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

## ***Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Area DRAMP Is Available***

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has published a notice of availability for the Draft Recreation Area Management Plan and associated Environmental Impact Statement for the 160,000-acre Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in Imperial County, California. OHV management is one of the major issues discussed in the draft plan, including proposed designations for areas that are open, closed or that provide limited access for OHV use. In limited areas, OHV use is restricted to designated routes and may be further restricted by various conditions, such as the number of vehicles allowed, types and sizes of vehicles allowed and seasonal closures. Dispersed camping is allowed within 300 feet of designated routes, except for certain areas that are deemed sensitive where the limit would be 100 feet.

The draft plan proposes to designate: 127,416 acres of public lands as open, which is an increase of 7,023 acres above current acreage; 52,370 acres as limited, which is a decrease of 16,070 acres; & 35,144 acres as closed, which is an increase 9,046 acres. Areas that prohibit OHV use include areas designated as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Three public meetings were held in El Centro, San Diego and Phoenix in April. Comments on the draft plan will be accepted until June 24, 2010. It is important that OHV enthusiasts get involved in the designation process by contacting BLM staff. Comments may be submitted by email to: [caisdrrmp@ca.blm.gov](mailto:caisdrrmp@ca.blm.gov) by fax to: 760-337-4490 or by mail to:

[www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ohvs/isdra/dunesinfo/docs/isdramp.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/recreation/ohvs/isdra/dunesinfo/docs/isdramp.html)

BLM El Centro Field Office  
1661 So. 4th St.  
El Centro, CA 92243

Additional information found online: View Full Text of Draft Plan and Associated Maps. For further information, please contact Erin Dreyfuss, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 916-978-4642



## ***CORVA Family Fun Run - A Great Time!***

Katherine Kelsey, Association Secretary and Event Chairperson

What a successful event! The beautiful sunny weekend was a perfect start for our event that was a one-day Poker Run with games at the checkpoints, similar to our annual Truckhaven event held every January. Peter Jones and his crew with State Parks was so gracious to allow us to hold our Poker Run at Hungry Valley SVRA near Gorman. Registration and home base was set up in the fenced in area across the road from Sterling Canyon Campground. When funding becomes available this area will be a future group campground with a gazebo, kitchen, fireplace circle and potties. Not only did we have a great location but everyone attending our event and who mentioned CORVA at the entrance gate was allowed free entrance for the weekend – a really nice savings!!

Our Poker Run course was designed by my...

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## **TREAD LIGHTLY! WORKS WITH CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS TO PROVIDE TRAINING COURSES THROUGHOUT THE STATE**

Tread Lightly! through a grant provided by the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division, has announced six, no cost training courses to be held in 2010 throughout the state. Since 2003, Tread Lightly!'s train-the-trainer program, Tread Trainer, has provided individuals from Puerto Rico to Alaska with instruction in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation.

With the opportunity to train so many outdoor recreationists, land managers and instructors in California, Tread Lightly! hopes to more fully incorporate its message of responsible outdoor recreation in OHV education programs, employee and volunteer training, and throughout the state's many recreation areas.

"The Tread Lightly! ethic is a critical component to enjoying and protecting our beautiful state," said Daphne Greene, California State Parks OHV division deputy director. "By offering this educational opportunity to willing volunteers, we are investing in a better future for our children by teaching people to value and protect our trails, parks and recreation areas."

Individuals that complete the one-day Tread Trainer course become representatives of Tread Lightly!. Tread Trainers present the Tread Lightly! message of responsible recreation practices to other educators, clubs, government employees, outdoor enthusiasts or community members. Presentations often focus on guidelines for minimizing recreational impacts as well as motivating individuals to be ambassadors of their chosen activity. Since the program's launch, Tread Lightly! has increased its outreach ten fold and has made nearly a quarter of a million face-to-face impressions.

Tread Trainer course schedule:

**May 14 & 15, 2010 – Rancho Cordova, CA**

**June 11 & 12, 2010 – Ontario, CA**

Individuals interested in the Tread Trainer program can go to [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org) for more information or to register for a course. Each course is free, but a credit card is required to register.

