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# ***OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION***

## *Plumas National Forest Travel Management DEIS*

The Comments Project Team is working overtime on all the forest management plans now in the works. Below is part of the 96 pages of comments submitted in regards to the Plumas Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

### *Route Proliferation*

**SWER Assumption:** Unauthorized roads and trails cover a significant area and are causing damage to watersheds. Routes are proliferating at a rate that is a threat to the Forest.

**FACT:** The 'unauthorized' routes cover less than 0.19 percent of the area. That includes the total amount of 'proliferation' that has occurred over the entire life of the Forest ---even though the number of "OHVs" in use has increased many hundreds of percent (DEIS p1).

**FACT:** Forest Service could designate ALL 'unauthorized routes' and the net increase in road/route density would be an increase of less than .2 of one percent.

**FACT:** The percentage of forest surface occupied by roads and trails is so tiny, that if the Forest admitted to it, they could not plausibly argue the routes have any significant impact.

**Recommendation:** The DEIS should be redrafted with an alternative that would close cross country travel and designate all the unauthorized roads and trails.

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The sample above is but a taste of what the Comments Team is doing. Help is needed when they come to a forest area where YOU are the expert. Read more on the Comments Project found on page 14.

**0.2%**  
*forest land area*  
*'unauthorized'*  
*Routes cover*

## *Governor's Budget*

No doubt most of you are aware that the state budget crisis hit the OHV Division very hard. In spite of an all out letter writing campaign, all \$90M was diverted to help solve the budget crisis. It is a small consolation that the budget stipulated that OHV Division funding should not affect operations, and that the fund is to be repaid in 2 years. The state budget is still contingent on initiatives that have to be voted on by the public on May 19th, so the situation remains fluid.

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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**

### **The State of CORVA 2009**

It has been almost a year since the last election, when my Board of Directors and I were elected to lead CORVA. It is time for us to look at our progress as an organization and new Board, and to look forward toward our future.

It's not been an easy year - with the sad state our economy is in. But for now, I am proud to report that CORVA is financially in great shape. Both our regular operating and the Life-member (savings) accounts are growing. We saw the writing on the wall, so as a Board we agreed to accept the challenge to reduce costs and use your CORVA membership and event funds wisely. We finished our fiscal year, ending February 28, 2009, under budget, with a small surplus to start our next year. I would like to thank the entire Board for tightening their belts, remaining focused on our goals and staying within their budgets. Also, my gratitude to Roberta for helping set a very prudent and strict budget that has helped us see where we were and where we are trying to go.

As to our involvement in the area of land use - we have developed a diverse and educated team. In the Northern region, our Board members Amy Granat, Kyra and our newest board member Diana Mead have kept us up to date on the current issues and represent CORVA in Sacramento. It is great to have such a strong showing. Kyra and Amy are co-chairpersons of the CORVA Comments Project. This project incorporates a special training workshop to educate participants (usually local clubs and user groups) on proper techniques to create, write and present written comments during the National Forest trail designation plans. CORVA participants, and the workshop attendees and leaders have sent many comments that have successfully added hundreds of OHV miles to the Forest Plans. Kyra and Amy are looking for dedicated volunteers, to assist them in organizing more workshops. Please consider serving with this team to help your area in the future.

Ed Stovin, Jim Arbogast, and Ed Waldheim focus on land use issues mostly in the Southern Region, but also throughout the State as well. Ed has a vast knowledge of land use issues and it is great to be able to draw from his knowledge when needed. Bruce Whitcher serves as our Vice President of Land Use and helps oversee all the State issues from the mountains to the deserts. Bruce works closely with representatives in Sacramento, and other OHV organizations to keep CORVA abreast on land use issues throughout the State.

Our basic CORVA membership is about the same as in years past. You have spread the word about CORVA to your friends and we see new members signing up at all our booths and events. However, it seems just as we are gaining a substantial amount of new members, our renewing members leave us. Many members have been hit hard by the economy, so we are trying to keep our membership dues at the low \$30.00 per year. Soon, we will be offering some exciting new Member Benefits, which means more value for your membership investment. Our marketing team is also developing more plans for our associate business members that will encourage them to offer more incentives to members.

But CORVA just can't afford to lose members. Please, encourage others to join, and if your membership has lapsed, why not send your renewal now. We are still 100% volunteer - we really need your membership. Roberta Woods and Wayne Berg both donate hundreds of hours to make sure our membership information is accurate and up to date. Help us continue to grow by renewing your membership.

Areas that need of improvement? We still need a better e-blast system but don't look for letter generator. Your hand written e-mails and letters are much more valuable. During our last e-blast on Johnson Valley, Senator Boxer asked us to stop sending them to our members because her e-mail system stopped working. We do make a difference and thank all of you who took the time to participate.

