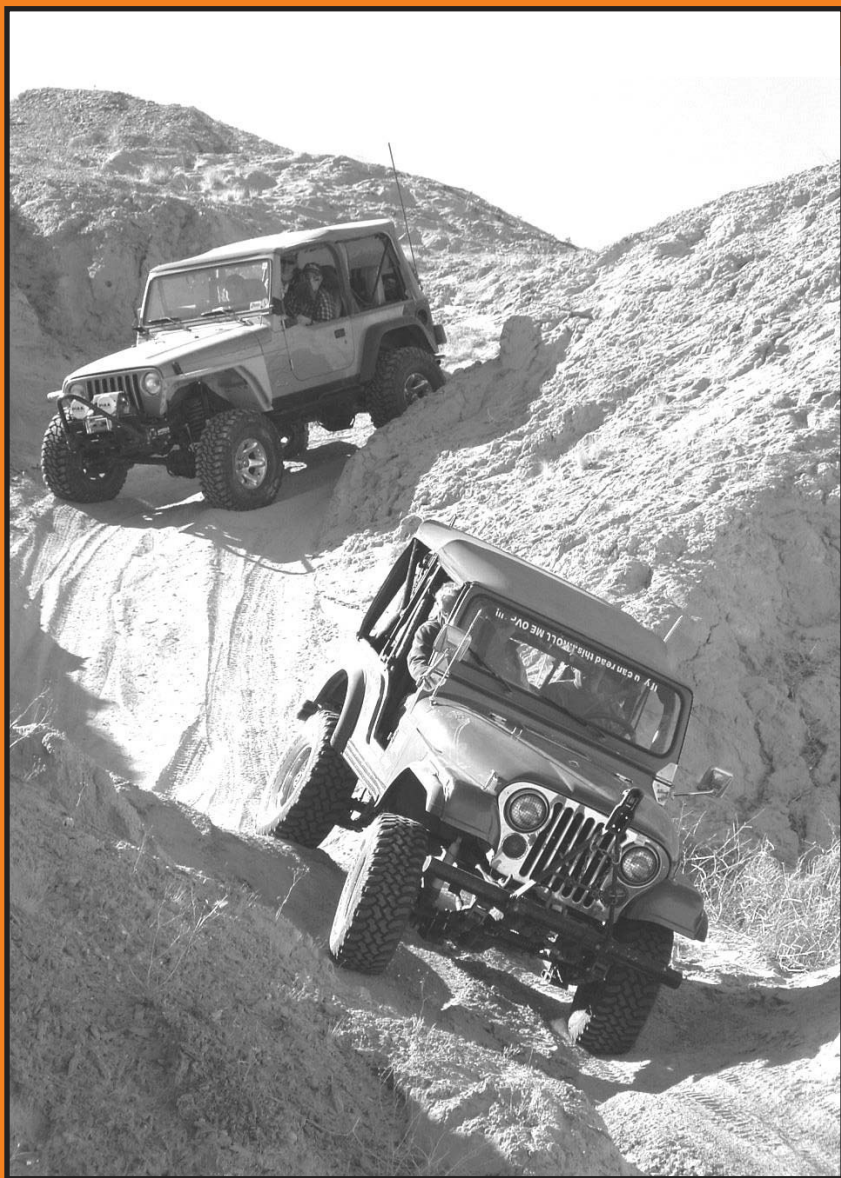


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We are very active in the political arena and pay for a lobbyist in Sacramento. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in responsible vehicular access.

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In Overdrive



By Ed Waldheim
President

48 Hours of Hell Center for BioDiversity Sues CORVA and DPR to Shut Down Truckhaven Challenge

"48 Hours of Hell" or 48 hours of a Mind Challenge is what this event now has turned out to be. Rick Fisher, Geoff Teare and Terry Work together with their families worked their hearts out for all of us to have fun at the 12th Annual Truckhaven Challenge event that was to take place on January 20 & 21, 2007.

When Rick put his team together, Geoff Teare and Terry Work are always there doing the hard dirty work. They work one year in advance on the details of the next year's event. Then, these guys arrive a week before the event to make sure all is in order — to lay out & ribbon the course, GPS the checkpoints, organize the starting lines, organize the registration and prizes, etc. Dozens of other volunteers show up one or two days before the event by filling in as needed, hosting checkpoints, working registration tables, cooking dinner and breakfast, helping with the huge prize giveaway.

Well 2007 will be remembered as the Mind Game Challenge. It all started years ago when we, the off-roader community, wanted to make sure we could continue to use this recreational area for years to come, as Tierra Del Sol 4x4 Club has done for the last 40 plus years. We didn't want to lose our historical recreation areas. To do this, we, being law abiding citizens, encouraged and lobbied the OHMVR Division of State Parks and State Parks Director Ruth Coleman to help us acquire the property for continued off-road use. It was previously privately owned land.

There was a willing seller, and negotiations started to proceed with Kathy Dolinar, Superintendent of Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) right in the middle of the negotiations. Kathy is a good steward of the land and a great Parks Superintendent. She believes that

there is a place for recreation within resource protection and Truckhaven and Ocotillo Wells are the perfect place for both to occur in tandem.