## WHAT IS CORVA?

*The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.*

*The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers.*

*The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.*

*We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.*

*We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.*

*We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,*

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

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Jim Woods**

### *Closures or Maintenance?*

It has been brought to my attention that there were some complaints about CORVA members closing trails in the Jawbone Dove Springs area. It seems someone in a CORVA jacket was spotted putting up closer-signs and barriers. Well, the person in the orange CORVA jacket is no stranger to CORVA or OHV activism. He is Ed Waldheim our past CORVA President and current President of the Friends of Jawbone and the California Trail Users Coalition. Ed was marking closed trails to educate the riders to the closures that occurred over twenty years ago. This is being done with our California OHV grant money and is needed so we will not have more closures. When riders go off the trail into closed areas they are loading the gun of the anti-access groups, not too mention it's just plain illegal. No one likes the fact that the areas where we want to ride have shrunk in the last few years but if we don't respect what we have left, those areas will be closed as well.

Last week I met some guys working on a route for the Ride for Kids dual sport event – to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. It's a great cause and many clubs and groups help to put the ride together, leaving out of Glen Helen Raceway and riding through the San Bernardino National Forest area, near Lytle Creek. It was a rainy Monday and we needed to finalize the route for the event permit. We had planned to meet at 8:00AM at the starting area and go from there. When my friend Jim Pilon and I arrived, no one else showed up. So off we went in my warm Jeep to get the information we needed. About noon my cell phone rang and it was the rest of the group. They were at a Starbucks making a "virtual route" on a laptop with a Garmin program and Google earth – the steady rain had kept them from making the ride. As impressed as I was with their ability to do this, I had to ask if they had actually ridden the route or been on the ground? As great as the route looked on the computer, they didn't know about the locked gate near the airplane crash site or that the railroad crossing was now permanently closed. They didn't have the correct information.

Like that someone that saw Ed Waldheim putting up signs, no one stopped to ask what is really going on. If they had stopped and said, "Hey Ed, what are you doing?" I am sure he would have explained and then he would ask them, "HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"

So, what are you doing? Let's not blame any OHV access groups like CORVA for closures. Our volunteers are way over-worked; remember they are volunteers! If there are closures, it's because we don't have enough off roaders getting involved. There are over a million green stickers and so many more 4x4 vehicles. Why can't we fill a meeting room when needed? When have you attended meetings in your area or for a favorite recreation spot? Use your virtual time studying bills and researching the laws. Educate yourself on the facts and real issues, then, attend those meetings!

If you hear of an important meeting that is not listed on the CORVA web-site, please send an email to our web-master Wayne Berg so he can list it. Be part of the process not the problem. Instead of complaining become active in the process. But if you can't, at least respect the work that is being done by the few volunteers we have. The land is not CORVA's. It is our land and we all must do our part to protect it for the future generations. We can only hope that our kids and some day grandkids will be able to ride in areas like Dove Springs or take a 4x4 to the Rubicon Trail. They may never realize it, but it will be due to the hard work of the few volunteers, one in particular in a bright orange jacket, who takes the time to really do something to keep what we have left available for the rest of us to enjoy.

Speaking of great volunteers, I have to say thanks to my CORVA board members and event volunteers. They have volunteered thousands of hours in the last year to keep us going strong. Without what they do, CORVA would be and have nothing. Thanks to you too for joining CORVA and sending in your paid membership. Our strength comes from your continued support. If you want to hear about what we have done in the past year or so, and meet some of the great folks that work directly, everyday, for CORVA, please come to our Annual Meeting in Bakersfield on May 15th. We will review the year and hold our State elections. Maybe it is time for you to make that next step to help save our sport, and become a CORVA volunteer.



The Friends of El Mirage Presents

# A SPRING cleanup & poker run

At El Mirage Cooperative Management Area  
**Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Come share in a day of  
work, play, and fun!

### Saturday – Work Projects

- Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. sharp at the Visitor Center located on Mt. View Road.
- Work projects begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp.
- Free BBQ lunch at 12:30 p.m. at Visitor Center
- Poker Run starts at 1:00 p.m. (see details below)
- Raffle drawings and 50/50 drawing at 3:00 p.m.