We still need a dedicated ORIA Editor. Currently, our Vice President of Administration, Jim Colln, is filling in as our Editor. Jim has developed our new format and schedule. He coordinates with our publisher, and distribution mailing. Wayne Berg provides our mailing list. This team works closely, following a tight time line, to bring you a timely and educational publication to augment our web-site information. If you or anyone you know would be interested in assisting this team, please e-mail [jim.colln@corva.org](mailto:jim.colln@corva.org) It is imperative that we fill this position as soon as possible.

We hope you like the direction CORVA has taken in the last year. We are asking for your support in the upcoming elections. Katherine Kelsey, your State Secretary (and Family Fun Days co-chair), Scott O'Connell, your acting Vice President of Marketing, Bruce Whitcher, Vice President of Land Use and I, your President, will be running for re-election in May 2009. We hope you will support our team with the confidence of your vote.

Thank you for supporting CORVA this past year and for all the ways you promote responsible Off Road Vehicle use throughout California.





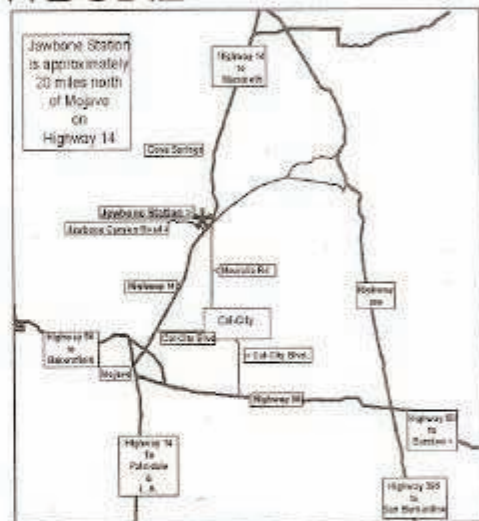
## 13th Annual Moose Anderson Days April SAT 25 & SUN 26 2009 PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF JAWBONE

### SATURDAY 25

- Sign up starts at 8:00 a.m. SHARP! Plan to arrive early.
- Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (\$3.00 donation)
- Projects start at 9:00 a.m.
- 50/50 drawing and Door Prizes
- Raffle for a Honda Generator (donated by Honda)
- Displays/Demonstrations
- Free trail snack and lunch for all pre-registered cleanup participants
- Free T-shirt for all PRE-REGISTERED participants
- Pre-registration must be postmarked by April 15

### SUNDAY 26

- Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. (\$3.00 donation)
- 4 X 4 tour (\$10.00 fee)
- Off Road Poker Run (\$5.00 per hand, a fund raiser consisting of a 30-40 mile fun ride on your motorcycle, ATV, or other off-highway vehicle) Multiple hands may be purchased.
- Awards 12:30 p.m.



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# CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

- **New ATV Child Safety Bill introduced by Assembly Member Blakeslee**

AB 134, as introduced, Blakeslee. Vehicles: off-highway motor vehicles. Existing law requires the operator of an off-highway motor vehicle to be able to reach and operate all controls necessary to safely operate the vehicle.

AB 134 would prohibit a parent or guardian of a child who is under 14 years of age, or an adult who is authorized by the parent or guardian to supervise that child, from granting permission to, or knowingly allowing, that child to operate an off-highway motor vehicle in a manner that violates the above-described requirement. The bill would require a court, upon a 1st conviction, to impose a fine of \$125. The bill would also impose fines upon a 2nd or subsequent conviction. This would be a non-points violation.

- **OHV Grants Program**

- The date for preliminary application has now passed and we're starting to see how the grants are shaping up. 103 application were submitted, and the totals are as follows:

	<u>Available Funds</u>	<u>Enforcement</u>	<u>Ground Ops</u>	<u>Restoration</u>	<u>Education</u>
Applied for	\$31,741,000	\$8,944,000	\$13,125,000	\$6,779,000	\$2,821,000
Budgeted	\$34,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$7,600,000	\$1,300,000
Balance	2,259,000			\$821,000	
<u>Over Budget</u>		\$3,944,000	\$125,000		\$1,019,000



From this table you can see that applications for Enforcement significantly exceed available funds, and as usual Restoration funds exceed available projects.

There were a number of applications from non-profits and it will be interesting to see how they are funded. This is the first time non-profits have been eligible for ground operations. Most applied for education and safety grants. It is critical that the public (you and me) comment on these grant applications. Please read the applications and make comments!

The applicants can make changes only if requested by the public or by the Division, so be sure to read the application from the areas that you visit. Applications are available for review on the On-Line Grants Application (OLGA) database that allows the public to view preliminary applications in a centralized location under the OHV Division web page.

