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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. Secondly, 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."**

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By Ed Waldheim
President

Motorcycle Hall of Fame: A Once in a Lifetime Experience

Once in a lifetime you get a surprise that you never expected, and that came to me when Kathy Van Kleeck, Sr. Vice President, Government Relations, Motorcycle Industry Council and chairman of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) Hall of Fame Nominating committee sent me an e-mail in June congratulating me for being nominated for this prestigious award.

Now after I got over the shock, I had to find out exactly how did this happen. Well, as in all cases, it only takes one person to make change, and in this case it was Dana Bell, Program Development, with the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. Dana is a long-time advocate for motorcycle rider causes and education. She sent in the nomination papers. To Dana, I must give my deepest thanks for having faith in what we all do and especially for always being such a good friend.

Fast forward to the weekend of October 5-6, 2007 — this was the weekend of the

Off-Road Expo in Pomona. I usually attend to help support Dick Moon's efforts at the CORVA booth, and on election years, I usually go to get off-roaders educated about the November elections. However, this year I had to miss it. Since this was a special day, Linda took time off of work without pay to be with me. Then my son Chris Waldheim and son-in-law Adam Wilner made the trek to Pickerington, Ohio just outside of Columbus, Ohio.

What awaited us was an incredible 21-acre campus known as the headquarters of the AMA which also includes the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum. (It was great to see street signs off the highway directing travelers to the museum.) As you drove through the wrought iron gates, we entered a wooded area where the buildings are completely hidden. What a beautiful setting. There are two buildings, one for the museum and one for the AMA headquarters, but parking, covered parking for motorcycles, no cars. It is just for motorcycles. Where else can you see this, but at the AMA?

Our reception was fantastic with a Friday night reception for attendees to meet each other and AMA officials. They presented food between the beautiful vintage motorcycles. In the Malcolm Smith exhibit, an entire one-quarter section of the museum was dedicated to Malcolm's life in motorcycling.

We talked with a lot of old friends who we

have worked with for years as AMA Congressman and District 37 AMA Board Members. These friends included Rob Rasor, former AMA President, as well as Ed Youngblood also former AMA President, and new AMA President Rob Dingman

Saturday found us back to the campus for the Inductees Signing Ceremony. Yes, we had folks standing in line to get the autographs of all of us who were being inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame. We signed our autographs on a beautiful poster made just for this occasion.

It was interesting to talk to all the folks requesting signatures and find out they were off-roaders at one time or another. After years, they moved to road riding. I had the privilege of sitting between Tramps Parker and Mike Kiedrowski. Now there are two heroes who ride motorcycles as easily as most people walk, actually maybe they do it better.

Hall of Fame awards — Mark Mederski, Executive Director of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, whom I have known for over 20 years did an incredible job in coordinating this "Oscar-type night" for everyone present. His staff Katy Wood, wife of Royce Wood, who had to stay home and take care of their baby, Ann and many more assisted Mark and made this a wonderful night.

This took place at the Hilton, Columbus Ballroom and was advertised as "An evening of stars and legends." It was a full house, complete with a big screen TV. Everything went as clock work including the inductees being announced and inducted by dignitaries. I was honored to be introduced by Kathy Van Kleeck and then

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Stories and Legends: Hall of Fame Class of 2007 Honored

By Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum

A tireless advocate for off-road motorcyclists, Ed Waldheim began his involvement in motorcycling as an off-road racer. He later moved into helping organize races and ultimately into governmental off-road advocacy. Waldheim is president of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association and was appointed to the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission by two governors and served multiple terms. He won numerous awards for his advocacy on behalf of all off-road enthusiasts, including the prestigious AMA Motorcycling Advocate Award, and continues to advance their cause with the government and in the media.

Waldheim was born in San Francisco in 1938. His family moved to Argentina, and he lived there from the time he was 10 until he was in his early 20s. Waldheim grew up multi-lingual. His family, originally from Switzerland, spoke German in their house and naturally spoke Spanish everywhere else. He grew up farming in Argentina and he had friends who had scooters and motorcycles that he would ride occasionally as a youngster.