### **Pre-Registered Volunteers Receive:**

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- Free goody bag

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Friends of El Mirage, 75 Colusa Rd, El Mirage, CA 92301  
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES, send me information on becoming a Friends Member

#### Directions from San Bernardino

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Koala Rd makes sharp curve to left which is El Mirage Rd.  
El Mirage Rd. to Mountain View Rd.  
Turn RIGHT on Mountain View Rd. - El Mirage Rec. Area

#### Directions from Los Angeles

Highway 5 North to Highway 14 to Pearblossom exit  
Highway 138 East to Victorville  
Highway 138 to Highway 18 to Victorville  
Turn LEFT on Sheep Creek Rd.  
Turn RIGHT on El Mirage Rd.  
Turn LEFT on Mountain View Rd. – El Mirage Rec. Area

Participants include members of:

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

# CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

## Editorial

Anyone following the challenges to OHV recreation over the last two years knows there has been unprecedented activity lately, with renewed efforts to limit access to public land. We've seen this with Forest Service Travel Management, the BLM's closure of Clear Creek, and renewed efforts by the Democratic Congress to pass another round of wilderness bills. There is no doubt that we must defend our sport from these attacks, but we must do this in new and innovative ways. Simply stating our opposition will not accomplish much, we need to line up political support to defend the legitimacy of OHV recreation as a valid use of public land. The recent vote by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors shows how this can be done. The County rightfully recognizes the importance of recreation on public lands within their boundaries and has asserted their views. This sets an important precedent for local land use decisions to be made in coordination with federal agencies rather than by the federal agencies themselves. None of this happened by accident, and none of this was won by just one stakeholder group. It took hours of meetings of committed individuals with local officials and thousands of letters.

I cannot think of a better example of how local collaborative efforts have promoted free access to public land. This is the approach CORVA advocates through our Comments Workshop and the many other avenues of CORVA leadership participation. By meeting with legislators and land managers, stepping up to provide volunteer support for projects the agencies are unable or unwilling to perform and having a membership base CORVA can be an effective force in forming public land use policy. Not everyone will agree on how this can be best accomplished. We always want to hear from you, the membership about how things can be better done.

I frequently get asked the question, "What has CORVA done for me lately"? There is a perception that because new trails are not being opened and new riding areas designated that CORVA and other OHV organizations are somehow to blame. We are the first to admit that new riding areas are needed and that we are in serious arrears in expanding opportunity to meet demand. But the political reality is that there are many competing interests for public land. The Feinstein bill, S. 2921 is a classic example of this, where we see intense competition for California desert real estate between renewable energy, the Armed Forces, advocates of recreation, Indian tribes and environmentalists. CORVA always strives to be part of these discussions and to represent our members during these discussions.

Reading this report you can see the many areas where CORVA is engaged and involved. This is what CORVA is doing for you. The results are not instantaneous and at times they may not even be visible. But can you imagine how much land we would have lost without being involved? So this report should give you a good idea of what CORVA is doing for you. And please consider the fact that none of our representatives receive any compensation. They even pay their own expenses. That has been the CORVA approach from the beginning, to make sure your dues dollars are used as effectively as possible.

Bruce Whitcher

CORVA Vice President of Land Resources and Public Policy

## Travel Management Update

1. Stanislaus National Forest has completed their Final Environmental Impact Statement/Record of Decision (FEIS/ROD). Appeals were filed by CORVA and a number of other organizations. The Regional Forester recently sent out letters upholding the decision. The appellants are now considering their next move.

2. Sequoia National Forest Appeals have been filed by CORVA and a number of other organizations. Appeals from all organizations were denied by the Regional Forester and the Forest supervisor's decision upheld.

3. Sierra National Forest Record of Decision was signed March 1 and will be released in mid April due to the retirement of Supervisor Cole and the appointment of a new Forest supervisor. Comments on the decision will not be taken but the decision may be appealed.

4. Lassen National Forest has issued their ROD on February 10. Several OHV organizations have appealed the decision.

5. Tahoe National Forest recently held meetings to discuss the supplemental EIS released in Late February. Check the TNF web site for details.

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### [Desert Protection Act S.2921](#)

CORVA representatives meet to discuss bill with Senator's staff.

