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OHV Trust Funds Under Attack!!

CORVA has received regular reports on a move by one of the legislative budget committees to move funds out of the OHV Trust Fund into the General Fund. There has been speculation that the funding would be taken outright and on an ongoing basis, with estimates as high as \$27M. We are watching this issue closely so stay tuned for developments. The OHV Division manages the State OHV Vehicular areas and the OHV Grant programs. It would be difficult to imagine OHV recreation in California without this critical funding.

On March 24 the OHMVR Commission is holding a special meeting to consider a briefing and status report regarding developments pertaining to the OHV Program budget for FY 2011/12. This will include recent actions by the Budget Conference Committee to cut \$10M from the OHV Trust Fund (\$5M from grants and \$5M from operations) and transfer the funds to the General Fund. This action is in addition to a proposed \$21M loan from the OHV Trust Fund reserves to the General Fund.

Many California programs are being considered for funding cuts, for example the Redevelopment Agency has been slated for substantial reductions prompting the threat of lawsuits by affected cities and counties.

Looking at the big picture, funding cuts pale in comparison to the potential fallout from failure of a ballot measure to extend the temporary tax increases. The Governor has threatened even more extensive cuts to existing programs if this measure fails, which seems likely.

We urge you to continue to contact your legislators and let them know that you oppose this assault on your OHV funds. Please visit <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/issues/alert/?alertid=29032501> for some helpful information you can use in your correspondence. You can also join us at the Capitol and voice your concerns in person, see below.

PLEASE JOIN CORVA AND CLORV IN SACRAMENTO ON APRIL 11TH



CLORV OHV ADVOCATES LEGISLATIVE EVENT

- Don't miss the annual California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) Lobby Day Event in Sacramento.
- Presentations by OHV Leadership and Agencies
- A variety of informative OHV Advocate Workshops
- Walk the Halls and meet Assembly and Senate representatives.
- Network with Advocates from OHV Associations.

Do you want to keep OHV Access to
our Public Land?

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JOIN US SUNDAY!

Pre-Lobby Day Workshop Sunday afternoon 3-5

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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. Secondly, 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,

"Dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Do What You Can!

Friends, we are very close to losing a lot of OHV areas in California. You can do nothing, **OR** you can at least try to prevent a total loss. It's up to you. Consider these options below:

1. ATTEND THE OHV ADVOCATES CONFERENCE AND LOBBY DAY – APRIL 11, 2011

CORVA along with AMA National, District 36, District 37 Competition and Dual Sport, American Sand Association, San Diego Off-Road Coalition, California Association of 4Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC) and others will be hosting the Advocates Conference in Sacramento. Information is listed on the front page and you can still join in. Look for information on the CORVA web site or send an email to: robertawoods55@gmail.com now. Meetings have been arranged with many legislators and your presence is crucial. Don't miss this event.

2. ATTEND THE JOHNSON VALLEY PUBLIC ACCESS MEETINGS – APRIL 12-14, 2011

In February the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) for Johnson Valley was released for public review and comment. The Marines have chosen Alternative #6, a dual-management plan by which the Department of Defense and the BLM will co-manage the South-Eastern part of Johnson Valley and allow public access when the Marines are not using the area for training. CORVA has questioned the logistics of this Plan from the beginning, as it doesn't seem like a practical solution and we may end up losing access all together. Regardless, we will be losing a significant portion of the Johnson Valley area. On April 12th, 13th and 14th the Marines and BLM will be holding public comment meetings in Joshua Tree, Ontario and Victorville to allow comments on the proposal for Alternative #6. If you attend, prepare a brief presentation that respectfully explains what the loss of this area will mean to you and ask that they reconsider removing the area from OHV Access. Meetings will be held from 5-9pm so you will only have to leave work a little early. This will be your **last chance** to help stop the total loss of thousands of acres of OHV public area in Johnson Valley. (see page 9)

Go to: www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/LAS/pages/updates.aspx for more information.