We thought everything was going well until Anza Borrego Desert State Parks Staff and the State Parks Foundation had other ideas. Those ideas turned out to be of no benevolent nature. They wanted the acquisition all for themselves and wanted to ban OHV from the land. They even tried to undermine negotiations by trying to raise funds to acquire the property themselves, but failed. Thus, the purchase proceeded by State Parks.

Now we all know when a piece of property is acquired management plans have to be developed and this is something the OHMVR Division of State Parks is always committed to doing. But the issue of use had to be dealt with, both recreational use and organized use.

In come permits. CORVA was told we needed to have insurance, we had to pay a fee and had to share proceeds with State Parks. That was a hard pill to swallow, but being law abiding citizens, we complied with all their requirements and received our permit.

On Friday, twelve hours before the event, eight Department of Parks and Recreation personnel, lead by Kathy Dolinar rode the entire 21 mile course and a biologist made adjustments to the course.

While they were doing this in good faith, the environmental zealots had a complete different idea. The environmental faction started their propaganda machine against us in the press, radio and with notice of legal action against us. That is where "48 Hour of Hell" comes in. Yes, two solid days I personally was working on this legal action with our lobbyist in Sacramento Pete Conaty and David Hubbard, our legal council for

EcoLogic Partners, Inc. Mr. Hubbard had to fly to Sacramento and spend an entire day in court to find out that was a lawsuit filed which included a Temporary Restraining Order. The Temporary Restraining Order was a two part issue. One portion was against us to stop the Truckhaven Challenge and the second against the State Department of Parks & Recreation to ban all OHV use in the Truckhaven recreational area.

Now here is where the environmental zealots did just that. They have no interest in the environment. They do everything in their power to stop anything that has to do with OHVs. Their religious fanaticism is so strong against OHVs that they completely lose site of their actions, because if a rational person would sit back and think what they are doing, they would realize they are accomplishing exactly the opposite of what they are trying to achieve.

Let me Explain -

Environmental zealots are under the impression that if they sue and take us to court, we are going to disappear. They are dead wrong on that one! Not one of us is going to stop riding an enjoying the Great Outdoors because of a lawsuit.

They are dead wrong that they think they can mandate their fanaticism in America. We are American. We are not under a religious order or Ceasar-type dictatorship in America. We love to have fun in nature and fun we will have with our off-road vehicles! Dam the environmental zealots!

They are dead wrong to call themselves environmentalist. They are zealots, they have no clue about environmental issues. Why? Because of their actions, they are

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All CORVA members will receive 2 books of tickets in the mail. If you need more, please contact CORVA VP Sales & Marketing Terry Work at (800) 42-CORVA x513 or by email: terry@corva.org. The drawing for the lucky winner will be held at the Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa on September 14-16, 2007.

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Battle for Truckhaven Hills

Center for Biological Diversity/Desert Protective Council File Lawsuit Against CORVA and State DPR

All too often, the pages of *Off-Roaders In Action* ("ORIA"), CORVA's website, and other off-highway recreation publications are full of stories which depict the loss of yet another event and area to environmental extremist litigation.

In this instance, CORVA is proud to report that we went "toe to toe" with the Center for Biological Diversity ("CBD") and we WON!

Although CORVA voluntarily cancelled the Truckhaven Challenge to pre-empt claims of environmental non-compliance, all is not lost. CORVA's wonderful membership and others who would have otherwise supported the event – upon hearing about the CBD's lawsuit against CORVA – "stepped-up" by sending donations and contributing to CORVA – like never before!

In an effort to provide an accurate account of the events of the past two weeks, the following is an official chronology of this issue, complete with links to pertinent websites and documents.

Background and Perspective

For over fifty (50) years, off-highway recreationist have visited and recreated in an area just west of the Salton Sea known as Truckhaven Hills. Once slated for development, this area has grown as a mecca for our recreation.

Circa 1964, the Tierra Del Sol Four Wheel Drive Club of San Diego began hosting the Desert Safari event in this desolate area consisting of dry mud hills. The event has been a successful gathering of 4-wheel drive enthusiasts for over 40 years.

For the past twelve (12) years, CORVA has provided an opportunity to participate in a family-oriented event known as the "Truckhaven Challenge". What started out as a small group of 13 CORVA members hosting a "Poker Run" for off-highway recreationists – with only 17 additional participants — has grown into an event that saw over 400 registered vehicles

participating in the event in 2006. The event provides organized family off-roading fun with games along the course, a poker hand, prizes, a barbecue and t-shirts. The Truckhaven Challenge also became a significant source of donations for CORVA to assist in their legal challenges to keep public lands open for public uses. In 2006, the association generated \$25,000 for CORVA's Land Use Fund, a far cry from its first event.

The event not only provides for organized recreation, it is an introduction to new off-roaders about the organization's goals to educate the off-roading community about safety, resource protection, erosion control, stay-on-trails ethics, trail etiquette, advocacy of public land access, and environmental policy.