On March 31st CORVA representatives met with Senator Feinstein's staff to be briefed on this important bill. We had the opportunity to ask all our questions and to receive answers and we were told that there will be changes in the text of the bill based on our input.

- Motorized travel on designated routes within the proposed National Monuments would continue.
- Five off highway vehicle "open" areas established under the California Desert Conservation Act (CDCA) are preserved for multiple use recreation for future generations.
- There are no buffers established for any Monuments or wilderness areas
- Almost all motorized routes have been "cherry stemmed" into proposed wilderness areas.

We remain concerned about the following provisions of the current bill:

- "Climate Change and Wildlife Corridors". We appreciate the need to assess the impacts of climate change and to preserve wildlife corridors, but we feel very strongly that impacts to recreation should be considered as part of individual and cumulative impacts. The corridors were recommended to preserve continuity between the Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave National Preserve and the proposed new Mojave Monuments. There was no intent to restrict travel through these areas.
- "Prohibited Uses of Acquired and Donated Land". Although this section describes limitations that would apply to land "donated for conservation purposes" the OHV areas described in the bill contain private in holdings that could be donated at a future date. The bill should include assurances that existing use would be allowed to continue on donated or acquired in holdings in OHV areas.
- Recreation should be specifically mentioned as a public resource value. We were advised that is was an omission and this will be changed.
- The bill would establish "Habitat Mitigation Zones". We are concerned that "potential mitigation zones" could be established in areas now used for recreational purposes. Recreation interests are not represented on the Mitigation Council. Because mitigation zones would initially be 200,000 acres at a minimum this could potentially have a huge impact to existing recreational uses in some areas. We requested representation on the Mitigation Council and were told this would happen. We were informed that there was no intent to restrict travel on designated routes through these areas or through these areas to adjacent areas.

CORVA has yet to take a position on this bill. We plan to remain involved with any and all discussions. Any position will be determined by a vote by the Board of Directors. We welcome your input.

### [One of two Oceano Dunes lawsuits settled](#)

Off-rovers group ends a challenge to rules for parcel owned by the county; Sierra Club's case pending.

One lawsuit concerning a contentious 584-acre county-owned parcel within the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area has been settled, but another remains. At a recent hearing, the group Friends of Oceano Dunes dismissed its lawsuit against the county. The suit by the group of off-road vehicle riding enthusiasts challenged the county's designation of the so-called La Grande Tract as a no-riding buffer zone. "The county did not make any concessions in connection with the dismissal," County Counsel Warren Jensen said.

A separate lawsuit against the county by the Sierra Club over the Dunes parcel has not been settled, Jensen said. That suit challenges an agreement the county made that allows the State Parks department to manage the 584 acres as part of the state park and allows dune buggy riding there.

Meanwhile, State Parks is producing an environmental impact report in preparation for buying the land from the county. Parks managers hope that purchasing the land will settle the issue once and for all. It is not clear what long-term significance settling the lawsuit will have, said Babak Naficy, Sierra Club attorney. However, it could require the county to amend its local coastal plan, or LCP, for the parcel in order to allow dune buggy riding in the La Grande Tract.

"Amending the LCP is no easy matter because it involves the approval of the Coastal Commission," he said. The state and county are negotiating the sale of the La Grande Tract for \$4.8 million. If the sale goes through, additional legal challenges are likely, Naficy said.

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## [CORVA Representatives Attend US Forest Service Roundtable Discussion of New Planning Regulations](#)

The U.S. Forest Service is beginning the process of revising their regulations that govern how the agency prepares Forest Plans. Known as the "Planning Rule," these regulations will be the driving force behind how the agency prepares Land Use Plans and will guide land managers in developing, amending and revising land management plans for the 155 national forests and 20 grasslands in the National Forest System (NFS).

The USFS has released a proposed action that includes "Principles" that will be used to formulate the new regulations. The agency is asking for comments on these principles, and is asking the public to identify important issues and alternatives. Conservation and restoration will receive new emphasis according to the proposal.

### [What does a planning rule do?](#)

A national Forest Service planning rule provides the overarching framework for individual forests and grasslands in the National Forest System to use in developing, amending and revising land management plans. The Forest Service needs a stable planning rule that will enable our national forests and grasslands to respond the challenges of today and tomorrow. The Forest Service is required by statute to have a national planning rule: the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, as amended by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, requires the Secretary of Agriculture to issue regulations under the principles of the Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960 for the development and revision of land management plans.

