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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, bajas and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to 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 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.

A portion of the budgets for California's national forests and the public lands administered by the BLM is funded by grants from the Green Sticker Program. We work with the land managers to formulate the grants and give our input about the grants to the OHMVR Program which administers them. We also review how effectively our Green Sticker money was used in each program.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on environmental documents on as many issues as possible and maintaining close relationships with personnel in the field as well as the staff.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations ranging from snow-mobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple-use rights from the environmental extremists. We are "dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

If you would like to join the fight to protect our public lands for multiple-use recreation, fill in the application in this issue and send it in! If you would like more information, contact us at 1-800-42-CORVA!



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In Overdrive

Working on Trails

By Ed Waldheim President

How many of you have ever given it a moment of thought when riding your motorcycle, quad, rail, four wheel drive on what it takes to be able to recreate on the very trail you are on?

Did you ever think what difference there is on a trail that is used by thousands versus just a few .

Did you ever think about that sign missing a number or name? Or the whoops in the trail and why they are there? Or ruts and what could be done about them?

Did you ever think about how wide this trail has gotten over the years because when you first started riding it was a single track trail and now it is a full width trail.

All these things are something that every single one of you out there riding should start thinking about.

You want to ask. "Why?" Well, public land is just that, public land. It is managed by different agencies, but it still is public land.

Now as public land, we the public, have just as much responsibility to make sure that the land continues to be there for the enjoyment of the public, regardless of how you enjoy it. By foot, horse, motorized recreation or photography. It is all the same; we enjoy the outdoors and want to preserve it for our continued use — sustainability of our use for a long time is our goal.

When we provide money to the federal agencies — BLM & USFS — through our OHMVR Green Sticker Program grants, and they use additional federal dollars given to them to maintain our trails and facilities, it has become very evident that it just is not enough money.

Now you may say, "What have they done with all our tax money and Green Sticker fees?" Well, you have a good point. Some has gone to things that we all agree do not really affect our recreation opportunity, but it has to be done. Like paper works, studies, monitoring, law enforcement, etc.

The main problem is that we do not have nearly enough money dedicated to maintaining our trails. That is where you come in.

Let me give you an example of what CORVA's "Friends Groups" are doing. CORVA assisted a few local riding areas in creating a "Friends Group" to be able to generate donations, organize volunteers, organize trail clean up projects and guide the agencies in management of the areas.

Friends of El Mirage www.elmirage.org have annual clean-ups in May and October, they go out and maintain trails with quads that pull a a rock rake. The rack smoothes out the trail. We are constantly looking for volunteers. BLM maintains the restrooms, fences, roads and talks to folks coming in on how to enjoy and respect their riding area.

California Trail User Coalition (CTUC) www.ctuc.info works mainly in the Forests. CTUC is truly a multiple-user organization and caters to all forms of recreation, OHVs, equestrians & hikers. We have the leader of all volunteers, Chris Horgan with Stewards of Sequoia, a division of CTUC. He has volunteers working on single track trails in Sequoia. In Angeles N.F., we have North Fork Station, a retired Forest Service building that we maintain for our activities, with a full-time volunteer on-sight for 5 years now.

OHV trails cross the Angeles NF and the Pacific Crest Trail runs through North Fork. We have put in picnic tables and an equestrian staging area there as well. We developed Indian Canyon Staging area for all users in Acton. Mike Bishop with Azusa Canyon Off Road Assoc. (ACORA) works on the San Gabriel OHV Area and does a fantastic job keeping the dam area open for mud bogging. Wes Hoagland and Terry Work both of Pt.Magu 4WD Club and CORVA Board members work on Little Rock Dam keeping that open as well as working on Los Padres NF and Hungry Valley SVRA issues.

Friends of Jawbone, www.jawbone.org which was the reason for my article have

monthly meetings, as have the above nonprofit groups. But we have a group of individuals second to none in CORVA members Paul Kober, Wayne and Ann Nosala, Fred Peters, and Dave Baumont. Fred Peters every month spends one to two days in the field working on trails.

Yes, we are on the trail grooming EVERY WEEK with a John Deer Tractor courtesy of a good price from Hertz Rentals in Lancaster, rock rake with quad, (owned by FOJ), auger rented with a good price given by Cal City Ace Hardware Bill Smith . This is a high use area, and without our members' hard work, we would have horrible trails to ride on. This crew keeps the area in decent shape for you to enjoy.