This year's event was to be conducted on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21, 2007.

The overall property ownership of the area (approximately 14,727 acres) is a checkerboard mix of private and state lands with two small parcels of federal public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Approximately 4000 acres of private lands, known as the "Freeman Properties" were purchased by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division ("OHMVR") Trust Fund in 2006, at the request of CORVA and other off-road organizations to protect the historical recreational use by the off-roading community. The current State-owned lands (approximately 8,000 acres) are part of the State Trust Lands holdings under management control of the State Lands Commission. These State lands are outside the boundaries of Anza Borrego Desert State Park.¹

Additionally, Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (OWSVRA) is adjacent to the Truckhaven Hills area. Ocotillo Wells SVRA is paid for by registration money and gas taxes attributed

to off-highway vehicles and administered by the California Department of Parks & Recreation OHMVR Division.

The 2007 "Challenge" is Challenged!

Events Leading up to the Decision to Cancel

Preparations for an event of this magnitude start a full year in advance. This year's event, as in the past, was to be staged on private lands within the area with the trail crossing the now California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) owned land. The preparations for this year's event were more difficult than before due to the acquisition of some of the private lands cited above. CORVA took all precautions to legally host the event by ordering an insurance policy, requesting a permit and agreeing to share proceeds with the State DPR.

On the Wednesday before this year's event (January 17, 2007) the California State Lands Commission sent a letter to CORVA indicating that we were not "authorized" to cross public lands under the management of the State Lands Commission for this year's Challenge. This authorization was previously approved by the State Lands Commission, when CORVA's Event Chairman requested authorization, but was later revoked once the Center for Biodiversity clouded the issue with mistruths.

Late in the afternoon of the very next day, CORVA learned that the CBD intended to file suit against DPR and CORVA for failure of DPR to conduct the public planning process and Management Plan since the ownership change in July of 2006. Also, as part of its suit, CBD alleged the State had not considered the effects of this event on the Peninsular Big Horn Sheep and its Critical Habitat. In an effort to immediately prohibit this year's event, CBD additionally requested a Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO"). This information prompted CORVA

Victory

President Ed Waldheim to be in contact with CORVA's legal counsel, Mr. David Hubbard.

After obtaining a copy of the suit on Thursday, January 18, 2007, Mr. Hubbard flew to Sacramento the very next day, to represent CORVA before Judge Gail Ohanesian of the Superior Court of California in the County of Sacramento. Upon researching and assessing the suit, Mr. Hubbard called Mr. Waldheim at approximately 2:15 p.m. and recommended that CORVA cancel this year's event to avoid an adverse judicial ruling.

In the meantime, CORVA's volunteers and most Board Members were at the Truckhaven site, some were present since Monday of that week, setting up the State-approved and permitted course with ribbon and stakes. Upon hearing of the suit, CORVA volunteers had been working with eight State Parks personnel including an archaeologist and a biologist to reroute the course away from Big Horn Sheep Critical Habitat, which was the reason for the

CORVA did everything possible to "unwind" all the hard work and effort, and inform as many attendees as possible that this year's event was officially cancelled. Board members sent email notifications to all pre-registered participants, the webmaster posted a cancellation notice on the website (which was quoted in the San Diego Union Tribune), the course markings, ribbons and stakes were removed from the 21 mile course by a group of qualified volunteers, registration was cancelled, event signs were removed, and participants were notified at the event site of the cancelled event. In all, CORVA made every humanly-possible effort to comply with the spirit and intent provided to the Court as rational for not issuing the TRO.

And in doing so, CORVA believed that the issue was over for the time being and planned to involve themselves in the process of a Management Plan with the State for the area, and hopefully conduct a 2008 Truckhaven Challenge.

to the Court by Wednesday, January 24, at 12 noon.

CORVA went into defensive mode and had numerous key volunteers and Board Members file Declarations with the Court, explaining their personal experiences at the event. This masterful orchestration by Mr. Hubbard of obtaining Declarations to support CORVA's legal brief was accomplished within 48 hours – not the usual 30 days. All of these legal documents were then submitted to the Court within the Wednesday deadline.

The Center for Biodiversity had intentions of "proving" that CORVA and State DPR continued with the event, against statements made in open court by CORVA's attorney to the contrary at the previous hearing. CBD had even sent "spies" to take photographs of the "non-event" in hopes of persuading the judge that the Truckhaven Challenge had gone forward.

Then they get much better...

"Apparently, we struck a nerve with our court papers," wrote CORVA's attorney, Mr. Hubbard, in an email to Mr. Waldheim the next day at 10:45 a.m. "Just minutes ago, I received notice from CBD that it has dismissed CORVA from the lawsuit against State Parks. Apparently, CBD doesn't want us at the hearing so they've taken us out of the case."

Perhaps the most satisfaction CORVA could have ever hoped for came from the Court itself. At the hearing on Friday, January 26, Judge Gail Ohanesian of the Sacramento County Superior Court denied the CBD's request for a Temporary Restraining Order that would have shut-down the Truckhaven area to all off-highway vehicle use for the indefinite future.