3. ATTEND THE CORVA ANNUAL MEETING IN VISALIA, CA – SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

The CORVA Annual meeting and elections will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 in Visalia at the Lamp Liter Inn. At this meeting we will be reviewing our progress from 2010, discussing our future goals for 2011 and planning for ways to get more CORVA volunteers to help us keep access to OHV areas in California. The details are listed in this newsletter and I hope to see many of you there. (see page 12)

Finally, if you can't attend any of these important events, please remember that your paid membership allows us to provide this newsletter to inform you and pay for legal defense when we must bring legal action against the agencies that want to take away your access. To help us save money, you can opt to receive the newsletter by email only. But at the very least, you can be sure to renew your membership and ask your friends to join us.

Remember, CORVA is all volunteers. Without encouragement from you – our members, we wonder if our passion will be enough to make a difference. Help us renew our strengths so that we may face the enormous challenges we have before us. Thank you in advance for your support.





15th Annual Moose Anderson Days

April SAT 23 & SUN 24 2011

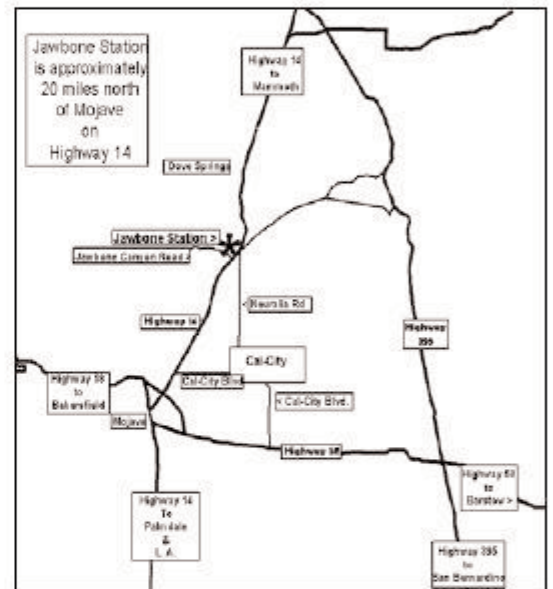
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SATURDAY 23

- 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
- 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 24

- 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.



NOTE: You must be pre-registered to be guaranteed a free T-Shirt and lunch.

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED. YES, I WANT TO HELP ON SATURDAY! (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone _____

Emergency contact _____

Phone _____

T-Shirt Size (kid L, Adult S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL) _____

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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

Interior Secretary Salazar Visits Glamis Dunes

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar came to Glamis Dunes in Southern California to emphasize the importance of the outdoors, public safety and its economic impact, KYMA-TV, Yuma, Ariz., reported. Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey accompanied Salazar on his rare and unique trip to Imperial County. Salazar came to emphasize President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative.

He told county officials protecting the dunes is crucial, not just to conserve the land, but to build the economy. Salazar said 1.3 million million people visit the dunes each year, calling it "a big economic engine." He added that 6.5 million jobs across the country are created from these types of recreation activities. Salazar remarked, "You see the economic investment people make in their recreational vehicles; the money that they spend on gasoline, the money that they spend on parts — it's all part of a healthy economy. And it's not being exported."

The secretary of interior also touched on the importance of federal land. And how it holds the key to the future of not just the Imperial Valley, but also the rest of the country. He said, "This will become one of the places where we're generating power for Los Angeles, for San Diego, for some of the big consumers of electricity."

County officials were taken aback by Salazar's decision to come to Imperial County. District Five Supervisor Raymond Castillo remarked, "The last time we had the secretary of the interior out here was during Reagan's administration which was 30 years ago, so this is great for us." District Two Supervisor Jack Terrazas added, "Hopefully this is a message he can take back to the president, who obviously he has direct contact with, especially in these times of cutting numbers." Meanwhile, while Congress grapples with a budget, county supervisors hope Salazar's visit sends a message that the valley needs more funding.

Forest Service Planning Regulations Released

The U.S. Forest Service has prepared revised 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 now been announced.