We spent two days January 11-12,2007 working 12 hours each day, signing Randsburg, Red Mountain and Johannesburg so that riders coming into town, would come in the proper way. Fred Peters spend two days running the rock rake. Ed spend a day and half on the tractor grooming trails in Dove Springs and Jawbone. BLM tractor operator Eddie worked 8 hours in Dove Springs.

Now you may ask, "OK, so you worked on trails, big deal." Well, let me tell you that had we not scheduled the work ourselves, those two days of work would not have been done. Period.

Friends of Jawbone spent \$497.86 for fuel, and rental of equipment. BLM spent wages for Eddie \$200, Paul Kober donated the fuel for the truck used to sign the trails and flat tire cans, FOJ used the dump truck and trailer (purchased by FOJ) to get the tractor from Lancaster and 23 volunteer hours of labor times 4 of us for a total of \$2354.11 This brings the grand total of 2 days of trail work to \$3,051.97 in actual costs.

Now that is the number I think you need to think about. 2 days of working trails and it was the equivalent of \$3,051.97 Now if we did this every day 5 days a week times

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CORVA

Sweepstakes 2007

Enter for your chance to win!
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Speaking of suspension, the independent aluminum upper A-arm front suspension features fully adjustable competition-spec Kayaba piggyback shocks with 9.1 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping. The new rear suspension is YZ linkage-type, controlled by a fully adjustable Showa shock with 10.6 inches of travel and separate adjusters for preload, rebound and compression damping.

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Of course, we have additional prizes in the Sweepstakes as well. For First Prize, Napier Enterprises has donated an incredible Truck Tent combo for CORVA members. In addition to the Truck Tent, they have also added a mattress, sleeping bags and chairs for a complete camping outfit! Second Prize will be of great interest to those of us who have had our share of "stuck" situations. Mile Marker has donated a winch accessory kit containing a heavyduty snatch block, shackles, tree-strap and gloves, and Hi-Lift Jack Co. has tossed in one of their great Hi-Lift jacks!

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.

Remember, all proceeds from this Sweepstakes will go to CORVA's Land Use Fund, so do your part and sell tickets to all your friends, too!

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Victory

Another Victory for OHV Use – Sacramento Court Says "Desert Riparian Policy" May Not Be Implemented Until Rule Making is Completed

SACRAMENTO – On Friday, February 2, 2007, the OHV community won another victory over improper efforts to curb off-road recreation in California. During an hour-long court hearing, a judge in Sacramento stated that the California Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Commission (the "Commission") may not implement its "Desert Riparian Policy" unless and until it develops formal rules defining the policy's terms and scope.

As currently drafted, the Policy would prohibit use of OHMVR grant funds for projects that allow OHV use in desert riparian areas. EcoLogic Partners, Inc., along with five OHV groups – the San Diego Off-Road Coalition, the American Sand Association, the California Off-Road Vehicle Association, the Off-Road Business Association, and American Motorcyclists Association District 37 – sued the Commission last year over the policy, claiming that it conflicted with the text of the OHMVR Act itself.

At the February 2 hearing, the Court heard arguments from the Commission, the OHMVR Division, and EcoLogic, et al. And while the judge denied EcoLogic's request to dissolve the Desert Riparian Policy outright, he ruled that the current language of the policy is so vague that it could lead to interpretations inconsistent with the existing law. He also expressed concern that the Commission might adopt future policies, with broad language similar to that in the Desert Riparian Policy, which are designed to cut off funding for OHV projects in other areas of the state.

When viewed cumulatively, such policies could effectively gut the OHVMR grant program. For these reasons, the Court instructed the Commission and the Division to develop workable definitions and rules that properly circumscribe the scope of the

Desert Riparian Policy. This, said the Court, must be accomplished prior to implementation of the policy. Moreover, it must be done through an open public process. Then the rules must be reviewed and approved by an Administrative Law Panel.

Although the judge stopped short of telling the Commission what the rules should contain, he explained that the OHMVR Act was adopted to promote responsible OHV recreation, and any policy that retreats from that purpose, or operates in conflict with it, will be subject to legal challenge. He invited EcoLogic and the other OHV groups to participate in the rulemaking process, and to come back to court if the rules adopted by the Commission still create conflict with the text of the Act.