[http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1164](http://ohv.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1164)

- **Johnson Valley**

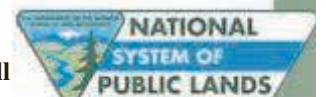
CORVA representatives recently met with Senator Diane Feinstein's staff to discuss Johnson Valley and other issues. Apparently the Senator was being told that Johnson Valley was little used. It is up to us to keep the record straight.

CORVA submitted some excellent comments on the notice of intent to prepare a draft EIS prepared by the Marines. The deadline for comments was January 30, 2009, however it is frequently the case that comments continue to be accepted after the deadline. If you sent comments, thanks!!

Use the PFJV web site to send in comments, or write some of your own.

See the link: <http://www.pfjv.org/com.pdf>

It is vitally important that comments be submitted at every step of the process. The draft EIS will probably be published in early 2009 and the comment period will close in 2011.



## BLM Travel Management

- **Clear Creek Management Area Management Plan Revision**

BLM alternatives for the Clear Creek Management Plan had been drafted. They include a number of possible scenarios for continued use of the area and they have been forwarded to the EPA for review and recommendations. The future of Clear Creek will be determined in the very near future. We expect to receive an announcement from the EPA any day so please stay tuned for developments. Keep up to date on our web site.

BLM Public meetings recently held:

BLM's Bakersfield Office Travel Management Workshops

This is BLM's version of Route Designation. These scoping meetings provided an important opportunity to state support for inventoried routes in the Bakersfield area. CORVA representatives attended these meetings on your behalf and will be providing written comments. Requests for routes by the public carry a lot of weight, so be sure let us know if you visit either the Taft or Keyesville areas for OHV recreation. CORVA is actively engaged with BLM on the future of OHV recreation in the Central Valley.

- **Red Rock State Park General Plan Update**

The Red Rock General Plan update has been under development since 2006. It is designed to update the plan to include expansion of the park that has occurred with the addition of areas such as Last Chance Canyon and Nightmare Gulch. We anticipate public meetings to discuss the plan update in the next few months. The first in a series of public meetings was held and was attended by CORVA representatives. OHV enthusiasts were the largest group present.

We recently received information that the Red Rock State Park General Plan is on hold due to issues with the State Budget. General Plans such as this one are frequently delayed. Look for future announcements. We support use of Red Rock the way it is, the Plan revision is not necessary from our point of view.

- **Forest Service Route Designation**

The CORVA Comments Project Team is hard at work on the many Travel Management draft EIS's being published by the Forest Service. This important project will determine where you can ride on California's National Forest for future generations.

CORVA submitted written comments on the Modoc National Forest Travel Management Plan. The comment period closed for the Plumas National Forest on March 16th. This will be followed by Sequoia National Forest on March 31st and Inyo National Forest - March 30, Stanislaus and Sierra National Forest deadlines follow as well.



- **Proposed Desert Wilderness**

The California Wilderness Coalition has been holding meeting with representatives of US Senator Feinstein to establish new wilderness areas in the California Desert. At this stage we have a chance to provide input that can help determine boundaries and preserve important routes. We have a very experienced and qualified group working on this issue, but they need your help.

The new CWC wilderness proposal includes about 20 new wilderness areas and National Park expansions within Inyo, San Bernardino, Imperial, and San Diego Counties. New wilderness areas proposed by the California Wilderness Coalition within Inyo County include Slate Range and Great Falls Basin north of Trona, Malpais Mesa in the Inyo Mountains around Cerro Gordo extending to the Saline Valley Road, Wild and Scenic River designation for Surprise Canyon, other areas in the northern Panamint Valley, and areas in north Death Valley National Park. If enacted by Congress, this proposal would eliminate many traditional uses such as equestrian endurance rides, mountain biking, and vehicle access for such activities as gem and mineral collecting, spring wildflower viewing, and family backcountry touring and picnic outings will be affected. This proposal would eliminate mineral exploration and new mining in the future. A special thanks is due to Mark Howlett, Dave Beaumont, John Stewart, Ron Schiller, Wayne Nosala and many others who have worked very hard on an route inventory of the area.

Thanks and if you are familiar with routes in these areas please contact me at: [Bruce.Whitcher@corva.org](mailto:Bruce.Whitcher@corva.org)

**Trails Are Evil ?**

The last time I looked most everything living used a trail. Ants have trails. Lizards do too. Everywhere I look there is a trail. Heck, there is even a four lane asphalt trail right through Red Rock Canyon State Park! Nobody seems to mind that. Without trails I wouldn't be here. This brings me to the purpose of this banter. Why is an OHV trail so evil?

Trails do not cause trash, erosion or hooliganism. A trail is a trail is a trail. So why do the anti-access nuts define a trail as evil, "the dead zone," or just something that needs to be destroyed (otherwise known as restoration using green sticker funds). It really hurts my feelings knowing that some critter gets to enjoy a trail, but I don't. Is this a civil rights issue? Maybe I should talk to the ACLU.