When he became an adult, Waldheim moved back to the United States and joined

the Army. Waldheim settled in Southern California after he got out of the Army. A Riverside police officer had an old scrambles motorcycle for sale and Waldheim bought it and decided to race the well-used machine in the desert.

"I got a pair of cowboy boots went out there and nearly killed myself," Waldheim laughs.

A friend who worked for Yamaha offered to teach Ed how to ride and eventually he bought a new bike and went back out to race in the desert, this time with much more experience and better equipment. Waldheim participated in desert racing for about five years with good success until government regulations began to threaten off-road riding. In 1978, he called a meeting of various clubs and promoters to figure out how to deal with these new regulations.

"That was the end of my racing career and the beginning of working on land-use issues and advocacy," Waldheim explained.

Waldheim said that when he came into off-road riding there were really no rules. Motorcyclists could ride where they wanted and when they wanted. When the sport exploded in the 1970s with the availability of inexpensive off-road motorcycles, things started to spiral out of control.

"We may have had it coming," Waldheim said of government regulations on riding. "It was because we didn't know any better. No one talked of or even knew about environmental concerns back then. We had a lot of learning to do about how to properly manage things."

Off-road advocate Bob Ham formed the California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) in the early 1970s. CORVA helped push through legislation that would allocate a percentage of money from gasoline sales to off-road vehicles to securing and

maintaining off-road riding areas in California.

"By the time I came, in the government wasn't doing anything with this money to help off-road users," Waldheim said. "We formed our own commission so we could manage our own destiny instead of being under the direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation, whose mission didn't include us."



Waldheim personally paid Ham's fee to lobby for off-road rights until he could get the various off-road organizations to fund a lobbyist to work in the capitol in Sacramento.

Over the years, Waldheim educated himself on the ins and outs of government advocacy.

"It was by osmosis," Waldheim says. "We started going to these meetings for the California Desert Conservation Plan. Mark Anderson of the MIC and I became good friends and I learned a great deal working with him. Also, Rob Rasor, who worked in government relations at the AMA, had a big influence on directing us how to go through the different channels of the government. A lot of things we simply learned by the school of hard knocks, but we made our way through. We realized if



Ed standing next to Hall of Fame poster. Trampas Parker is pictured on top in the poster, with Ed pictured on the bottom.

Hall of Fame

we didn't do something we would lose our opportunity. We had no magical plan, we just went by our guts. I went to where we had problems and would just keep working at it."

Waldheim and his wife learned how to write grant proposals and they were responsible for bringing much-needed money to develop and maintain riding areas. The grant money helped buy equipment and pay for labor to build and maintain and properly marked trails.

Waldheim often does much of this trail maintenance work himself on a volunteer basis.

"The number one key is trail maintenance," Waldheim declares. "If you don't maintain a trail, everything else falls apart. It's as simple as that. Our users don't stay on a designated trail if they aren't maintained – they'll make their own trail. That is our enemy and people just don't get it."

Waldheim is looked at by the industry as the go-to guy in off-road advocacy.

"If something needs to be done, Ed gets it done," said Kathy Van Kleek, vice president of government relations for the Motorcycle Industry Council. "As president of the California Trail Users Coalition, Ed has brought in over a million dollars in federal Recreational Trail Program grants to benefit southern California riding opportunities and to assist National Forest

and Bureau of Land Management trail development and maintenance."

Waldheim has earned many honors for his activism, including the Golden Helmet Award from the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Division of California's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Off-Roader of the Year from the California Off-Road Vehicle Association. The main building at the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area is named in his honor.

Nationally, the Bureau of Land Management awarded him their Volunteer of the Year award.

Under Waldheim's leadership, CORVA membership tripled and the association has maintained a leading position in advocacy and education of off-roading.

Waldheim attends hundreds of meetings a year. Virtually all of his activism is funded out of his pocket. He often tours off-road areas as an advisor to land managers, politicians, off-road commissioners, journalists and scientists. Waldheim moved to California City so he could pull out of his garage and hit the open trails of the desert, but he spends so much time traveling to meetings regarding off-road vehicles that he rarely has time to ride.