Counsel for EcoLogic, et al, David Hubbard, said he was very pleased with the Court's ruling. "This could not have worked out better. We claimed from the beginning that the Desert Riparian Policy was jammed down our throats without public input, without adequate definitions, without evidence as to need, and without limits on its scope. The court has now leveled the playing field on these questions and forced the Commission to justify the policy in an open public debate. And if the rules adopted by the Commission would substantially damage funding for OHV projects in the desert, we will be back in front of the judge."

When asked how long the rule making process would take, counsel for the OHMVR Division estimated 18 months to 2 years. During that time, the Desert Riparian Policy will remain dormant and unenforceable.

(EcoLogic is a non-profit corporation committed to responsible family recreation in the great American outdoors. *Ecologic Partners, Inc. is funded and directed by the California Off-Road Vehicle Association* (CORVA), the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA), the San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), the American Motorcyclists Association District 37 (AMA D37), and the American Sand Association (ASA).

Welcome New Life Member Eugene Bernard

Please help me welcome Eugene Bernard as a new CORVA Life Member. I would like to let Eugene Bernard know he is a valued member of CORVA and I apologize for the mishap involving his lost sweepstakes prize. I personally called him to notify him that CORVA has given him a free Life Membership to compensate for his troubles. Thanks, Eugene, for your kind heartedness. -Ed Waldheim, CORVA President

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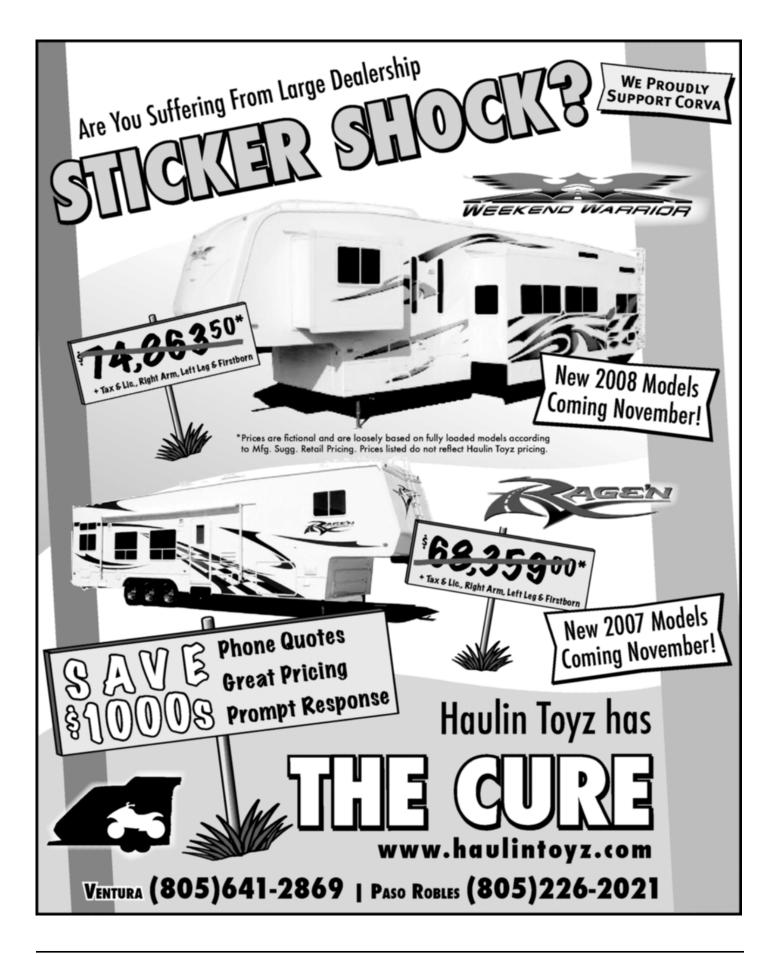
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OHMVR News

EcoLogic Partners Sue OHMVR - Suit Alleges Commission Acted in an Arbitrary & Capricious Manner

On January 26, 2007, EcoLogic Partners, Inc. filed suit against the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commission alleging the commission acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner during its December 8-9, 2006 meeting when it rescored law enforcement grants without evidentiary support for the new scores. Those actions resulted in decreased law enforcement funding for areas where thousands California families recreate.