CORVA has begun to analyze the 50 page document. The plan is being developed through the NEPA process and includes no fewer than twelve alternatives! At first glance, we note that many of the original conservation driven aspects of the Planning rule remain unchanged.

A few items of interest:

- The proposed rule would define sustainable recreation as the set of recreational opportunities, uses and access that, individually and combined, are ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable (Preferred alternative A).
- Unit (Forest) supervisors will be the responsible officials, not the Regional Forester as in the past. This would allow more local control.
- Forest Plans must take into account the best possible science and document how it applies.
- Meaningful public participation should be assured, however the Forest Service retains the decision-making authority.
- Collaboration and cooperation with Tribes and local government is emphasized.
- The public will have the ability to shape the plan; this was previously reserved for interdisciplinary teams.
- Plan components must include sustainability, plant and animal diversity, multiple uses and NFMA timber requirements.
- Sustainability is a fundamental requirement.
- Forests will maintain and restore ecological sustainability.
- Recovery of threatened and endangered species is an important part of the plan.

As you can see the new Planning Rule is going to take considerable study. Comments must be received by May 16, 2011.

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WEMO Lawsuit Remedy Ordered

On January 28, 2011 Judge Illston issued her remedy for the lawsuit brought by the Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups against the West Mojave Plan. This was a long awaited decision that stems from the judge's finding that the BLM did not adhere to the "minimization criteria" in designating motorized routes in the WEMO Plan. CORVA is still analyzing this complex order, but a few items stand out. Most importantly, no closures were ordered.

The BLM will:

- Have three years, until 2014, to complete a supplemental analysis of routes that complies with the minimization criteria, has an adequate range of alternatives, and complies with NEPA.
- Be required to implement signing of routes and carry out a number of other tasks to comply with the order.

Department of the Interior "Wildlands" Policy

In our last issue we described this new policy that has raised concerns that this might be a "backdoor" approach to designating more BLM wilderness. The new policy has drawn a letter of opposition from members of Congress and also the attention of the House Committee on Natural Resources chaired by Doc Hastings.

March 1, 2011, the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources held an oversight hearing on Interior Secretary Salazar's Wild Lands policy. The hearing was entitled "The Impact of the Administration's Wild Lands Order on Jobs and Economic Growth."

Designation of "wild lands" will be done based input of the public and local communities. It's 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.

Secretary Salazar's new "wild lands policy" is drawing criticism from many western members of Congress. Forty-eight House members and eight Senators wrote to the Secretary on January 28th requesting that he withdraw his Secretarial Order 3310.

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 a proposal similar to alternative E in draft RMP with additional routes which are not yet defined. A draft of the 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.

The Bureau of Land Management will hold a public meeting April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Bureau of Land Management Hollister Field Office concerning a proposed withdrawal from mineral entry for Clear Creek Management Area.

* Notice of Correction

It has been called to my attention that this report was incorrect in stating that "only one BLM SRP would be issued per Field Office for any given date". This is incorrect, permits are issued depending on available staff and other resources according to the BLM. We regret any unwarranted concern this may have raised.

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Desert Renewable Energy Projects

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 representatives have attended stakeholder meetings held that will result in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP). This plan will affect virtually the entire California Desert Conservation Area including all the areas traditionally used for OHV recreation. It is important to understand that the actual DRECP document will be written by the consultants under the oversight of four government agencies: CA Energy Commission, CA Dept. of Fish & Game, BLM, & US Fish & Wildlife Service. Recreation interests have been under represented making it critical that CORVA attends these meetings.

Oceano Dunes Wind Towers get OK from San Luis Obispo County Supervisors

San Luis Obispo County supervisors Tuesday approved the installation of five wind towers in the Oceano Dunes over the misgivings of some Nipomo Mesa residents. Phil Jenkins, director of the Off Highway Vehicle Division of the State Department of Parks and Recreation, said the towers will be used to gather data to evaluate the effectiveness of pilot projects being conducted in the Dunes this spring to reduce the amount of sand blowing onto the Mesa.