This arbitrary and capricious treatment of motorized trail users has been facilitated by the propaganda fed to our elected officials. The idea that humans are bad, not part of the environment and must be regulated to the cities is an idea that is a little hard to take.

That being said, we do have a way to rectify our representatives lack of education in regards to motorized trail use. This program allows anyone to become an effective advocate for motorized trail users. You simply make an appointment with your local representative. Take the family and show the DVD (8 minuets). Be nice. Tell them that you and yours are passionate about motorized recreation and all the great things about it. Shake hands, take their card, leave yours, and go home. Write a thank you card and mail it. When you get a happy holiday card from your new best friends, allow yourself to be surprised (there is no restriction on that yet).

Go to <http://www.trailsintrouble.org> to get the program and use it. As you procrastinate, know that, "Your Silence Will Ensure Closure."

George Paniagua, CORVA Assistant Southern Director-Legislation

*New Column  
Letter to the Editor*

*please write us a letter  
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## EDUCATIONAL NEWS

BY DAN EGER

Educate the spectators too!

A few weeks ago my Bronco gave me a unique chance to spend the night in the desert. The next morning, while others were retrieving spare parts for me, I was admiring the landscape and noticed many glints of silver lining the walls of the narrow canyon I had spent the night in. Having nothing better to do for the next several hours I grabbed a bag and went for a walk. As I was gathering silver and many other man made deposits I started thinking, these were not left here by people wheeling/riding thru this canyon, these were left by spectators from the previous night! We can be 100% responsible for our actions and still receive a black eye for this type of thing. Please make sure that everyone you are involved with when you go wheeling/riding knows the principle of pack it in/pack it out. The very life our trails depends on it.

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## **S.22 OMNIBUS LAND GRAB DEFEATED**

On Wednesday, March 11, 2009 the Omnibus Land Grab bill was beaten back and defeated, by the narrowest of margins in the House. It need 2/3 of the vote to pass and the final vote was 282-144. (9 members not voting.)

Thus Big Green and the Feds fell 2 votes short of passing it and defenders of property rights, multiple-use of the "public" lands, energy production and jobs got one more vote than they needed. A true squeaker.

And we are still finding out how bad the Omnibus is.

We knew the section of the Omnibus with the prohibition on gathering fossils gave the Feds the authority to seize people's vehicles and equipment, but the Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences believes the language actually gives the Feds the authority to seize private lands as well. So if you had some pretty pieces of petrified wood or a few trilobites or a tiny fish skeleton on your fireplace mantle -- the Feds might be able to seize your ranch or farm or home.

And yet there were 282 votes for this monstrosity. One of the real dangers of rolling 170+ individual bills into one 1,294-page, 9-inch thick omnibus. I would bet NO ONE ever read it all. Who knew what evils lurked in there? One would hope if there had been hearings and mark-ups and committee votes on all the individual components, plus full debate on the House floor -- that far fewer Congressmen would have voted for such a destructive draconian piece of legislation.

Please remember to take the time to THANK your members who voted to kill this monster. Remember we needed every single vote. This bill was painted in every liberal newspaper as an effort to "preserve" our future -- instead of properly viewed as an effort to prevent America from having a future.

### **March Newsletter - Late ?**

So sorry but the USPS decided to enforce their rules last month on Verification of Mail Preparation. We found out a little late and had to do some research before the mailing could continue. We would like to thank Wayne Berg for his efforts in getting this resolved now and for the future. Without volunteers like Wayne Berg, we couldn't be such a great organization.



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- Work projects begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp.
- Free BBQ lunch at 1:00 p.m. at Visitor Center
- Raffle drawings and 50/50 drawing at 1:30 p.m.

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- Free T-shirt
- Free raffle ticket
- Free snack bag
- Free BBQ lunch
- Free goody bag

## Sunday – Poker Run

- Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp at the Visitor Center located on Mt. View Road.
- Only \$5.00 per Poker hand
- Open to all off-road vehicles
- Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- **Come early for a pancake breakfast for only a \$3.00 donation!**

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Highway 138 East to Victorville  
Highway 138 to Highway 18 to Victorville  
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Turn RIGHT on El Mirage Rd.  
Turn LEFT on Mountain View Rd. - El Mirage Rec. Area

#### Participants include members of:

*Southern California Timing Association - Wind Wizards Land Sailing Club - El Mirage Chamber of Commerce - California Off Road Vehicle Assoc. - American Motorcyclist Assoc. District 37 - Inland Empire Film Commission*

## **OHV Commission Report**

By Ed Waldheim, Past President

The California Off Highway Motor Vehicle Commission is back in business. As you will all recall with the passage of SB742 the new OHV bill, the commission was expanded from 7 to 9 members.