The lawsuit specifically challenges the OHMVR Commission's action to dramatically reduce the score of the law enforcement grant application submitted by Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) El Centro field office. Despite receiving a score of 82 from Division staff, the BLM El Centro

grant application was downgraded to a 69 by the Commission.

Although more than \$10 million in law enforcement grant requests were submitted to the OHMVR Division, the Division was able to allocate only \$4 million in law enforcement grants. Once The OHMVR Commission rescored the BLM El Centro law enforcement grant, the \$4 million allocation was almost gone.

BLM El Centro and another grant applicant with a score of 69 were vying for the remaining dollars. Rather than analyze the two applications on the merits, the OHMVR Commission quite literally tossed a coin.

Fortunately for ISDRA visitors, El Centro BLM won the coin toss and was awarded the remaining \$387,349. Still, even this

award is more than \$1 million less than that recommended by OHMVR Division staff.

Recently the OHMVR Division staff implemented a competitive grants process to ensure that the limited funds available are disbursed in a fair and equitable manner. By subverting that new process, the OHMVR Commissioners not only flouted the law, they placed in jeopardy the safety of the hundreds of thousands of people who visit the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) each year.

The ISDRA, for which the El Centro BLM was requesting funds, receives approximately 1.4 million visitors each year: the majority of which are families. At the ISDRA, one of the most visited OHV areas in the nation, OHV grants are a central component in providing law enforcement and medical services.

It is unacceptable that the OHV Commission would substitute sound analysis with a game of chance for scoring of OHV grants. This is especially true considering that scoring and the criteria are mandated by state regulations.

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Art to Some, Junk to Others

By: Ann Nosala, CORVA member

We as an off road community are up against many extremist groups. These groups are armed with money, members who are willing to fabricate lies and many pages of propaganda against OHV use.

One small example of how willing these groups are responsible for the extreme: there is a mounted motorcycle tire with replicas of tortoises, lizards and other desert wildlife mounted around this tire, with red paint (for blood).

The groups feel that OHV users are going out of their way to kill animals in the desert, more propaganda from yet another extreme group. On one side of the front fork printed in childlike lettering is "ASA" on the other side has "CORVA" written. This group has dragged this "work of art" around to community meetings.

Their message is clear, in an unsophisticated way, for the simple fact the motorcycle tire is a very old street tire and wheel, not something used for off road. I guess the ecoextremists don't know the difference between a street tire and an off-road tire.

This is a small example of many additional OHV issues these groups don't comprehend, blinders on your mind can do that. You

see what you want to see, not the whole picture. In this case, the "art" isn't even an off-road tire and wheel, duh.



I should point out, that the group with this "art" refers to it as a "sculpture". I think it is a fine example of what you can find while dumpster diving.

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Truckhaven Challenge XII - the Non-Event

By Terry Work

As you read in last month's newsletter, the 2007 Truckhaven Challenge event was cancelled. It became known as the "Non-Event" due to a lawsuit and Temporary Restraining Order filed against CORVA and the State of California Department of Parks & Recreation by the Center for Biological Diversity. News of this reached us right when we opened registration for the event. (For more information on the court action and what we are doing about this, please visit www.corva.org for the details.)

After much soul searching, it was decided that it would be better for CORVA, the event and for off-roading to agree to cancel the event including the trail run and games. This meant we handed back our permit to the State and offered refunds to participants. So with that decided, we decided that even though the event was a no-go, everyone there should have a fun day and enjoy themselves there at Truckhaven. While the CORVA event never took place, individuals were able to ride the surrounding terrain as they have on their own for 50 years.

Thus, our OHV friends enjoyed the outdoors on their own and returned that evening for a BBQ dinner supplied by the Trailmasters Club! We also want to thank our industry vendors/sponsors that were there camping for the weekend: Hefty Straps, PU Products, Bits of Silver, San Diego Off Road Magazine, and Gen-Right. Thanks to Rick Fisher, Geoff and Cindy Teare, and Faith Work, and Warren Swan who worked so hard in planning, giving up there time, and coming out to help with the Truckhaven Challenge.

Also thanks to the members of Point Mugu 4WDC who helped with the Saturday Night Prize Giveaway organized by Faith Work. We had an incredible amount of prizes!!! Thanks to all of our industry sponsors that have supported us and other organizations.