Based on the briefs and declarations submitted by State Parks and CORVA, the Court was persuaded that (1) no violations of law took place, and (2) no restraining order was necessary to protect the resources at Truckhaven.

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complaint of the CBD. The reroute was complete on Friday afternoon one hour before Mr. Waldheim called to notify the CORVA Board Members enroute to the event that the event was cancelled.

Although a very difficult decision, given the hard work and efforts of the volunteers who make this event a success, Mr. Waldheim, in an effort to protect the future interest of the membership of CORVA and OHV recreationists who visit this area, decided to have Mr. Hubbard notify the Court and all parties to this suit that CORVA officially was withdrawing its permit from State Parks for the event.

From that point in time and continuing throughout the weekend, volunteers of

Then Things get Worse

The following Monday, after the event, CORVA's attorney was notified that the Center for Biodiversity would be returning to Court with another TRO Motion. This one, however, not only sought to shut down all OHV use of Truckhaven, it also accused CORVA of going forward with the Truckhaven Challenge on January 20—21, despite telling the Court it was cancelled. In other words, CBD was alleging that CORVA lied to the judge. This is an extremely severe accusation.

The Court hearing on this new TRO was set for Friday, January 26. However, CORVA had to submit its legal briefs and evidence

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Land Access Issues

County Sues Feds to Preserve Access to Public Roads

By Bill Postmus
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor

San Bernardino County is suing the United States Department of Interior in an effort to preserve the public's access to roads in the Mojave National Preserve. The County, at the request of Chairman Postmus, filed suit October 26 in Riverside Federal Court against the National Park Service for quiet title claim to the primary County Maintained Road System in the Mojave National Preserve.

Under the auspices of the Desert Protection Act of 1994, which established the Preserve, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service and other federal agencies under the Department of the Interior have closed roads that are part of the County's Highway System across federal lands and have otherwise interfered with the actions of the County in conjunction with the regulation,

operation and management of these highways.

Several attempts by the County to resolve issues of rights of way and jurisdiction with federal officials and agencies have failed. The resulting suit seeks to ensure the County's right to conduct maintenance activities within rights of way, including making improvements and accommodating drainage ditches, shoulders, culverts and road signs.

The Park Service had suggested that the County turn over its maintained road system in the Preserve to the Park Service and waive its responsibility for the roads. The suggestion was made with the idea that federal money would be available to give the Service an ability to maintain the roads. However, Chairman Postmus felt it was more important to preserve the public's right to use these roads by insisting that the County own the roads. "The County is accountable to the residents of the Preserve

and is in a better position to be responsive to their concerns, including concerns over the possibility of arbitrary road closures," Postmus said.

This effort is separate from another ongoing effort by San Bernardino County to ensure public access to a public road through federal lands. The county has a pending application with the BLM seeking title to Camp Rock Road from Lucerne Valley to Barstow through issuance of "recordable disclaimers" under regulations currently not enforceable in Park Service jurisdiction.

Both efforts rely on Revised Statute 2477, a federal mining law that preserves public rights of way for states, counties and private entities who can prove that their routes existed prior to the year 1976.

The Interior Department and National Park Service have not yet responded to the County's legal action.

[With the help of Jennifer Foster of Public Lands for Public Use (PLPU) and Kathleen Hayden of the Backcountry Horsemen Borrego Springs Unit, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors several years

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CORVA's legal counsel, Mr. David Hubbard of EcoLogic, said, "This is a great victory for families who enjoy recreation in the southern California desert. For the moment at least, we have preserved a Truckhaven tradition that has been unbroken for more than 50 years."

The fight over Truckhaven is not over yet. Although its TRO request was rejected, CBD still intends to pursue its overall CEQA lawsuit against State Parks over Truckhaven. CORVA and other interested parties will likely participate in the litigation.²

According to Steve Kuehl, CORVA's Immediate Past President, "Perhaps the most telling reason Judge Ohanesian denied the TRO was likely due to the outstanding legal brief submitted to the Court by CORVA's attorney. In short, the Plaintiff (CBD) needs to demonstrate to the Court that they are likely to succeed in the lawsuit — planned for a later date — in order to

persuade the Court to issue the Temporary Restraining Order."

Contained in that Brief was the irrefutable fact that CBD blundered as this lawsuit was "**time barred**" (meaning the statute of limitations had run out) and they failed to provide "**legal arguments**", but instead provided "**policy arguments**" in its Motion before the Court.

In the End, the Legal Process Worked

In the end, the legal process worked and justice prevailed. What started out as a serious threat to CORVA and its event, ended on a much more positive note.

Regarding the cancellation of the event, CORVA President Ed Waldheim said, "I am forever grateful to the volunteers who bucked-up and took control of the situation on-sight in my absence. Yes, there were many disappointed members and a few who were angry with the Center for Biodiversity for this action, but CORVA persevered and 'Took the High Road' as we always do. In

the end, we prevailed and beat the Center for Biodiversity at their own game!"