1990 - A comprehensive Review stated that the recommendation was to Simplify, Clarify and Shorten the planning process, and that Forest Plans must be followed and used (page ix). Twenty years later why are we still faced with Analysis Paralysis that prevents our all too costly plans from being implemented?

1999 - If sustainability of our Forest is the Overarching Goal, as stated by the Scientific Panel Report of 1999, then how can we stop burning down our forest at an ever-increasing rate?

2001 - Review of the 2000 Planning Rule found the specific requirements for Sustainability and Monitoring to preclude the Viability of most on the ground projects by making them too costly, while encouraging litigation. How can we promote active stewardship projects and reduce litigation?

2005-2009 - The court has repeatedly found the Forest Planning Rule to be too complex and asked that it be streamlined. How do adding requirements to our National Forests plans such as Climate Change and Lands outside the National Forests reduce the Complexity or Streamline the Plan?

### [Landscape Wide Planning](#)

The protection of our watershed, resources and landscapes is best accomplished by encouraging on the ground projects such as fuels reductions. Having a one size fits all approach will mire all project level planning efforts and discourage the actual work that is needed.

Comments on the NOI may be sent via e-mail to: [fspr@contentanalysisgroup.com](mailto:fspr@contentanalysisgroup.com)

Written comments concerning this notice should be addressed to:

Forest Service Planning NOI,C/O Bear West Company,172 E 500 S, Bountiful, UT 84010

or via facsimile to (801) 397-1605. The public may inspect comments at <http://contentanalysisgroup.com/fsr/>

Special thanks to Chris Horgan of the Stewards of the Sequoia for providing this information.

## [WEMO lawsuit - Remedy Pending, Negotiations Continue](#)

The Center for Biological Diversity and several other environmental organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the WEMO (West Mojave) and other desert BLM route designation plans in 2006. The judge hearing the case recently rendered a decision and will issue a remedy.

The ruling, by the Hon. Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California impacts off-highway vehicle (OHV) routes established within the last 30 years, as well as the designation of future routes. The court held that the BLM's extensive environmental review failed to consider an adequate range of alternatives and was insufficient in its consideration of impacts to soil, cultural resources, certain plant and riparian resources, sensitive animal species, and air quality. This ruling means that the BLM must reconsider environmental impacts of OHVs on public lands in the Western Mojave region. The extent of the additional planning that will be required will be issued as a remedy. Negotiations regarding the lawsuit have been attended by CORVA representatives.

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**County to Reopen BLM-Area Roads, Urges Same for Clear Creek**

*By Kollin Kosmicki*

Supervisors today took steps toward ending a nearly two-year closure of roads leading into the Clear Creek Management Area, while they also endorsed a letter that encourages the federal Bureau of Land Management to reopen the recreational tourist spot. Supervisors voted 4-0 on two separate items related to the BLM's closure of the Clear Creek Management Area, implemented in May 2008 after a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study concluded that natural asbestos levels within the property were unsafe.

Board members agreed to endorse a letter recommending that the BLM choose an alternative to reopen the area in a proposal with options of how to proceed with Clear Creek. The BLM in its environmental impact statement regarding prospects for the 63,000-acre recreational area largely used for off-highway vehicles has recommended an alternative that would largely limit public access.

Along with the document going to the BLM which stressed the economic impact on the county's tourism industry - supervisors agreed to send a second letter to U.S. Sens. Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, along with U.S. Rep. Sam Farr, emphasizing the importance of the issue to the county and requesting their support on the matter. Supervisors then moved on to vote 4-0 - Pat Loe was not in attendance to also reopen the 25 miles of roads overseen by the county that lead into the Clear Creek area. They include Clear Creek Road to New Idria Road, Mexican Lake Road to the Fresno County line and Wild Ass Road from Mexican Lake Road. There had been questions in recent weeks about jurisdiction of those roads, as the BLM contended it was unclear whether San Benito had any official documentation proving ownership.