The project was appealed by Terry Sweetland of Oceano and Katrina Dolinsky of the Mesa. Both said they don't trust officials with the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area to use the data collected by the towers to protect public health. Dust is a major air pollutant on the Nipomo Mesa and poses health risks for people living there.

"This is a waste of money," Sweetland said. "I think they are just trying to muddy the waters."

A recent scientific study by the county Air Pollution Control District showed that greater quantities of dust blow off the off-highway vehicle riding area than from adjacent nonriding dune areas. Jenkins said his department accepts that fact but is not convinced OHV are the cause. The location of the riding area or other variables could be the cause, he said.

Supervisors said public distrust of State Parks was outside the scope of the permit hearing. They reiterated their commitment to finding a way to reduce unhealthy levels of dust blowing from the park. "I don't see that there is a problem in putting in these structures," Supervisor Bruce Gibson said.

Two of the towers will be in the riding area while another two will be outside it in the Oso Flaco Lake area. The fifth will be at the CalFire station on Highway 1. It should take four to six weeks to install them, said Ronnie Glick, park environmental scientist. They will be in place for two years. State Parks officials and consultants hired by the Air Pollution Control District are set to begin experimenting with hay bales and revegetation as means to control blowing dust.

Travel Management Update

1. The Stanislaus National Forest has been sued by environmental organizations over its Travel Management Plan. 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 concluded. 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 Forest Supervisor Tina Terrell is leaving her position and an interim has been appointed. We'll miss Tina and her collaborative approach to forest management.

3. Tahoe National Forest--Motorized Travel Management Appeal - Much to our disappointment, a number of pro-access appeals of the decision have been denied. The Forest refused to give ground at the appeal resolution meeting. All appeals by both sides were denied, as has occurred on all other Travel Management Plans to date.

4. Plumas National Forest--Appeals of the Travel Management decision were filed on December 27 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. All appeals by both sides were denied as has occurred with all other Travel Management Plans.

JOHNSON VALLEY - Marine Corps Base Expansion Draft EIS Available

Marine Corps Base Expansion Draft EIS Available for Public Review and Three Public Meetings Scheduled

29 PALMS TRAINING LAND ACQUISITION/AIRSPACE ESTABLISHMENT DRAFT EIS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW: U.S. MARINE CORPS INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER, TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Marine Corps, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 29 Palms Training Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment Study. Potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed expansion of the training range at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center ("Combat Center") at Twentynine Palms, Calif., are evaluated in the Draft EIS. This proposed action would accommodate sustained, combined-arms, live-fire and maneuver training exercises for all elements of a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB). The Department of the Navy has prepared the Draft EIS in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management and Federal Aviation Administration.

The Marine Corps will hold three informational open house style public meetings to inform the public about the proposed action and the alternatives under consideration, and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed action, alternatives, and the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EIS. There will not be a formal presentation; however, Marine Corps representatives will be on hand to discuss and answer questions on the proposed action, the NEPA process and the findings presented in the Draft EIS. Public open house meetings will be held:

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Time: 5 to 9 p.m.
Location: Copper Mountain College
Bell Center Gym
6162 Rotary Way
Joshua Tree, Calif.

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Time: 5 to 9 p.m.
Location: Ontario High School
Gym
901 W. Francis St.
Ontario, Calif.

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011
Time: 5 to 9 p.m.
Location: Hilton Garden Inn
Mirage/Sahara Conference Center
12603 Mariposa Road
Victorville, Calif.

The proposed action is needed because current Marine Corps training bases, facilities, ranges, and live-fire ground and air maneuver areas are inadequate to support MEB-sized training exercises. Changes in MEB training requirements call for more military range land and airspace than is now available anywhere in the United States. The Center for Naval Analyses studied locations nationwide and concluded that the Combat Center is the only location with sufficient land and airspace potential to meet MEB training requirements.

The Combat Center is the Marine Corps' service-level training facility for Marine Air Ground Task Force training. More than 90 percent of Marines deploying to combat receive pre-deployment training at the Combat Center.