CORVA will be celebrating this win at the upcoming Family Fun Day & Convention in California City, to be held near the Cal City MX Park (on 20 Mule Team Road and Chrysler St.) on March 30 to April 1, 2007. We will be hosting free events for all CORVA members! This will include all ages, skill levels and all vehicles with trophies galore!

Join the association today, make your generous donation to honor our win against CBD and to keep public lands open for future public use by visiting our website, and come have fun with us in Cal City! Visit www.corva.org for more information or to make an on-line donation. See you there!

(Endnotes)

¹ Information courtesy of the Declaration of John Stewart, January 19, 2007 (CBD et al v. DPR/CORVA – Case No. 07CS00077) Sacramento Superior Court [Hyperlinks and additional information added by CORVA]

² Press Release by EcoLogic Partners (Dave Hubbard) January 26, 2007.

Get Involved

Do You Want to See Off-Roading Continue? Then, Volunteer for the CORVA Board

By Erin Dyer
State Secretary & Editor

CORVA is in immediate need for volunteer board members to help guide the association. Check the list of board members at the back of your newsletter and see if there is a position you are capable of filling – whether in Northern, Southern or Central California. CORVA board members meet only 4 times a year for a meeting, usually on a Saturday.

The rest of our work is done via email. Many of our board members have served the association for 10 or more years and need a break. Travel expenses to the board meetings are reimbursed.

Do you want to see off-roading continue? Then, join us as a volunteer.

There are voting positions as CORVA officers and non-voting positions as volunteer Field Reps, Expo Booth helpers, etc. Join us in whatever level of volunteerism you are comfortable with.

We need Club Reps (to meet clubs in person and/or online), Grant Reps. (to follow OHMVR Grants & Commission meetings), Legislative Reps. (to work with our Adopt-A-Legislator program, encourage other members to get involved with their legislator, and/or follow legislation), and Jamboree Chairmen (to organize our fundraiser events in their region).

Jim Arbogast our Southern Region Director will be taking on a position of monitoring our legal efforts and has resigned as Southern Region Director. Thanks Jim for your years of dedication! Thanks to Wes

Hoagland for agreeing to take the position as Southern Regional Director and Jamboree Chairman in Jim's absence.

If you can think of a way to donate your time and we haven't found a job for you yet, call us with your ideas how to help CORVA.

We have a strong board of knowledgeable people. You will learn a lot and enjoy the camaraderie we share. So, won't you call us and volunteer?

Contact Ed Waldheim at ed@corva.org or 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 215.

Off Roaders Fund Trails for All

By Chris Horgan, Executive Director
Stewards of the Sequoia

Most people give little thought to the time and money it takes to maintain Forest trails. It can be time consuming & money is hard to come by with shrinking Forest Service budgets. Fortunately Off-Roaders contributed almost \$8 million in 2005 for Forest Service trails in California, which was 33% more than the combined contributions from all non-motorized groups. Yet while OHV users provide the lion's share of trail funding, only one-fifth of the trails allow motorized recreation.

Off-Road groups volunteer considerable time on National Forest multiple use trails to keep the trails in good condition & protect the environment.

It is hard work clearing downed trees, repairing washed out trails & trimming back overgrown brush, but worthwhile to keep the land healthy & make the trails more enjoyable for everyone.

We are very fortunate to have world class multiple use motorized trail systems on National Forest Lands. The Forest Service is currently revising their Motorized Trail Plan & it is very important for motorized users be involved to ensure existing historical motorized trails are kept open.

Apparently the Forest Service is considering closing a number of trails to motorized use, eliminating Off-Roader volunteerism & funding on those trails. Where will the Forest Service find the money to maintain those trails closed to motorized use? Why do they need to be closed?

If you have questions or comments regarding the future of trails in your area, the Forest Service would like to hear from you.

Please contact your local Forest Service office & get involved to keep your trails open to multiple use.

Stewards of the Sequoias is a Division of the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC).

Two Hoaxes in One Year

By Ann Nosala, CORVA member

It seems that someone is "having fun" at the expense of the off-road community. Twice in 2006 we have had cons played on us.

The first hoax happened in June with a false press release stating that Johnson Valley OHV area was going to be closed. Many newspapers printed this false information without so much as a phone call to verify if it was true.

CORVA spent many hours researching this press release that used BLM letterhead along with BLM contact people. Much time and energy was spent, the truth came out. It was bogus.

Fast forward to December, 2006.

Word comes out that three separate OHV areas within the jurisdiction U.S. Forest Service are in the process of being closed to OHV use.

CORVA President Ed Waldheim spent many frustrating hours trying to have this information verified. For a few days, the word was, "Yes, this is true."

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OHV Outreach

Freedom of the Mountains! (and how to keep it)

By Benjamin vonDielingen
San Bernardino National Forest
Association

Freedom. That's the best way to describe living in the mountains: a profound feeling of freedom. After all, being high up on a hill allows me to let all those things that cloud my mind to just slip away. That sense of freedom and clearness is what attracts many of us to live in these high places, and it's what brings others to visit. These mountains offer us great opportunities and recreational activities.