More than 50 residents attended the afternoon meeting at the board of supervisor's chambers. A large majority was in favor of reopening the roads and the Clear Creek Management Area. With applause following many arguments, they spoke about the economic impacts on their businesses, the inability to enjoy a sport they love and the science involved in federal studies that they contend is flawed.

Many of the speakers were from out of the area. Dennis Mann noted how he drove two and a half hours from Hanford. He pointed out how the Clear Creek Management Area had served as a positive outlet for his family and his son, now an adult. "For my son, when he was 12 years old, the best thing I ever did was get involved with him coming to the Clear Creek area," Mann said.

The local BLM field office manager also attended and encouraged supervisors against opening the roads. He estimated the BLM's state director could make a decision on the closure alternatives by January - a projection that drew murmurs from a skeptical crowd. He noted how leaving the county roads closed would be the "safest and least-confusing approach for the public."

**Carnegie SVRA: Park Remains Open Pending Court Decision**

On January 14th, the Court of Appeal, in San Francisco, filed an order accepting an amicus letter brief from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), filed on January 11, 2010. This letter argued that the Superior Court in Alameda County lacks jurisdiction to close the park because PEER and CSPA failed to exhaust their administrative remedies with the Water Board first before going to the Court. At this time, the park will remain open pending further court action.

**CORVA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

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

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## [BFGoodrich Tires Announces Five Outstanding Trails for 2010](#)

Source: Trails at Off-Road.com

MOAB, Utah – April 1, 2010 – BFGoodrich Tires has announced the five trails selected for its Outstanding Trails program at a presentation held in Moab, Utah during the Easter Jeep Safari. Celebrating the program's five year anniversary in 2010, the Outstanding Trails program has recognized 19 trails, donating more than \$70,000 to clubs across the United States and Canada. The program was established to raise awareness for responsible use, and preservation of, off-road trails while providing aid in the trails' conservation efforts.

In collaboration with Tread Lightly! and United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA), BFGoodrich Tires is proud to present the 2010 Outstanding Trails:

- Rausch Creek, Pa.
- Drummond Island, Mich.
- Yacolt, Wash.
- Johnson Valley, Calif.
- Holy Cross, Colo.

“The five trails that have been selected this year are well-deserving of the recognition and we're excited to have them part of the Outstanding Trails family,” said Joe Mazur, light-truck marketing manager, BFGoodrich Tires. “We look forward to honoring the clubs at selected events throughout the year and helping them maintain and preserve these beautiful off-road trails for everyone to enjoy.”

The five 2010 Outstanding Trails cover the map from the Mojave Desert in Southern California to the green forests of Pennsylvania. The trails were narrowed down and selected by UFWDA, Tread Lightly! and BFGoodrich Tires.

BFGoodrich Tires will host several events honoring each of the five trails beginning in June and running through October. The events will highlight the beauty and uniqueness of each trail, as well as educate off-road enthusiasts on the responsible use of trails. A grant will also be awarded to each of the clubs associated with the trails to help conserve the trail's beauty.

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*Yacolt Burn* is located in the Yacolt Burn State forest and features OHV trails that have been closed for a long time. There are several clubs, including the Piston's Wild Motorsports, that are working to get these trails cleaned up and ready to use once again. This is a relatively new 4x4 trail system that expects to have approximately 25 miles of dedicated off-roading very soon.

*Johnson Valley* is home to King of the Hammers, the ultimate desert race. Johnson Valley offers a varied landscape for the off-road driver. It is punctuated by steep red rocky mountains, rolling hills, open valleys, dry lake beds and sandy washes. Elevations range from 4,600-feet at Hartwell Hills to 2,300-feet at Melville Dry Lake. The area's beautiful vegetation consists of creosote scrub, annual grasses, wild flowers and Joshua Trees.

*Holy Cross* is a scenic and challenging high mountain trail in central Colorado. It is an old mining trail that gold miners built and used until 1883 when the mines on Mt. Holy Cross played out. One of the more challenging 4x4 trails in Colorado, Holy Cross holds a rating of 8 to 9 on a 10-point difficulty scale.