To download a copy of the EIS or to find the locations of information repositories where hard copies are available for review, please visit www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las

Comments may be submitted at a public meeting or in writing. A stenographer will be available for those wanting to submit an oral comment at the meeting. All written comments must be postmarked or received by May 26, 2011, to be considered in the Final EIS. Written comments may be submitted via the website at www.marines.mil/unit/29palms/las or mailed to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest
 ATTN: 29Palms EIS Project Manager
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 San Diego, CA 92132-519

Information related to the EIS is available on the project website at:
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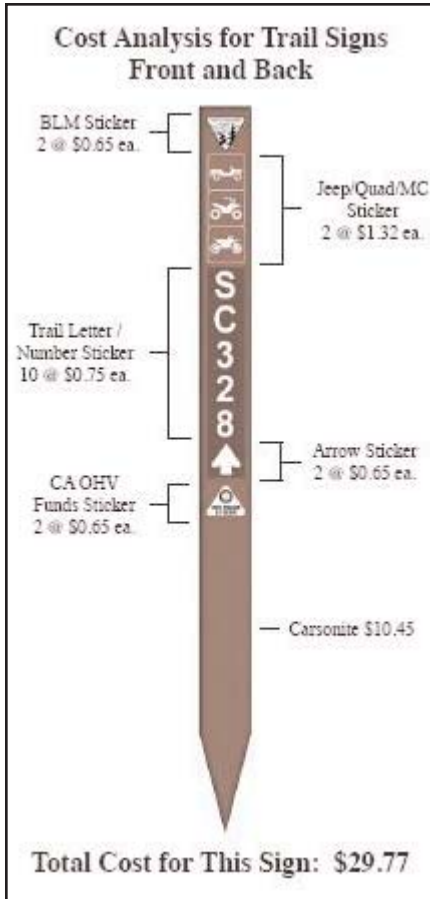
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Educational News

VP-Education, Ed Waldheim

Staying on Designated Trails

Wow, now this is a novel idea. How many times have you heard me talk about staying on trails over the last 18 to 20 years? What makes a big change now is that a judge from San Francisco has ruled on the West Mojave plan that the BLM has 60 days in which to come up with a plan on how to manage 9 million acres. That's right, 9 million acres, and the clock started January 28, 2011. Once the judge rules on this plan the BLM has 150 days in which to post signs on all of the trails.



If any of you have every put up a brown paddle sign (or Carsonite post) you know it takes about 2.5 minutes to drill a hole, put the paddle in, then put the decals on it. By the time you are done, you have spent a significant amount of money.

You may wonder why this is important. Well the decision by the judge is that BLM has to sign all the open routes (9,000 Acres), including BLM Barstow and Ridgecrest. There are about 5,000 miles of trails that the Center Bio Diversity, the Sierra Club and a slew of others want to reduce. However they seem to have forgotten that we already lost 8,000 miles in the first round of the West Mojave planning and they want more.

It gets better. The materials for the signs (about 20,000 needed for the 5000 miles of trails) are estimated to cost \$595,400, and the labor will make that significantly more. How much money did the judge allocate BLM for this? Zero. How much did the federal government allocate for this? Zero. So who is going to pay for this?

Once the signs are in place, assuming there is enough money to pay for it, there will be a monitoring plan in place to see how well the public complies with staying on the designated trails. What's more, there will be no closed signs installed, no barriers, no peeler post, no wing fences, just signs telling you what trail you are on. All deserts and forests are closed to off road use unless marked or designated on paper as open. Agencies are not obligated to sign the open trails because it is your responsibility to know which are open and which are not. The judge has made this part easy, so at least in the West Mojave, you will be on signed trails.

When everything gets signed, we must ensure that we remain on the trails. They say that it is only the 10% who do not obey the law. We, the 90% who obey the law and remain on designated trails, must put pressure on the 10% who are destroying our sport. If we don't do something now we will certainly lose more public land due to ignorance. What can you do to help? That is your education question for the day.