Whether you enjoy hiking, horseback, canoeing, mountain biking, climbing or off-highway vehicle recreation, you can find what you enjoy here in the San Bernardino National Forest. Riding a dirtbike along a trail on a beautiful day is just one way to experience what the mountain has to offer. The way the wind hits you as you accelerate up a hill, the smell of chaparral, the taste of dust in your mouth, the way your machine becomes an extension of you own body – moving in synchronicity as you wind your way along the trail. This sense of *freedom in nature* is the reason many of us visit our public lands, but we must remember that with *freedom* comes *responsibility*.

Americans are, by nature, an independent lot, and those of us who enjoy

recreating outdoors on public lands seem to be even more so. All week long, we face rules and regulations that society or work have thrust upon us, and when we get to have our fun, the last thing we want is someone telling us what we can and cannot do. It is important to remember, though, that we are not the whole affair. Guidelines set forth by land agencies, such as the USFS, are not there to quash our fun, but rather to preserve the opportunity for others to enjoy the same sense of elation that we derive from recreating on our public lands.

It is our responsibility – as enthusiasts of the forest – to follow these guidelines in an effort to allow future generations the same freedom we enjoy. To not do so is detrimental to whatever may be our preferred sport and is also disrespectful to current and future users.

"I encourage people to recognize the diverse interests of people who visit this forest, and that we all have to be respectful of the rules," says Jonathan Cook-Fischer, USFS Forest Protection Officer on the San Bernardino National Forest. "Public impression of a user group can be influenced by the actions of just one or two people. Ultimately, we have to be personally responsible for our actions in the forest."

I doubt many of us set out to maliciously break the rules. Rather, we tend to rationalize an "occasional" lapse in judgment: we cut switchbacks because walking uphill along those windy trails is too exhausting; we ride out of our own neighborhood through sensitive and closed areas because it's easier than trailering our bikes to a staging

When in the forest, OHV riders often encounter obstacles, such as downed trees, washed out trails, and water crossings. Knowing how to properly navigate the terrain responsibly allows future users to have the same experience.



Hiker Jessica Osmond takes a break during a hike along the Pacific Crest Trail.

area; we fail to wash off our wheels when we get home because we're too tired, and the ballgame is starting in ten minutes. These events, in multitude, will surely destroy our freedom and privilege to recreate in the forest.

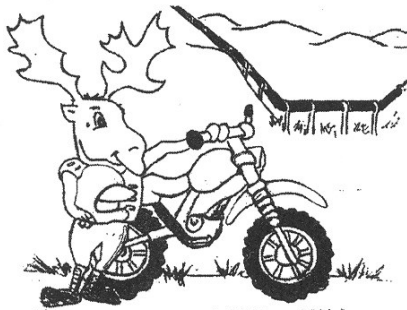
"It's simply irresponsible for us to ride off of designated routes," explains Russ Ehnes, Executive Director for the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC). "Going off-trail can negatively impact sensitive soils and sensitive plants and animals. People need to trailer their vehicles to a staging area, even if the trail is only a few hundred yards from their house."

Have you ever wondered how we found our ways to the places in which we live? Have you wondered about the layout of roads, and why they exist in one place instead of another? It's quite simple: Before supermarkets with readily available food and sophisticated road engineering existed, humans followed game trails. Over time, those well-trodden trails became paths, the paths became roads, and the roads became highways. In the 18th century, Daniel Boone led families through the Cumberland Gap along the Wilderness Road (an old buffalo path) which opened up the flow of settlers into the American West.

In much the same way, taking your bike (4X4, horse, boots, etc.) off trail will leave a visible sign of someone passing that way. Another person following behind may see the trail, and follow. Soon, there is a new path through the forest where one was not intended. As more people use the path, it

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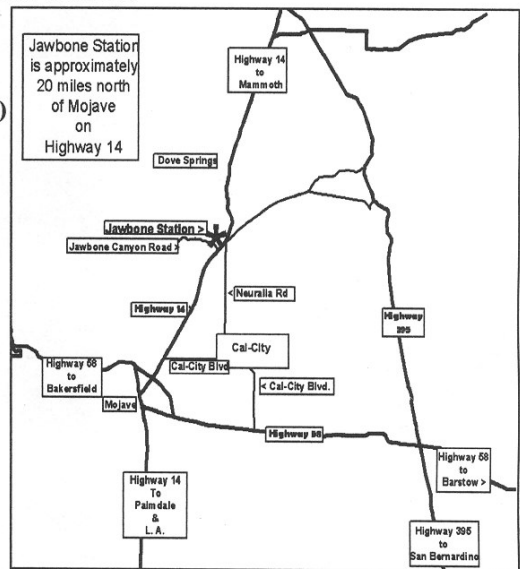
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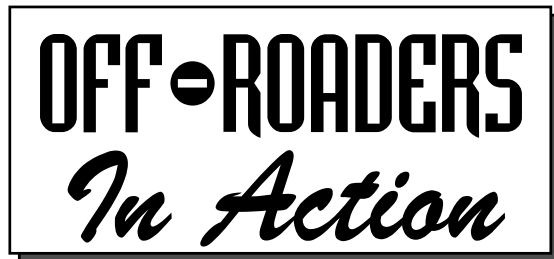
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N2Dirt Raffle Cancelled – Crisis in Safety and Education Program