At the March 13, 2009 meeting in Sacramento, the newest commissioner, Stan Van Velsor from San Francisco, was introduced to the audience by Chair Gary Willard, from Woodside, California. Also presented were Mark McMillin from El Cajon, Eric Lueder from San Rafael, Kane Silverberg from Santa Cruz, Paul Slavik from Huntington Beach, and Brad Franklin from Chino Hills (Brad was not present at this meeting).

As a former member of the OHV Commission, I felt it was very exiting to see Chairman Willard embark on positive management of the Commission. As chairman, you can either drag things along, not getting things done to help our OHV program, or move forward as Commissioner Willard is doing. He set a tone that I have not seen in years and I am excited at what the years to come with this type of leadership will help to achieve, positive things for our program.

It is very important that the State of California again obtain the respect from all of us who pay our Green Sticker fees and make sure this commission hears from you, the public. All you have to do is go on line to [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov) and click on "Commission". You will find all kinds of information including how to contact the members of the Commission.

Now for an update of the actions of the OHV Commission at the March, 2009 meeting: Chairman Willard set up committees assigned to different commissioners. Items such as Education, Acquisition, Private Land issues, Policy, Awards, are to just name a few. It is expected that each Commissioner will present their committee report at each Commission meeting regarding their progress on each subject.

Personally I encourage the Commission to challenge their efforts to acquisition and education. We lost 90 million dollars from our OHV funds with our present governor. It was reported at the meeting that "we could not spend the money..." so the law provides that opportunity to the state to "borrow the funds". Well, we have heard this before, but as Phil Jenkins OHV Chief, stated, "in past there were no provisions for refund, but this time it is a loan. It has to be paid back by 2013."

The other problem is that when we have those funds in the "Trust Fund" it accrues interest. By the governor taking this money it will not gain interest. Well folks, I have a very big heart burn that so much money having accumulated... when we have projects we could have funded but just did not. Again, Chief Jenkins stated that because the Commission did not have a "vision or strategic plan" the Finance Dept. would not release money.

The Commission heard comments on this Strategic Plan and Vision. I have spent many hours making comments on this document, and have also made recent comments which are due by 3/20/2009, by the next commission meeting, on 5/8/2009. This Strategic Plan will then be presented to the Governor.

Let's hope this will solve the problem with finance because we have lots of projects that do need to be funded.

The BLM and the Forest Service made their reports. The most interesting report was that Mr. Mike Pool, BLM State Director, has been moved as interim Director for BLM in Washington DC. They have also reorganized their offices, creating a Northern and Central District. Our friend Mark Conley will be returning as BLM Wilderness coordinator for CA. Mark used to be our OHV representative to the Commission for BLM.

Forest Service members, Gary and Kathy, reported on their progress for Route Designation with their plans to get everything completed by 2009. I'm sure there will be more on this from Bruce, Amy, and Kyra elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act took a lot of testimony from the public and staff and it boils down, according to Phil Jenkins, that this was an unintended consequence on the lead in toys for kids. The Agency has made exceptions for children playing with their game boxes etc, yet is not willing to do so for OHV for fear children will start sucking valve stems. The commission made a motion and it passed to write a letter to both California Senators and the governor to have exception made on this issue. This error, whether done on purpose or not, could have severe impact on the California economy. (See President Jim Woods article in your March CORVA issue.)

OHV Grants: I took the opportunity to publicly thank Sixto Fernandez, Dan Canfield, Martha Ibarra, and Barbara Greenwood, all employees of the OHV Division for their incredible dedication to get the grants process known as OLGA "On Line Grants Applications" done. I have been around the OHV program for a very long time, since 1978, and have never seen a team work so hard, 24/7, to help the applicants get the grants done. We all thanked them and gave a tremendous applause

in appreciation for their dedication.

If you want to see what grants are out there go online to website:  
[www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov)

And click "Grants" and go to "OLGA". Then click preliminary Grant applications. You can look at all the grants and make your comments either to the state or to the applicant.

I am excited for our OHV community as we again seem to have a good Commission. Deputy Director Daphne Greene stated "This is going to be a good Commission." So come to their next meeting May 8, 2009 in Sacramento. Always check their web site for updates and releases.



**ESCARABAJO  
BUGGY CLUB**

Come join the club for their 30th Annual Off Road Rally to be held on May 2 - 3rd at the Frank Raines Off Highway Vehicle Park near Patterson.

Frank Raines Park has 2000 acres of mountainous terrain located on the western edge of Stanislaus County. It offers developed campsites with full RV hookups, lawn areas with picnic tables and barbecue grills, a baseball diamond, children's playground and nature trails. Of the total, 840 acres of the park are reserved for off-road vehicle use (ATVs, 4WDs, motorcycles, dune buggies).