I hope that all who attended had a great time. Thanks to everyone for there support and donations to fight this battle. We did beat the Temporary Restraining Order in court! The fight has just begun and we need the support of every off-roader! CBD is still fighting the State on Truckhaven's continued use by OHV's and your donations are greatly needed to keep our CORVA lawyer working on this issue.

But we will be back next year!

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Land Access Issues

Fee Programs in USFS Will Close Trails

By Robert Funkhouser, President Western Slope No-Fee Coalition

Since at least 2002, the USDA-Forest Service has been secretly implementing an internal policy initiative called Recreation Site Facility Master Planning, or RSFMP, that threatens to impose a for-profit model on the management of America's National Forests. RSFMP creates management incentives that will result in the closure of thousands of dispersed and remote recreation sites. The policy also threatens to seriously reduce the availability of public access to roads and trails thoughout the National Forest System.

RSFMP mandates that every National Forest inventory all its developed recreation sites and compare their facilities to a National Required Standard. The National Required Standard was created by taking a poll of Forest Service managers. No public input was sought. Many simple recreation sites do not meet the standards. The RSFMP Process Guidebook is blunt: "If a site cannot be operated to at least meet the regionally required standards, it must be closed."

The RSFMP Process Guidebook mandates that all recreation sites become "\$ustainable" (i.e. profitable) and have a "Marketable Niche." Those that cannot pay their way will be decommissioned, (defined in the Guidebook as "obliterated"), or simply closed and gated. One Forest Service Recreation Manager summed up the new semi-for-profit recreation program best: "We are being told that our developed sites must pay for themselves or we are going to get rid of them."

Projections based on information from five National Forests that has been obtained by the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition show that the agency plans to close or decommission between 3,000 and 5,000 developed recreation sites and convert as many as 4,000 of the remaining sites to either fee-based or private for-profit operation.

The RSFMP also calls for other drastic management changes such as reduced

operating seasons, turning sites over to concessionaires, removal of amenities (toilets, fire rings, picnic tables), and removal/elimination of drinking water systems.

RSFMP has been going on in parallel with public processes currently underway on many Forests to produce new Travel Management Plans and new Forest Management Plans. While the RSFMP policy concerns developed recreation on the National Forests, the policy found in new Travel Management Plans is the same. The local governments and residents participating in those Plans are not being told about the concurrent RSFMP planning process. Instead, RSFMP policy is being incorporated in them through language like this from the White River Travel Management Plan:

"The Forest Service will continue to rely more heavily on resources besides congressional appropriations for the operation, maintenance, and management of roads, trails, and other facilities needed serve forest users. User groups will need to increase their involvement in assisting the forest with maintenance of many of these routes either through volunteer labor, grant acquisition, or user fees of some type to continue their availability unless congressional appropriations increase dramatically and keep up with increased use. It is unlikely that new opportunities will be considered unless they can be constructed and maintained from resources originating outside Forest Service budgets." (WRNF TMP DEIS p.79)

The RSFMP Process Guidebook requires that every Forest produce an "RSFMP 5-Year Plan" that ranks all sites. The rankings are being used to determine which sites the agency will close or decommission, which sites will be turned over to concessionaires and which sites will charge new fees. These RSFMP 5-Year

Plans have been produced behind closed doors since 2002 and have not gone through the public comment procedure specified by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

According to information obtained by the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition, 25 Forests have completed their RSFMP 5-Year Plans. The remaining 133 Forests are set to have their 5-Year Plans approved sometime in early FY2007. Several Forests have already begun closing sites, in advance of public release of their Plans and even, in some cases, in advance of approval by the Washington Office.

The Forest Service cites plummeting recreation budgets as the impetus and justification for RSFMP. But a serious reality gap exists between what the Forest Service is claiming is available to the Forests in the way of appropriated funds from Congress for developed recreation and what Congress actually appropriating. While Congressional funding for Forest Service recreation operations and maintenance has increased, funding from the Forest Service's Washington Office and Regions to the individual forests has dramatically decreased.

It is important to keep in mind that Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth mandated the RSFMP approach of "\$ustainability or closure" for developed recreation sites, roads and trails. It is agency policy that is pushing the de-funding of recreation budgets, not the reverse. In 2002, the Forest Service mandated the RSFMP policy of making recreation self-sufficient, and there are indications that the agency was working on this as far back as 2000.

