders continues to be his priority. If this should happen, CORVA, along with their partnering OHV organizations will work with the Senator and his staff towards creating language that satisfies all those interested.

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