Frank Raines is near the western edge of Stanislaus county which happens to be a stones throw from the "San Francisco Bay Area". The park itself is very near where Alameda, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus counties all meet. To get there, go East on I-580 then south on I-5 about 15 mi. and turn west on Del Puerto Canyon Rd. (near the town of Patterson). Then travel 17 mi. west of I-5 to Frank Raines OHV Park, which is just beyond the Frank Raines Campground. Hope to see you there!

## 30th Annual Off Road Rally

Escarabajo Buggy Club  
30 down and dirty  
FRANK RAINES PARK  
May 2-3 2009

**REGISTER!**

1. Fill out form below and mail in with check payable to "Escarabajo Buggy Club". If you are registering more than one vehicle, please make a copy of this form and mail in together with your check.
2. Registration must be received by April 20<sup>th</sup> 2009!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation?: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration confirmation will be sent by E-mail. By including your Email address above you will save Escarabajo \$\$\$ on postage!

Registration will also be available at the event at Frank Raines Park

Prices will be:

RALLY - Each vehicle: \$35

Kids (10 and under) on Quad's/MC: \$15

**Awards Ceremony following Dinner**

**REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**  
 green sticker / registration required  
 4x4s, Bajas & buggies - Metal roof or Roll bar  
 Quad's/MC's - Helmet, spark arrester  
 Suggested items:  
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**SATURDAY RALLY - Pre-Registration Fees:**

Each Vehicle: \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Event Shirt SZ: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids (10 and under) on ATVs/MC:  
 \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Stuff

**EVENT SHIRTS (circle size)**

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T-Shirts - S/M/L/XL \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dinner(s)**

TRI TIP POTATO SALAD, SALAD

ROLL & DESERT

ADULT \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

KIDS (10 and under) \$6 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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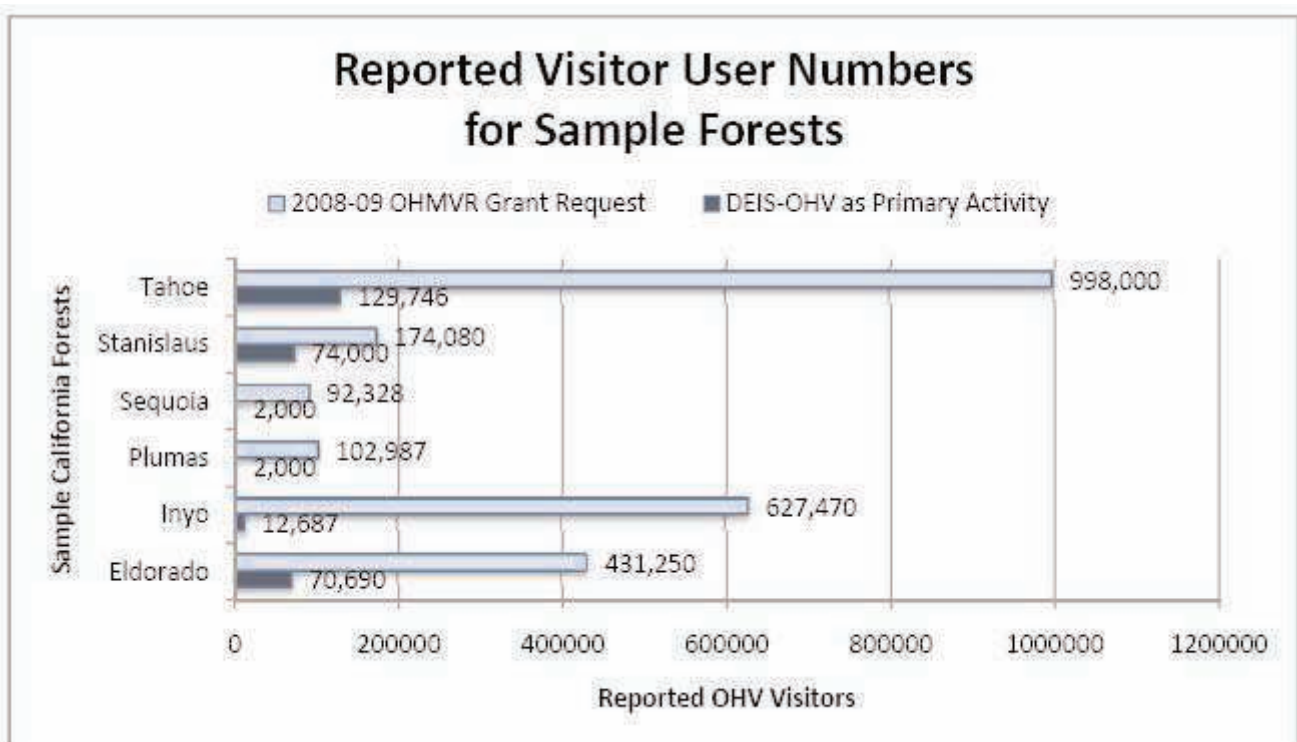
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### **CORVA Calls For Investigation Into USFS Data Integrity Issues**

The CORVA Comments Project has uncovered substantial inconsistencies in data reporting, serious omissions as well as accuracy and scientific integrity problems with the Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) that have been released to date by California Forests.