As implementation of the RSFMP unfolds, it is becoming increasingly clear that it is intended to be the vehicle for reducing or eliminating undeveloped and dispersed recreation, the very kind of recreation favored by almost two-thirds of visitors. Less developed, more remote, and dispersed sites and areas are the ones that are unprofitable and subject to closure.

The RSFMP was never authorized by Congress and has never seen Congressional oversight. The policy itself, the new recreation site standards, the individual Forest 5-Year Plans and specific management actions have all been developed behind closed doors. Despite

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legal requirements that management actions on public lands that alter the human condition or create severe economic impacts to local communities be subjected to public review under NEPA, the Forest Service has no plans to do so. Implementation of site closures has already begun with little or no public notice, and no public review.

The RSFMP program is going to send shockwaves through National Forest gateway communities nationwide. As feefree sites are closed and fee sites increase in number and cost, Forest visitation (already in decline) will certainly shrink. Local, often rural, communities that are adjacent to or surrounded by National Forest will see a drop in visitation that will damage their economies. The removal of toilets and drinking water systems will have negative impacts on public health that will have to be addressed at the state, county, or municipal level.

Local governments will face additional financial burdens when faced with the threat that recreation sites will close unless they either take over their management or find volunteers or non-profit groups to do so.

Economically disadvantaged citizens will find themselves ever more excluded from the recreational opportunities that have traditionally been available to them on National Forests.

The RSFMP threatens to shut out the American public from substantial areas of public land and to convert what remains open to a for-profit model based on access and use fees. If implementation of RSFMP is allowed to continue, most Forest Service developed recreation sites will be run by concessionaires, will require fees, or will be decommissioned or closed.

REFERENCES

Detailed Forest Service information about the RSFMP process, including a two-page summary and the entire 144-page RSFMP Process Guidebook, can be viewed at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/measures/Prioritize/RS-FMP.htm

The WSNFC's 6-page report and analysis of the RSFMP policy can be read at http://www.westernslopenofee.org/NoFee/RSMFP.pdf

Copies of the five completed RSFMP 5-Year Plans that have been obtained by the

Take Action Now to Stop Recreation Site Facility Master Planning

The Recreation Site Facility Master Planning program affects every one of the 155 National Forests. It is a major change in public land management policy that was created behind closed doors. All citizens who use and value our National Forests should contact Congress and demand the following three actions:

- By law, the management actions mandated by RSFMP should go through the NEPA process and have a public comment period, but the Forest Service is implementing them simply by public "notification," often merely by posting a closure notice at the site itself. That is unacceptable. This major change in public land policy must not be implemented without public participation. Every Forest should immediately release their RSFMP 5-Year Plan for public review and comment as specified in NEPA.
- Congress did not initiate, was not consulted about, and did not approve the RSFMP program. The responsible Committees in the House and Senate should immediately hold oversight hearings concerning impacts to Forest Service recreation, local economies and visitation.
- There is a huge gap between what Congress has appropriated for Forest Service recreation programs and what is actually making its way to local land managers. A GAO audit of Forest Service recreation appropriations compared to recreation spending, for at least the past five years, should be undertaken and completed before any further implementation of RSFMP.

RSFMP is being implemented right now without public or Congressional input. Heavy equipment is poised right now to remove campgrounds, cabins, picnic tables, fire rings, toilets, and drinking water systems from National Forests nationwide.

Citizens and the media must act quickly by:

- 1. Contacting their local Forest officials and demanding public release of RSFMP 5-Year Plans and a full public comment period under NEPA (not merely public notification) prior to any implementation.
 - 2. Contacting their county and state elected officials and getting them involved.
- 3. Contacting their Congressmen, Senators and responsible Committee members in Congress to demand an audit of Forest Service recreation budgets.
- 4. Demanding Congressional oversight hearings concerning the RSFMP's impacts on recreation, local economies and visitation.

WSNFC (for the Deschutes, Tongass, Umpqua, Wallowa-Whitman, and Williamette National Forests) can be requested from: wsnfc@earthlink.net.