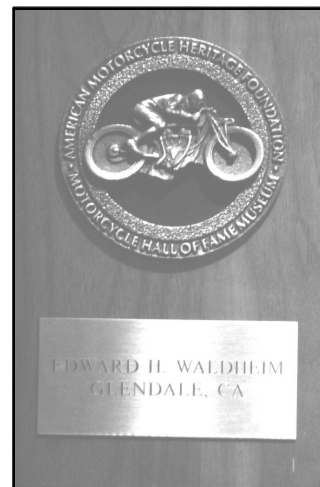
In addition to statewide off-road association, Waldheim founded Friends of Jawbone, a nonprofit organization to promote better riding at the national park outside California City.

Waldheim also cites the economic boost the state and local governments receive from off-road riders.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it's \$10 billion" statewide, Waldheim said in a 2005 interview with Antelope Valley Press. To Waldheim, the reasons for keeping off-road areas open go well beyond economic issues, especially as a hobby for children.

"I would rather have a kid on a motorcycle than in a gang, out at a pool hall or doing graffiti," he said. "When a kid goes riding after

school, he comes home too tired and dirty to go out and get in any trouble."



For Waldheim, who has been president of the statewide off-road vehicle association for the last 13 years, an average day puts him in any California city where people ride vehicles on off-highway trails. But he makes no complaint about the work, he said, because with the explosion in housing encroaching on desert riding spaces, education is the key.

Waldheim's passion for off-road riding has left a major legacy. In countless hours of working in government and on the trails have greatly benefited riders and provided an example for future advocacy. © 2007, Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum



The 2007 Motorcycle Hall of Fame inductees or their representatives. Back row: Roger Ansel, representing Sammy Miller; Trampas Parker; Harry Hurt III, representing Harry Hurt Jr.; Pat Hennen; John Clauss, representing Orié Steele, Sr.; Ed Waldheim. Front row: Don and Derek Rickman; Billy Uhl; Eric Beauchamp, representing Rex Beauchamp; Mike Kiedrowski.

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was given an opportunity to give a short speech.

What an incredible weekend. What an honor to have received this honor, not so much for myself, but for all off-roaders fighting the good fight. It is because of all of you in CORVA, D-37 and the various other OHV organizations who have made it possible for us to get so much accomplished over the years to keep our trails open, and to keep access to public lands always in the forefront. That is what made this happen.

So, there you have it — a once in a life time experience. Thanks to everyone who has been part of this journey over the past 30 years.

Truckhaven

Truckhaven Challenge XIII 2008 Update

By Rick Fisher, Truckhaven Committee Co-Chair

Truckhaven Challenge XIII is alive and well and taking place at a new location. As you probably know, the 2007 Challenge was canceled to avoid a lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) against the state and CORVA. The state became involved when it purchased about 3200 acres of land in the Truckhaven Hills area where our event has been held for twelve years. When this land was un-posted private property it was perfectly legal to enter and recreate.

However the state is obligated to file a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document before issuing permits for events when environmental damage is possible. Although the Challenge route

was approved by state archeologists and biologists, a formal document was not completed and CBD took this opportunity to sue. Rather than risk an injunction or worse, CORVA pulled its permit request. CBD recently settled the suit with terms very favorable to motorized recreation but a full CEQA document cannot be prepared in time for our event.

Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (OWSVRA) is located south of S22 and contains some of the same geologic features that make the Truckhaven Hills a great motorized recreation area. Geoff Teare and I spent two weekends touring the area with the help of a park ranger and Ed Stovin and decided we could put together a very good course for the 2008 Challenge In Ocotillo Wells.

Although the route has not been finalized and will need to be approved by the park, I can tell you that you will experience deep canyons, narrow twisting passages, rocky sections and fun mud hills as well as sandy washes. This challenge will introduce segments new to you and rarely driven by anybody. As usual I do not recommend this route to larger or stock vehicles. Please read the article on the flyer elsewhere or on the web at our website www.corva.org.