By Roberta Woods, Treasurer
N2Dirt

Due to the unfortunate loss of the Truckhaven Challenge event in January, officers of the N2Dirt Safety and Education program have decided to cancel the prize giveaway of the CanAm DS50 quad ATV. The winner of the new children's quad was to have been pulled from \$1.00 tickets sold prior to and during the CORVA Fun Days convention March 31, 2007. "First, we lost our opportunity for exposure because of the Day Fire in Gorman," said Dan Allison, Program Director of N2Dirt. The N2Dirt officers were hoping to raise awareness of the new N2Dirt web-site designed especially for young off road users. The site features articles, games and safety lessons for responsible off road use and targets our young riders. "Without our Southern Jamboree, we were hoping to use the Truckhaven Challenge as our second big boost." Allison said.

As reported on the CORVA web-site and elsewhere in the *OffRoaders in Action*, the Truckhaven Challenge was cancelled

because of a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity. The CBD filed a temporary restraining order the day before the event January 20, 2007. The CORVA Board of Directors cancelled the event, in accordance with the judge's orders. Subsequently, both the CBD restraining order and closure of Truckhaven were dismissed. However, once again the N2Dirt board was unable to display their prize giveaway at an event that brings out many families and children. "We wanted to raise awareness of our educational organization while raising money for N2Dirt. Unfortunately, we just haven't been able to get the exposure we needed at this time," reports Jim Woods, President of N2Dirt.

The N2Dirt board hopes to start the contest again later this year – perhaps to correspond with either the Sand Show in Costa Mesa or the next Southern Jamboree, both to be held in September 2007. All purchasers of the \$1.00 raffle tickets will receive a full refund from N2Dirt. For more information about N2Dirt, CORVA members are encouraged to visit the web-site at www.N2Dirt.org.

[This is not to be confused with the CORVA Sweepstakes for the Yamaha YFZ450 ATV. - Erin Dyer, Editor]

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On December 21, 2006 Ed did validate that the information was completely false.

I would suspect the person or person's who are taking the time to fabricate these outrageous fibs are not someone you will meet on the trail.

The OHV community was duped twice this year.

I would like to say to the liar of these false closure reports; thank you, you are helping the OHV community grow closer. You are assisting our cause to wake OHV people up to the extent of lies and deceit people like you are willing to go to. Your actions speak for themselves, may karma visit you, my friend.

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- **Public Roads** - Cont'd. from page 10-ago agreed to assert their RS2477 rights. CORVA had been diligently working to outreach beyond the off-road community to team up with other multiple-use organizations to accomplish the same goals and has forged a bond with these two ladies and their organizations.

Having San Bernardino County, the largest (land mass) county in the country assert RS2477 rights was a huge accomplishment for us. The general public doesn't realize that public access to public lands is a key to our freedoms — no matter if you are an off-roader or a bird watcher.

It is a cornerstone to communing with nature and finding spirituality in nature and a key to enjoy the hobby or sport of your choosing – without access we would all be stuck at home playing chess. This is a very important resolution that is a key to keeping our public access to public lands. We praise Bill Postmus and San Bernardino County for taking action on all the citizens' behalf. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

Volunteers Needed

Many CORVA volunteer positions are available. Make a difference to the Off Road future of tomorrow by volunteering today. Opportunities include event assistant (gather and correlate raffles) and membership assistant, plus many more. If you are interested please email Wayne@corva.org and he will forward your request to the correct Board member.

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- ◆ **April 31-May 1, 2007-Moose Anderson Days Clean Up & BBQ**-Jawbone Cyn. Sat. Clean Up & BBQ. Sun. Poker Run & Tours
- ◆ **May 5, 2007- 8th Annual El Mirage Days** - Visit www.elmirage.org for more information
- ◆ **September 22-23, 2007 - CORVA Southern Jamboree** - Gorman, CA
- ◆ **October 2007 - CORVA Northern Jamboree** - Frank Raines Park, Patterson, CA
- ◆ **November 2007 - 7th Annual Glamis Poker Run** - hosted by Orange County ATV Association (OCATV)
- ◆ **January 2008 - Truckhaven Challenge Poker Run**
- ◆ **February 2008 - Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto**

undermining every single government land management agency and volunteer group that is working to manage our sport and our natural resources. Agencies are having to spend millions on legal fees, thus nothing is getting done on the ground — no trail maintenance, no enforcement, etc. Agencies just don't have the money. It all goes to lawyers. And speaking of, when the environmental groups win in court, the losing party, usually our government agency has to pay the environmentalists legal fees! That in turn funds their next lawsuit against our government agencies!