The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition can be reached at:

P.O. Box 135 Durango, CO 81302, 970/259-4616

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A special thank you to On the Rocks Club for it's \$500 donation to the CORVA Legal Fund for Truckhaven

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Corral Canyon Volunteer Work Days

By Richard Tull, OHV Program Manager Descanso Ranger District, Cleveland National Forest

The following is an update on our Corral Canyon Volunteer Days projects.

December 9th, 2006

First off - Regarding the first Volunteer work day: Saturday December 9th, 2006 was our first volunteer work day and it was a resounding success! We had 42 volunteers from 9 different clubs and organizations working on the projects that were lined up for the day. The amount of work completed that day was awesome.

The positive attitude and helpful spirit of everyone who showed up combined with their willingness to dive in and give one hundred percent made it possible to get much more done than was originally anticipated.

For example over two thousand feet of fence was installed on the trail 3-3A project which was twice the original estimate for a days work. The process of re-opening Corral Canyon was given a big boost by the efforts of that day and everyone involved can take justifiable pride in their great work.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all concerned for making Saturday Dec. 9th something to brag about. This was a great example of the fine tradition of volunteer efforts at Corral Canyon. I look forward to another successful volunteer work day.

Thanks for stepping up and getting involved!

PROJECTS

At our future work days we will:

1) Continue marking and fencing the temporary boundary along the burn side of trails 3 and 3A As part of the phased reopening of Corral Canyon the southwestern edges of trails 3 and 3A will be used as a temporary boundary to keep off-roaders on the open side of the burned area. The burn area is undergoing extensive erosion control

and rehab work so the recreating public will need to be kept out of the closed portion of the OHV area to allow work to proceed.

The fence line allows the public to utilize the areas unaffected by the fire related operations and allows crews and equipment to move freely inside the rehab area. The work of soil stabilization and installation of erosion control measures can then be completed. Once the burned area is stabilized it can re-open to OHV use. This project is critical to the re-opening of the area. The sooner it is finished, the sooner the first part of the OHV area can re-open.

- 2) Tighten up the gate to the burned area next to Corral Canyon Campground. As mentioned, the burned area needs extensive work to stabilize the soil and control erosion from the winter run-off. The gate at Corral Canyon is able to keep most unauthorized vehicles out of the rehab area. But it still needs some additional work on each side to make it able to keep all types of unauthorized vehicles out of the work area. Installation of fencing and posts is expected to do the trick. This one won't take too long but it will help the effort to get the burned area stabilized and reopened in the shortest amount of time.
- 3) Setting up fencing at each end of the Spur Meadow trail to maintain the fifty inch wide maximum tread width. During the fire suppression effort the Spur Meadow trail was bulldozed for use as a contingency line. Until the tread can be fully restored both ends will receive temporary fence installations that will ensure that the trail can remain a cycle trail.
- 4) Checking for damaged and/or missing signs. Fire damaged, missing and weathered signs are all scheduled for replacement. Bring a GPS and a digital camera and go on a sign hunt to help us create an accurate list of needed signs. New ideas for placement and sign message are welcome.
- 5) Trash Pick up Nothing says you care like making sure the trash gets pick up for removal. This is an easy one but it makes a big difference.

Update - Friday, December 22, 2006

Well it has been a busy week around the district with snow and winter weather moving in on our second volunteer work day. Despite the change in the weather we had a good turnout and a lot of work was accomplished. I wanted to take time to thank everyone who helped out with our volunteer projects over the last two weekends. The amount of work accomplished was about twice what would have been considered good. The crummy weather on the second Saturday should have lowered the groups output but it did not.

Everyone who showed up did a great job and demonstrated their commitment to caring for their OHV resources. You can all take very justifiable pride in your efforts and you all have my utmost gratitude. Thanks for caring and getting involved.

We on the Forest Service end will be doing a big push to get the area open by the end of January and thanks to all the great volunteer work I do not see a reason why that target cannot be met. I will be organizing a regular volunteer program that allows folks to participate in keeping Corral Canyon open, in good shape and providing high quality OHV opportunities (once we have the immediate goal of the January opening taken care of).

There will be contractors and work crews coming in to do the "heavy" work and Trails Unlimited is due to start work in the next couple of weeks. More volunteer days are being planned too. I will keep you all informed as things move forward.