The entrance to the camping area is on Holly road off S22 2.5 miles west of route 86. A detailed map will be on the web site. This area has ramadas and a permanent toilet.

We hope to see you there!

Route Designation Plans Gain Momentum

By Bruce Whitcher, CORVA Field Rep. & Stewards of the Sequoia member

In my last article for ORIA I summarized the history of the Route Designation Plan. This was mandated by Washington in response to the Chief Forester's identification of OHV use as one of the "four key threats" to National Forests. But as most of us know, 90% of OHV opportunity exists on federal land. The tremendous growth of the sport has put us on a collision course with attempts to manage OHV use by federal agencies.

The 19 California National Forests, known as Region 5, are all subject to the Route Designation Plan which dictates that OHV use must be restricted to designated trails only by fall 2008. As the Forests move toward this deadline OHV recreationists have become increasingly aware of the impact this Plan will have on their sport. The majority of California National Forests has completed their trail inventories, held public workshops, and is now poised to enter formalization of the designated trail systems under the NEPA process (National Environmental Protection Act of 1970).

This process begins with the forests issuing a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (environmental impact statement). The Notice is published in the Federal Register, and describes changes to the Forest trail system that are being proposed. It is at this point that the Forests hold public meetings and accept written comments on their proposal, usually for a period of 30 days.

The agency then uses this public input to assist them in the drafting of "alternatives" that they will ultimately consider in making a decision on which trails may be left open. Check the status of your Forest by going to the website, www.fs.fed.us/r5, and click on the link "National Forests of California" to find your forest. Go to the "Route Designation" icon and double click to find the status of the Plan in your forest. This is sometimes located on the sidebar under "projects and plans".

At present, six forests have issued Notices of Intent. These include El Dorado, which has also issued the draft EIS, as well as Sequoia, Sierra, Mendocino, Tahoe, and Inyo. We expect Notices from Lassen, Plumas, and Humboldt-Toiyabe in the very

near future. Klamath, Six Rivers, and Shasta Trinity are soon to follow.

Many of you have heard that there has been a huge outcry by the public over the proposed trail closures in El Dorado. With that forest considering closure of 80% of the motorized trails there has been tremendous attention from both motorized recreationists and environmental activists. Everyone realizes that this Forest will set the tone for all that follows. Issues in El Dorado have been complicated by a previous lawsuit over a designated trail system that was supposed to be established in the 1990's, but the major issue there is the application of Forest Standards and Guidelines to justify closure of most trails on the grounds of excessive impact. Public involvement has been essential to persuade El Dorado to expand OHV opportunity over what was originally proposed, but this appears to be having little effect. As a result all OHV organizations have jumped into the fray, each one vying to be the foremost advocate.

The Publication of the Tahoe National Forest Notice of Intent drew substantial attention, with the formation of the Friends of Tahoe and a coalition of OHV recreation groups to influence Forest Service officials in the drafting of trail plans. Trails not present on the inventory were identified and comments were written in an attempt to keep routes open.

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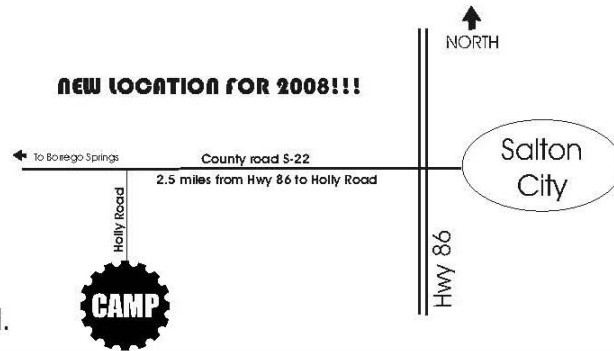
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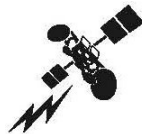
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Route Designation

Friends of Eldorado Formed in Response to Route Closures

Mission is to work with Forest Service to maintain routes and educate forest users

By Kurt Schneider. Friends of Eldorado

In response to Eldorado National Forest's Draft Impact study, which may remove over 1,800 miles of routes in Eldorado National Forest (ENF), the non-profit group The Friends of Eldorado, (FOE) has been formed by the users of ENF. These users include a vast range of people including OHV users, hunters, campers, hikers, photographers, fishermen, etc.