It is our responsibility to educate the "willfully ignorant". Please do your part.

CORVA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Here are the main projects that CORVA is involved with at this time. Please cut this form out and mail with your donation to:

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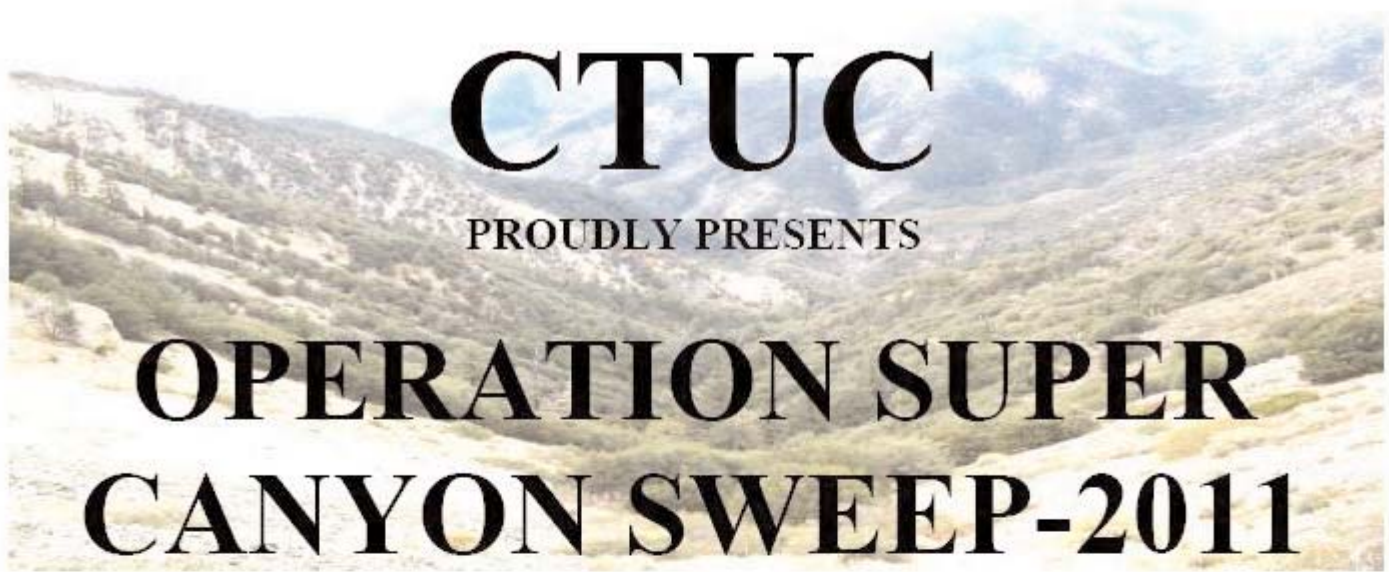
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[Annual CORVA Meeting](#)

It is that time again, our Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 21st in Visalia. We will be holding our meeting from 9am to 3pm at the Lamp Litter Inn located at 3300 West Mineral King, Visalia. Discounted rooms are available by calling 800-662-6692. Mention CORVA when placing your reservations. Registration will begin at 9am and the meeting will start at 11am. Representatives of clubs are encouraged to submit their club rosters before the meeting.

Elections will be held for the following offices; President, Vice President - Land Resources and Public Policy, Vice President - Sales and Marketing, and Secretary. Any Supporting Member of CORVA in good standing may run for any office. All candidates will be nominated from the floor at the beginning of the election process during the Annual Meeting. Potential candidates may submit a short biography to be published in the May newsletter, and/or CORVA web site, space and time permitting. The newsletter deadline is April 10th. For more info please contact Jim Colln at: 800-42-CORVA ext 509 or send an email to: jim.colln@corva.org.

More details to follow in our May newsletter. One item on the agenda will be our presenting of the annual awards, which are described below. So mark the date, make your plans to attend and get those nominations in.