Each of the trails honored will be highlighted on BFGoodrich Tires' Nation of GO throughout the year. Nation of GO allows visitors to interact with members, as well as share their experiences on the trails by tracking drives and uploading photos and videos. Visit [www.NationofGO.com/OutstandingTrails](http://www.NationofGO.com/OutstandingTrails) to view the 2010 Outstanding Trails trailheads.

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*SAVE JOHNSON VALLEY RALLY DECEMBER 2008 - COUGAR BUTTES AREA*



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loving husband Darren Kelsey. On Friday Darren, Chris Casteel, Jon Bernham and Travis Lavallee marked and ribboned our 22.3-mile course. The course was laid out so that every type of vehicle and rider ability would be able to ride it. Plus, Darren laid out special trails off the main course for those who wanted a more challenging ride.

We opened registration at 8:30 Saturday morning and were greeted with donuts that were donated for all the volunteers from members James Dan Eger and Renee Eger. What a nice treat to start off the busy day ahead. Almost immediately, we had a long line of people waiting to sign up for the Poker Run, Raffle, Tri Tip Dinner and the Dog Show. Yes folks; back by popular demand was the infamous CORVA Dog Show.



The Poker Run started at 10:00 and people were anxious to get started on their way around the course and on to the checkpoints to draw their poker cards and play the games we had planned. Not far from the start was checkpoint #1 to draw the first card of five for the Poker Run. We did not have any other games at this checkpoint. Volunteers working this check were Jim Colln, Clayton Miller, Darren Kelsey and members of Ventura County Motorcycle Club (VCMC).



On the course near where Powerline Road and East Freeman Canyon meet, we had checkpoint #2. Joann Mayhew, Steve, Michelle and Katie Hewitt hosted this check. After riders chose their 2nd poker card, they were able to play a game of ladder golf. For those of you wondering, "What the heck is Ladder Golf?" here is a brief explanation: it is where a string is tied between two balls and is tossed from a distance towards a three-rung ladder. Points are scored according to the level of the ladder the string wraps around. Each person had three tries to collect the most points on their game card.

Our checkpoint #3 was located in the 4x4 area and was hosted by the Ventura 4 Wheel Drive Club. The 20 club members assisting decorated it all in an island theme. Their game was Flamingo ring toss. Each rider had three chances to land rings over the top of a flamingo, trying to earn the most points.

Jim Arbogast, Jackie, Owen, Richard Kelsey and Josh Sanchez-Sims hosted checkpoint #4. The game at this check was called Push Rod Drop. Riders were given three push rods that were to be dropped into three different size pipes attached to a board on the ground from their waist. Points were awarded according to the size of the pipe and the number of pushrods dropped in the pipes.

The finish was back at the CORVA camp for checkpoint #5 – the Stab Barney game, hosted by volunteers Morgan Brown, Ashley Johnson, Jim Arbogast, Scott O'Connell and Clayton Miller. Yep that loving purple dinosaur, Barney! Each rider had three darts and depending on where they hit Barney the points increased. At this checkpoint, the last poker card was issued and scores were tallied for the best poker hand plus the highest number of game points.

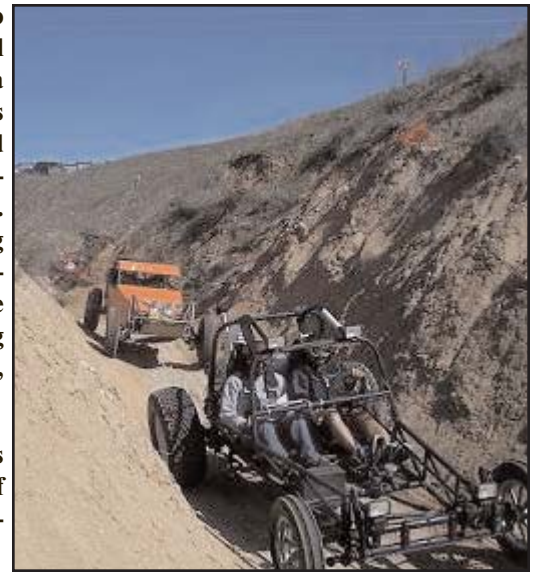
At 4:00, we held the infamous CORVA Dog Show sponsored by Dan and Tracey Allison of N2Dirt and Jim and Roberta Woods of Simi Valley Honda CanAm. All sizes and breeds of dogs participated in the many different categories. From best trick and speaking ability, to a cruise along the catwalk, and agility, there was fun to be had by all, both spectators and participants. The judges were Connie Colln, Jim Arbogast, Katie, Michele & Steve Hewitt and Renee Eger.