The mission of FOE is to work closely with the Forest Service and various other organizations such as the Blue Ribbon Coalition and The Friends of the Rubicon to help maintain trails, roads and campsites in ENF through work-parties, forest and campsite clean-ups. A secondary goal of the organization will be

to educate forest users on responsible use of the forest. In less than 12 hours after the creation of FOE, the organization's website, www.friendsofEldorado.com, had received over 300 unique visits and has had 50 individuals join the organization. This is no small feat, in that FOE went from inception to creation in less than one month.

"Friends of Eldorado is a welcome addition to our family of localized coalitions working to save our motorized access and fight unnecessary closures and restrictions," says Del Albright, Trail Boss Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR). "We stand proud with our new partners and look forward to preserving our Forest access for all the public," Del added.

Fall Clean Up 2007

By Friends of Sand Mountain

We would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone who participated in the clean up on October 13th. In addition a special thanks goes to some great vendors who donated to this years clean up: Sand Tramp Clothing, Hawkeye Camera, & Sand Station.

We began the clean up around 10am. It was a crowded weekend at the Mountain so it provided for a great turnout. Approximately four trailer loads of garbage were collected along with several hundred dollars in donations!!!! FOSM also met a lot of new people and welcomed several new members. We hope to have some pictures posted on our website from the clean up shortly. Overall this was one of the best clean up's in several years.

FOSM and some volunteers spent most of Friday handing out NEW Friends of Sand Mountain Flyers at the front gate. We are hoping that this will hope promote awareness of the changes that are occurring at the mountain and also how fellow off-roaders can get involved.

Thank you again for a great clean up. See everyone in the spring!!!

Sincerely, FOSM

Off-Road Expo

By Dick Moon

The Off-Road Expo that was held October 6th and 7th at the Pomona Fair Grounds, which pretty much ended the season for large trade shows, is now behind us and was a success for CORVA. I wish to thank all those that helped make the show successful. Those volunteers that worked to make things run smoothly were:

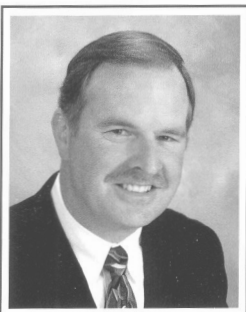
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Due to a change in postal requirements, the mailing of the November issue of *Off-Roaders in Action* was delayed. We apologize.



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Elections!

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Land Access

U.N. Wildlands Project

By Chris Horgan
Stewards of the Sequoia, A Division of CTUC

Many of the areas shown on The Wildlands Project maps in BLACK, as off limits to human use, already have significantly reduced public access & no management or resource harvesting through: Wilderness, Critical Habitat & Roadless Areas.

WHITE Areas are areas of Highly Regulated Use where hiking may be allowed, but no homes. Only GREEN areas will allow housing. [In this black and white reproduction of the map, green areas are very hard to distinguish. We apologize. However, it is only a fraction of the areas shown on the map – and is mostly the cities. For a full color version, visit the CORVA website to get the full impact of this map. – Erin Dyer, Editor]

Are any of the areas that you currently enjoy to recreate shown as BLACK, or off limits to human activity, on the Wildlands map?

Is your home in a WHITE Area, where housing will ultimately be prohibited through increased taxation & impossible regulations?

- In 1992 The Wildlands project was mandated by the *Convention on Biological Diversity, The Wildlands Project, UN & US Man & Biosphere Program & NAFTA Border Agenda 21.*

- The Agenda 21 UN document pledging to evaluate progress made in implementing the plan, was signed by President George Bush Senior in 1992.

- The President's Council on Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) was created by President Clinton in 1993, creating a method to implement The Wildlands project through Specific Plans in communities across the nation.

- In Kern County California alone, there are currently 400 Specific Plans being created at this moment.