[Annual CORVA Awards](#)

Now Accepting Nominations for the CORVA Awards. Each year we honor those in our community for their efforts in the advancement of off roading. The following awards will be presented at this year's CORVA Annual Meeting on May 21st. If you know of anyone deserving of one or more of these awards, please send the required information to: CORVA at 1500 W. El Camino, #352, Sacramento, CA 95833-1945 or email to: jim.colln@corva.org. Write one nomination per page or email and include the award name in the subject line. If you need more information please email or call 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 509

George Thomas Memorial Trophy For "Off Roader Of The Year": This trophy is presented to the one individual whose contributions to the betterment of off-roading during the preceding year are worthy of this very special recognition. The recipient may be any individual who has provided special help to off roading. The person does not have to be a member of CORVA or any affiliated organization. The nomination should be submitted with an explanation of the individual's accomplishments.

Looney Duners Trophy to Charity: To be eligible for this award, the club must belong to CORVA. The award goes to the club that donates the most time and effort to charity. Money is not a factor.

Northern & Southern Club Award: This award is given annually to one club in each region, Northern and Southern. Each club shall submit what it deems to be its outstanding project for the year. These projects will be considered by the Board of Directors, which shall award the trophy to that project it deems best bolsters the image of off roading. If your club has done a project please apply.

Los Aventureros State Conservation Award: This award is presented to the individual club, which during the year, has contributed the most towards conservation. Please contact us for more details.

American Buggy Association Political Activism Award: To have one's name added to this plaque requires exceptional activity in dealing with elected officials and civil servants. This means personal contact as well as effective letter writing. While significant success is not always possible, it is important that some progress toward a goal was achieved. In addition, this person's efforts should always increase the perception of CORVA as a political powerhouse.

Past Presidents' Trophy: This trophy is sponsored by the Past Presidents of CORVA. Unlike the aforementioned trophies which are voted upon by the CORVA Board of Directors after hearing nominations, this trophy is at the sole discretion of the Past Presidents. The recipient is an individual who has shown great merit and achieved honorable accomplishments on behalf of the off-road community.

What has your club done this year for Off-Roading? Your club may be eligible for any one of the awards listed above. Send us your list of club accomplishments for the last calendar year including participation in clean-up events, charity events or trail maintenance projects, help at CORVA events, attendance at OHV meetings, letter writing, trail patrols, adopt-a-trail, list of donations to CORVA or other OHV groups, and number of new CORVA members you brought in. Here's your chance to be recognized. so do it today!

California OHV Grants

VP-Education, Ed Waldheim

“What on earth do I have to do with OHV grants?” you may ask yourself, and the answer is very simple. With over \$27,100 million dollars allocated to Grants and cooperative agreements program, everyone of us is affected by these grants.

BLM, Forest Service City and Counties depend on the OHV program to help and assist in the management of public lands, law enforcement and a lot of other categories.

You may think you do not ride where they use OHV money, but even in private parks or tracks you have CHP and local law enforcement officers who get money from OHV program, so it is pretty safe to assume there is OHV money is being spent on every area you recreate, fish, hunt, collect rocks and minerals, or do what ever you do, using wheels to get there.

So what is our education message here? Grants are due by all agencies to OHV division March 7, 2011. I personally have led meetings on grants, contributing to southern California public input on grants.

We are now submitting projects for the new 2011 OHV grant cycle and require your assistance during the public comment period that began on March 8 and will continue through April 7th. This is the time the state sets aside for the general public to make any and all comments related to the organization or agencies applying for grant assistance.

While we would prefer positive and supporting comments, it is up to the public to provide comments either way. Here is how to get started:

1. Go to <http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov>.
2. Select the grant tab.
3. Click on the tab “OLGA”, (On Line Grant Application)
4. Scroll down to “Public Review instructions” and click on it or select the “Review Preliminary application” link.
5. When you get the popup, select GCA-10 (Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2010-2011) to return to the Public Review Screen.
6. In the lower right hand corner, select “find”
7. From this point on, scroll until you find the agency or organization you wish to make comments about.