Volunteer organizations, such as CORVA and others, are doing everything in their power to help manage public lands, but at every turn the environmental zealots try to undermine the very organizations that are the true environmentalist. We are managing our sport; we are managing our events and protecting resources at the same time. We are providing off-roaders a safe place to ride at Truckhaven and other locales, while managing the environmental impact. Organized events are just that... "organized".

At the Truckhaven Challenge this year, we agreed to return the permit back to State Parks Dept. because all the paperwork was not complete. This is absolutely no fault of CORVA's. Since the property acquisition, there now is a line on a map showing that some of the area at Truckhaven is in Big Horn Sheep Critical Habitat area. How that line got on the map and where the documentation is for this line that is an entire different story. But for the time being, let's assume there is a line there. The permit had to show how we are not affecting the Habitat. That documentation from State Parks was not there, thus we, being the law-abiding citizens we are, felt we best stop the event.

Since I was not at the Truckhaven site, I made every effort to contact via cell phone all BOD members and volunteers that I knew who were enroute to the event. I made sure they understood the event was cancelled in order to comply with the court ruling.

Now when I told Fisher, Teare and Work this, they all became ballistic – understandable since they worked so hard to hold a legal, permitted event. They said, "What do you mean you stopped the event?" Well, we do not have a permit which is a requirement.

Thus, we now had to pull all our stakes out and pull ribbon down off of the very course that one hour before was covered by State Parks Staff as being accurate and resource protected.

I left home at 1:15 a.m. Saturday morning January 20, 2007 and headed for Truckhaven. 210 miles later, I got there and at 6 a.m. started informing all those who pre-registered and new folks that had just showed up that there was no event. It did not get back home until 22 hours later and 450 miles of driving. This being an OHV area they were welcome to ride at their pleasure as individuals.

It was just that CORVA was not hosting an event today.

Now here comes the true environmental effect. We, as CORVA, could not host an "organized event", because the environmental zealots stopped us due to a technicality. We had planned to have all participants ride on an approve course, which was cleared and adjusted by the biologist of State Parks Dept. Now, we had to remove the markings of that very course that was approved and just tell riders, as does the general public, "Ride all the trails and have fun." Now you tell me who the true environmentalists are here. Those escorting riders on a biologist's approved marked course or on any trail of the riders' choosing.

This same scenario has happened over and over again with the environmental zealots. They think they know what they are doing, but in fact the very opposite is happening. More areas are being ridden on without management than with management of a government agency. But they don't get it. And they think they are so smart.

Environmental zealots true to their colors came snooping around our NON-event like little dogs they are, taking pictures and high tailing it out of camp as someone spotted them. In other words, they act like spies like we had during World War I and II. They are cowards. Why? Because they don't feel we have a right to exist and no intention of sitting at the table and talking about how to improve recreation. Even if they did, they would only do so to try to cheat us.

Where do we go from here?

We are proud of the CORVA members and general public who were present during this environmental showdown at Truckhaven. Everyone was compliant to the non-event. They all understood the actions and understood what CORVA was going through and what Fisher, Teare and Work had to endure and why they were so upset with the legal challenge.


In the long run, CORVA did the right thing for the long term benefit of OHV recreation. We bought the Truckhaven recreational area with funds from our State-managed "Green Sticker" OHV funds, and we want to make sure that State Parks does everything in their power to fight these misguided environmental zealots, by "Taking the High Road" and doing everything that is according to the law. We are the true environmentalist. They are nothing but fanatics. As we currently see all over the world, they are proving themselves to be fanatics on a daily basis.

That is why we have also termed them as the "Unbalanced Environmentalists", because they don't know the definition of the term "balanced". I encourage you all to join CORVA and any other off road organization you have faith in. To those who questioned, "Why do I have to belong to CORVA," well, if you still don't get it send me an e-mail at ed@corva.org. I am always willing to work with any reasonable person who believes in OHV recreation.




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will grow wider and more prevalent, altering the landscape in a way that may be detrimental to the environment.

"Everyone has their own reason to visit the San Bernardino National Forest," says Cook-Fischer. "If we're going to allow people to meet their expectations, we have to respect other users and the rules. That's not to say that the rules are set in stone; there are venues where you can express your views."

We all have our own opinions of where we should and should not be allowed to recreate on our public lands. After all, we (as the public) own these lands. For that reason, the USFS gives us the opportunity to express our views regarding land use at public meetings such as those focusing on route designation or revising the Forest Use plan. This is an excellent venue for us as outdoor enthusiasts to help shape the trail regulations affecting our public lands. We owe it to ourselves and our preferred sports to attend these meetings and make our opinions known, rather than ignoring the rules, and risk losing our current and future recreational opportunities.

I encourage everyone reading this to do their part to help maintain our privilege to recreate on our public lands. You can do this simply by recreating in a responsible manner, or – if you want to be more actively involved – by joining one of the volunteer organizations on the forest such as the San Bernardino National Forest Association, Adopt-A-Trail clubs, or even by volunteering directly with the US Forest Service. These are *our* lands, after all; let's take care of them so we can continue to enjoy our freedom.

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