If you would like to get involved at Corral Canyon, contact me at:

Richard Tull
OHV Program Manager
Descanso Ranger District
Cleveland National Forest
3348 Alpine Blvd. Alpine, CA 91901
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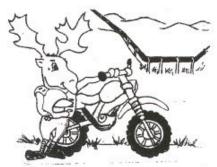
www.calwildorg/places/desert/map.html

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11th Annual Moose Anderson Days

April 28 & 29, 2007 Presented by

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SATURDAY, April 28

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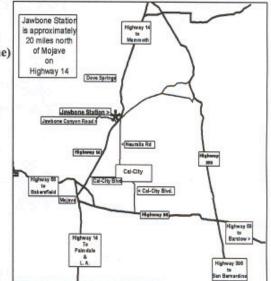
of Jawbone)

- > 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

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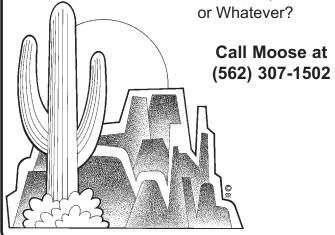
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5/26/2007	High Desert Round-Up	Chris Witham	Stoddard Valley	2 DAYS
6/9/2007	Big Bear	Kelle Hoagland	Big Bear, CA	2 DAYS
6/24/2007	Moonlight Madness	Dan Eger	Fresno, CA	2 DAYS
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Trail EtiQuette

It's Spring: Do You Know Your "Rights?"

by Ben vonDielingen Sr. OHV Program Coordinator, SBNFA

We all know about spring. Everyone learns in school that as the earth moves around the sun, it does so in a somewhat oblong shape. When we're farthest away, it's winter; when we're closest, it's summer, and when we're in between, it's either fall or spring. Here in the northern hemisphere, we're about to head back into spring.

What we don't always learn about spring, though, is how it affects us. One thing is for sure: when the weather warms up, more and more people get outside to play. This can be a great thing as folks take to the forest and desert trails and experience all that our public lands have to offer us. This can also cause some confusion and conflict, though, as more people on the trails increases the chance that we'll run into company while we're out there. By following some basic protocol, we can all still enjoy our trails regardless of how we choose to spend our time outdoors.

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Just as there are basic "rules of the road" there are basic guidelines for trail etiquette. Most of them are based on common sense and aren't hard to understand, but when followed will definitely help make everyone's experience outdoors more enjoyable. A basic diagram showing who should yield to whom is listed below:

Of course, in addition to these basic guidelines, staying on the trail, keeping noise down, and practicing good stewardship are other practices we should follow when enjoying our public lands. If we all follow the 'rules' and teach others by our example, we can ensure that our trails will be there for public enjoyment for years to come.

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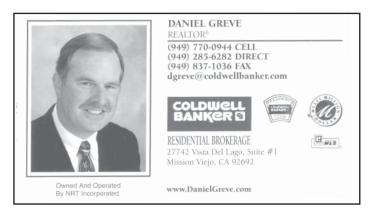
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52 weeks, that would equate to 260 days, divided by 2, comes out to 130 two-day periods.

Multiply that by \$3,051.97 and that comes out to \$396,630 per year.

Now this will only cover trail maintenance. It has nothing to do with restrooms, running Jawbone Station, paper work, monitoring, law enforcement and all the other items that are needed for a successful OHV program.

You can see the problem now. BLM in Jawbone only is getting \$311,200 from the Green Sticker Program to run the station, do paper work, monotoring, etc, and you wonder why trails are not being keep in proper shape for an enjoyable ride? They just do not have the money!

You can say the same thing for every single agency in the State of California where trails are not being maintained.

Next time you go out riding start making mental notes of what has to be done, and start picking up trash. Now it is your turn to start helping us work on trails, start volunteering, check web sites, call me or email me with your desire to help and we will put you together with folks that have on the ground programs.

I personally can tell you and I am sure those of our team in Jawbone will agree, we would much rather be on a tractor and working trails than going to a meeting. Now when we finish working on the trail, we go out and ride and feel confident that we have done our part to contribute to the solution of sound trail maintenance so that for years to come we can enjoy these great public land of ours.

Join us today!

[Check the CORVA website www.corva.org for all of the "Friends Groups" — not all are mentioned above. There is probably one created for your favorite riding area. —Erin Dyer, Editor]

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