For dinner, our wonderful chef Tom Edwards really outdid himself again with the most amazing mouthwatering Tri Tip barbecue, which was served alongside a green salad, potato salad, a roll, a drink, and a large cookie for dessert, all for just ten dollars. What a deal! And a full sell-out this year!



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With bellies full and a hand full of raffle tickets, everyone moved over to the bonfire and stage area for the awards and raffle. Travis Lavallee of Devil Pup Wrestling donated a huge amount of firewood - enough for us to have a bonfire for three nights and still have wood left over. Thank-you Travis! Plus a huge thank-you to all the vendors who donated items for our raffle and event. Please see the vendor listing and when you need to make your next purchase, please remember to visit those vendors who truly do support CORVA. Our fabulous announcer, Wayne Ford provided information and music along with videos and pictures throughout the day and evening. Wayne asked everyone to dance the crazy chicken dance as they came up to claim their raffle prize. The crowd loved this! We apologize to those who were expecting karaoke following the awards and raffle, because during setup that evening, the karaoke machine broke and we were unable to fix it.



Again, thank-you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with this event, and a special thanks to the Hungry Valley SVRA for their support of CORVA. We hope you all had a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing you all next year at the CORVA Family Fun Run!

Volunteers

Much appreciation and thanks to the many dedicate volunteers who volunteered to help make this Family Fun Run a success and such a wonderful, fun and enjoyable event.

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Poker Run Winners

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|-----------|---------------|--|
| 1st Place | Ryan Thompson | Flush King HighSet of 5 BFGoodrich Tires |
| 2nd Place | Bunnie Kegley | Flush Jack High Interstate Battery       |
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Game Winners

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|-----------|-----------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| 1st Place | Daniel Ortiz    | 575 | Interstate Battery          |
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### CORVA Annual Meeting and Elections

by Jim Colln

This month our Annual Meeting takes place once again in Bakersfield, CA. We have 3 board positions open this year. As you might remember, we changed the bylaws a few years ago so that not all positions would be up at once. This year we have: VP - Administration, VP - Education, and Treasurer . If you are interested in any of these positions please let me know. You should have received a postcard by now with the following information.

The Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, May 15th 2010 at the California State University Bakersfield located at 9001 Stockdale Hwy Building 44B Room BDC 153, Bakersfield, CA 93311 (parking lot J) Elections for the Association Board (3) will take place at this meeting. Registration of members and clubs will begin at 9:30am followed by the Annual Meeting starting at 11:00am.

The proposed bylaws changes will be reviewed and a vote will take place. You can review the proposed changes on our web site. The online PDF file has changed words Underlined and in *Italics*, also in RED. For the complete current bylaws please see our web site. The last revision was in 2007. I hope to see you at the meeting.

Thanks, Jim Colln

Contact me: [jim.colln@corva.org](mailto:jim.colln@corva.org) or 800-42-CORVA ext. 509

### San Bernardino County Repeals OHV Permit Fee

Off-road vehicle regulation for large groups triggers debate

County supervisors on Tuesday, March 23rd repealed a controversial off-road vehicle permit for large groups, pleasing riders who fought against the regulation for nearly four years while disappointing property owners concerned over unwelcome dust and noise.

On a 3-1 vote, the Board of Supervisors eliminated a \$155 permit fee for 10 or more riders “staging” on public or private property, a requirement that became county policy in 2006. Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales opposed the move.

Calling the permit “overburdensome,” 1st District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt had proposed dropping it, along with 3rd District Supervisor Neil Derry. “You’re going to deter somebody from doing something on their own property?” Mitzelfelt said. “(Pay) \$155 on your own property to have 10 people get together? It just seems onerous to me.”

On Tuesday a few dozen concerned residents — many traveling from Joshua Tree and Wonder Valley — spoke both for and against repealing the staging permit at a crowded special session in San Bernardino. Both CORVA members and Friends of Giant Rock were present and approved of the change.





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

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