At the March OHMVR Commission meeting CORVA presented a few examples of conflicting reports by the Forest Service and requested the Commission launch an investigation into data integrity problems the Forest Service has. Examples given included visitor counts used to justify grants; since numbers are multiple times larger when applying for a grant than the claimed counts in the Travel Management DEIS.

For example, the Plumas Travel Management DEIS Document claims 2000 OHV visitors a year when justifying trail closures, but a 102,000 OHV visitors when applying for a grant. For the Tahoe, the claim was approximately 130,000 people in the DEIS but almost 1 million OHV visitors when requesting green sticker money!



The user counts are a small sampling of the disingenuous reporting the Forest Service is using to close trails. The CORVA Comments Project has amassed a large amount of evidence supporting allegations of the scientific integrity issues, fraud & deceit in the hundreds of pages submitted to the Tahoe and Plumas forests detailing flaws such as:

- Failure to analyze impacts to displaced public due to closing 60-80% of trails statewide
- Failure to address the needs of, or even consider the disabled
- Misrepresentation of scientific research
  - Conclusions opposite of cited scientific study
  - Exaggerating impacts OHV use, with no scientific basis
  - Disregard of cited research in favor of conjecture and assumptions
- Inflating the proliferation of routes statistics by using the term 'User Created Routes' to include modern logging roads, 100 year old historic mining access', and Forest Service built & approved routes.
- Misrepresentation of State and Federal regulations by self-appointing new authorities NOT given by Congress to the Agency
- Analyzing existing trails as proposed, new ground disturbing activities

- Analyzing 12 inch single track trails as if they were 25 foot wide logging roads
- Omissions of existing routes that the Forest Service has managed in the past
- Claims of NEW environmental damage occurring from existing condition
- Concealing visitor numbers

The CORVA Comments Project is a revolutionary initiative that provides NEPA training to locals who seek to protect opportunities and provides professionally written comments on planning documents that have an impact on our opportunities. The project team works in partnership with local specialists and organizations facilitating custom solutions for local issues; Locals provide funding, on the ground expertise and volunteers to assist and drive the project in their area. The partnerships developed providing a stronger unified front benefitting from the experience, expertise and professionalism of the team. Over 50 California organizations have participated in the comments project to date.

For more information on how you can donate or work with the comments project and bring these benefits to you and your organization email [commentsproject@corva.org](mailto:commentsproject@corva.org)

### **ADELANTO GRAND PRIX**

The 29th Adelanto Grand Prix (AGP) was two full days of exciting racing. It's annually hosted by the Desert Vipers Motor Cycle Club (DVMC). It's always held on the last full weekend of February in the town of Adelanto about an hours drive from the LA-Orange County areas west of Victorville.

The Admission is always FREE and the racing began each day on the 21st & 22nd at 7:30am.

The Unclassified race kicks off the AGP on Saturday morning. It's packed with most of the best riders who want to get a feel for the course before their designated race.

The next race at 8:30 was the PeeWee 50 cc (5-10yrs) & Kids (up to 11 yrs) 60-100cc, which is a real crowd pleaser, especially for the parents on a shortened course

Next was the 9:30 Dual Sport & 4-Stroke Unlimited race with Expert, Amateur, Novice and Beginner brackets.

The 11am race was the Over 40, Over 50 with Novice and Beginner brackets and the Over 60 All.

The 12:30 race was the Over 30, Over 40, Over 50 and the 125-200cc Expert and Amateur brackets for all four divisions.

The 1:45 race was for the Over 30 Novice and Beginners.

The last race of the day was the 3:00 Pro Race \$15,000 Purse which was a 1hr. plus 1 lap race for 125-200cc, 210-250cc and 251cc & up divisions. Extremely fast and exciting.

Sunday's races started out at 7:30 for Vintage up to 1974, Classic 1975-79, and Evolution 1980-85, all with the Exp/Am/Nov brackets plus a new Trail Bike Beginner division.

The 8:45 race was the 250cc (210-250cc) for Exp/Am/Nov/Beg.