While this may sound too incredible to be true, aren't many of the steps already in place to make The Wildlands Project & Agenda 21 a reality?

If you want to do something about stopping the Wildlands Project then:

- Read the Sustainable Development Guide for Public Officials (available on the website) to find out about Agenda 21, the driving force to remove people from the land & create greater government control

- Hand out the Sustainable Development Guide for Public Officials (available on the website) to your elected officials & friends
- Talk to your friends & associates about it.

- Join others in your area & inform your local elected leaders, many of whom know nothing about Agenda 21 or The Wildlands Project.

Visit http://stewardsofthesequoia.org/Wildlands_Project.html for maps & more information, such as:

Wildlands Project Map of CA/NV

Wildlands Project Map of entire US

Read article on how the Wildlands project is crippling small rural communities

(See Map on Next Page)



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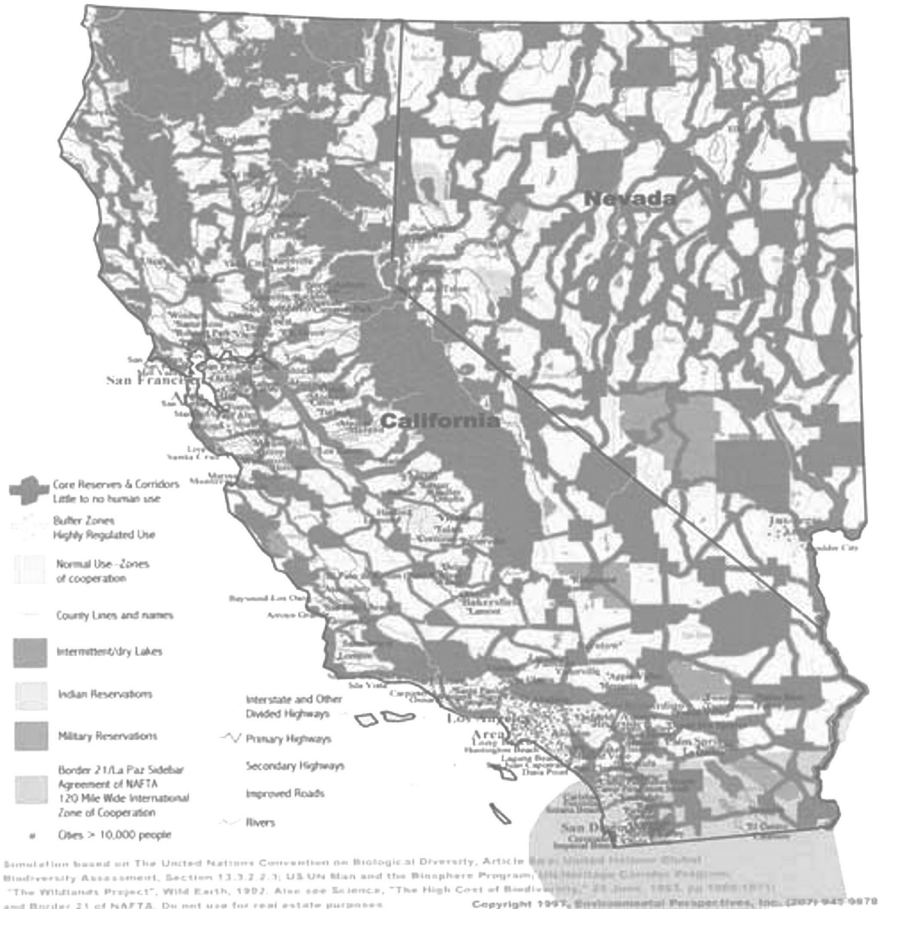
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Publication of the Sequoia NOI brought less attention, but solicited extensive comments under the direction of the Stewards of the Sequoia. This group held workshops, drafted maps of key routes for OHV use, and prepared detailed comments on the proposed closure of over 80% of trails.