Please make sure when you e-mail comments, that we and DPR/OHV are both addressed on your email. For CORVA please send to: corva@corva.org
Thank you for your time and concern.



Coming Soon: Our new website that is...

Plans have been in the works for months and testing is ongoing but we are getting really close. Along with the new site is our new mass email system and online store. Our members will be able to update their own information and sign up for newsletter subscriptions. So be on the lookout for an email with the above header on it, that will signal our official start of the new site. More to come in future issues.

16th Annual Truckhaven Challenge

by Steve Hewitt

Once again CORVA invaded Ocotillo Wells SVRA for our 16th Annual Truckhaven Challenge. The weather gods gave us a break this year as the weather was perfect. We started showing up on Wednesday to mark base camp and start marking the course. Afterwards we took a little trip over to the "Truckhaven" side of the road for some exploring.

Rick Fisher and Scott O'Connell took me to some places to which I haven't been in a long time. One of the disappointing things to find out was someone is taking the legendary landmarks out. The phone booth and other landmarks were missing, but I have now heard that the phone booth is back.



We finished marking the course on Thursday and Friday. This was challenging since the rain really washed out some of the course. Many attendees started rolling in on Friday morning to avoid the usual rush in the afternoon and evening.

Saturday was a picture perfect day for the event to begin. We had a great trail with the games at the checkpoints manned by Off-Road Animals, Ocotillo Wells Interpretive Program, and Jeeping Jeepers. A big thank you to the clubs that volunteered to help, as these events would be impossible without their help. We had no major incidents on the trail this year and everyone had a great time.

Ocotillo Wells Interpretive program had a booth where they educated attendees on the resources that OW has to offer. Got Desert ID was with us this year also. If you have never heard of them, I encourage you to visit their website to learn more about this organization.

After the Poker run we had our 1st dog show at the Truckhaven Challenge. There were 15 dogs entered with numerous prizes awarded to the winners of each category. Make sure you bring your dogs next year and enter them in the show.

Saturday evening before the raffle, the Trailmasters prepared their much-anticipated barbeque dinner. You don't know what you are missing until you have tasted their cheeseburgers and chili. Once again the Trailmasters donated the proceeds from the barbeque to CORVA. Thank you Trailmasters, for donating \$624.00 to our land use fund.

We had a great raffle, with prizes donated by the off-road industry. Wayne Ford and Katie Hewitt did a great job at emceeding the raffle.

I would like to thank all of you that attended and made this event a huge success. CORVA was able to raise \$6,636.00 after costs.

Thank you to all the vendors that donated to the Truckhaven Challenge Raffle. Make sure you patronize them first when you are shopping for all your off-road needs.

The generous vendors were: 4 Wheel Parts, Arco AM/PM Salton City, Baja Designs, Fox Factory Racing Shox, Genright Off-Road, Interstate Batteries, Kal-Gard, Napier, Off-Road Warehouse, PU-Products, Simi Valley Honda, Trail Gear, Trasharoo, Viar.

I would also like to thank those with Ocotillo Wells SVRA for allowing us to hold this event. They are great hosts.



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Last but certainly not least I would like to thank all the volunteers that make this event possible. Thank you Rick Fisher, Scott O'Connell, Clayton Miller, Lisa Miller, Jim Woods, Katherine Kelsey Joann Mayhew, Michele Hewitt, Katie Hewitt, Wayne Ford, Richard Hewitt, Billie Hewitt, Bob Hackler, Vinnie Barbarino, Kathy Barbarino, Jared Danley, Shawn Hewitt, Jim Arbogast & Chris Kolbenschlag.

See you at next year's Truckhaven Challenge January 21st 2012!



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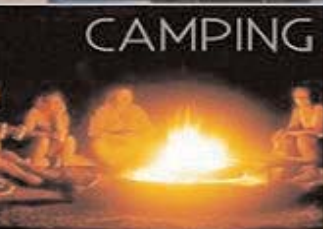
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- 5-10 Annual El Mirage Spring Cleanup.
- 5-21 CORVA Annual Meeting - Visalia

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