The 10:15 race featured 125-200cc (Nov/Beg), Mini 12-15 yrs 85cc or less (Exp/Am/Nov/Beg) and Women's (Exp/Am/Nov)

The 11:45 race was for the Open 251cc+ and the 2 Stroke Unlimited, both for Exp/Am/Nov/Beg.

The 1:15 race was for Quads Pro/Exp/Am/Nov/Beg with a \$2,000 Quad Pro Purse and Sidehacks.

The last race was the Team Race \$3,000 Pro Purse 1hr plus 1 lap for Pro 125-200cc, Pro 201-250cc, Pro 251-cc & up, Pro over 30, Pro Over 40 and Amt. Team Race. Again, very exciting wheel to wheel racing.

The DVMC supports CORVA with a \$100 donation to CORVA's Land Use Fund for every volunteer who works a day flagging the course. CORVA Volunteers look forward every year where they can view the race up close and help raise \$1200 like we did this year with help from Rev. Spike, Jim Arbogast, Wayne & Pnita Ford, Jim Colln, Jeff Leonard, Ann Clark, Steve Hewitt & Scott O'Connell.

On Friday afternoon, Scott O'Connell hooked up with Steve Hewitt and set up a CORVA Booth inside the Community Center the DVMC uses for registration. They signed up 41 paid CORVA members!! A phenomenal effort. Next year's 30th annual AGP will be an event our volunteers should put on their calendars. Please stay in touch with us as we're planning on having a CORVA Camp Out and BBQ. The DVMC can use a lot more volunteers, so please contact us and let us know you want to become involved in an action packed and rewarding way to volunteer.

Sincerely, Jim Arbogast  
Southern Reg. Dir.

## **CORVA CLUB SPONSORSHIP**

*A Benefits Program Exclusively for CORVA Clubs*

### **WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A CORVA SPONSORED CLUB?**

As a Sponsored CORVA Club you will enjoy a variety of benefits. The most valuable to your club will probably be the Event Coverage Benefit. All of your club events will have liability coverage for the entire year. This could save your club thousands of dollars & help your club grow! Here is what you will need to become a CORVA Sponsored Club:

- 10 CORVA memberships minimum (or all members if less than ten.)
- Completed application
- Sponsorship Fee \$495.00 annual membership, in addition to individual memberships.

### **WHAT ARE OUR OTHER BENEFITS?**

Your club will receive a CORVA Sponsored Club Banner to use throughout the year. All your club events and meetings can be published in our newsletter and on the CORVA Website, along with a hyperlink to your site. Your club will qualify for participation in CORVA annual elections.

### **WHAT IS EVENT LIABILITY COVERAGE?**

Many times, when an OHV club attempts to hold a non-competitive event or rally, the landholder requests a "certificate of liability". Landholders can include the County, State or even the Bureau of Land Management. Some cities require certificates or "proof of insurance" as well, just to hold a meeting on their premises.

The CORVA Sponsored Club event coverage provides your club with one million dollars of general and event liability coverage throughout the year, and includes one proof of liability certificate (*to provide to a park or other landholder for example.*) Additional certificates are just \$150.00 each. Without the CORVA sponsorship, most clubs pay over one thousand dollars just to hold one club event!

### **HOW DO WE GET STARTED?**

CORVA Bylaws stipulate that a CORVA CLUB is one that has at least 10 current paid CORVA memberships (*if club membership is greater than 10*) or 100% current CORVA paid membership if the club has 10 members or less.

You may request the CORVA Sponsored Club form or download it from our website. You will need a complete list of club meetings, rallies and events for the year. Club officers will complete the form, and submit it along with the \$495.00 fee. A CORVA membership volunteer will contact your club to verify your CORVA memberships.

**Don't wait! The CORVA Sponsored Club period begins May 2009 until April 2010.**

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### **HOW TO PROMOTE YOUR SUCCESSFUL CORVA SPONSORED EVENT**

A successful OHV event begins with proper planning. Starting at least six months in advance, schedule regular committee meetings; invite all volunteers to participate from the beginning; discuss all aspects relating to the event.

Some items to discuss are site location, permits, insurance requirements, registration forms, volunteer possibilities, vendor donations, T-shirts or other souvenirs, raffles, food preparation and sales, award or other ceremonies, sound systems, vendor follow-up and thank-you letters. Document your process to assist in the next year's event.

The following suggestions will help your event be the success your club wants and needs!

Here's how:

- Keep focused. Don't over work your club with too much for one event. Hold more than one event if necessary.
- Advertise your event in all possible places, including local newspapers & message boards.
- Keep detailed records to document your expenses and results. Make a list of all vendors or contacts including specific information. The next committee will benefit from your experience.
- Give an enthusiastic final report to your club as soon as possible after the event. Discuss what worked and what changes you will want to consider next time.
- Choose a new committee and begin planning early for the next year.



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