Sierra National Forest also published the Notice. This fostered formation of the Stewards of the Sierra. Record numbers of OHV recreationists attended the public workshops held by the Forest. Again, routes not included on the inventory were identified and submitted, maps were checked, and comments were written, all by dedicated volunteers.

CORVA leadership anticipated this development and hosted a workshop with a NEPA consultant for El Dorado OHV recreationists to help them write proper comments and address potential flaws in the process. At this point the best way to assure that our routes are kept open is to participate actively with the Forest where you recreate and to submit comments during the 30 day period. We must understand that within several months each forest will publish a Draft EIS that will describe several alternative levels of OHV recreation. Publication of the DEIS opens a 45 day formal comment period. The Forest must respond in writing to comments submitted during this time, and these comments have legal implications for the agency.

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Visit the CORVA website at www.corva.org for more information on these events!

- ♦ **January 26 -27, 2008 - Truckhaven Challenge Poker Run (PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE IN DATE FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE) See flyer elsewhere in this issue**
- ♦ **February 2008 - Desert Vipers Grand Prix in Adelanto**
- ♦ **April 7, 2008 - 14th Annual Off Road Lobby Day - Sacramento**
- ♦ **April 2008 - Moose Anderson Days Clean Up & BBQ - At Jawbone Canyon Visitor Center. www.jawbone.org for info.**
- ♦ **May 2008- 9th Annual El Mirage Days - Clean up & BBQ in El Mirage Dry Lake. www.elmirage.org for more information**
- ♦ **September 2008 - CORVA Southern Jamboree**
- ♦ **October 2008 - CORVA Northern Jamboree**

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The best approach to the Route Designation Plan seems to be to write very specific comments on specific routes that you know that justifies keeping them open. The Forest can consider routes for inclusion on the trail system even if they have evidence of resource damage if they are particularly important. For example, a route that is part of a loop, that has a special destination or view, allows access to dispersed camping, or provides a fuel or water stop, has the best chance of inclusion.

Seasonal closures have also surfaced as a critical issue. Most NOI's indicate a blanket closure of trails for six to eight months of the year, in some cases from November to July. It is essential to comment on why this closure period should be shortened and based on seasonal and local climate variations.

And above all, volunteer trail maintenance performed by OHV recreationists enhances the credibility of groups that are attempting to influence this process. Get involved and do a weekend or two on a trail crew. You will have fun, make new friends, and gain a better appreciation of your routes.

Some argue that there is no point in spending time fighting the agency, arguing that they will just close everything anyway. I'd have to admit, at time I feel this way too. But unless we get involved and support our form of recreation we will get the routes

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they think we should have, not the ones we want, and we will be certainly worse off than if we speak out.

And don't forget to speak to your legislators. Write to them, call them and if you can meet with them. Tell them what is happening to our riding areas. As public officials they can influence the process in ways we cannot.

I will end this article with a plea for unification of our efforts in this endeavor. Advocates of different forms of recreation have long fought among themselves over turf and resources. This has led to the failure of OHV advocacy on many past occasions with the fragmentation of the sport into tiny entities without political clout. Recently we held a critical alliance together and achieved a significant accomplishment with the passage of SB 742. This shows what can be done if we work together.

All of us have a favorite pursuit, whether it is 4x4 wheeling, quad riding, sand riling, motorcycle single track, or snowmobiling. But we will all be subject to the same restrictions under the Route Designation Plan, so let's stick together and help each other out with Route Designation. In the words of Ben Franklin, "Now is the time for us to hang together, or most assuredly, we will hang separately!"

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- 12/8 CORVA Board of Directors Meeting at 3550 Foothill Blvd. Glendale, Ca. 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Contact Ed Waldheim at edwaldheim@aol.com 800-42-CORVA.
- 12/9 Point Mugu 4X4 Club, Camarillo Christmas Parade. Contact Terry Work at terry@corva.org or 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 513

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1/8 OHV Leadership and BLM CA Desert District meeting, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. or until Finished. 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley CA. 92553

SB 742 Update

The Governor signed SB 742 on October 12, 2007.

The bill takes effect on January 1, 2008.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work on this historic bill.

Attention All Clubs

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