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BLM Extends Comment Period On Clear Creek Draft Plan

The public comment period for the Clear Creek Management Area draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement has been extended by 45 days by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). "Because the plan addresses potential long term restrictions on public lands," said BLM Acting California State Director Jim Abbott, "we are extending the comment period to allow further public input."

The Clear Creek Management Area in southern San Benito and western Fresno counties has a long history of public recreational use, but due to increased awareness of potential health risks caused by asbestos, the area has been temporarily closed since May 2008. The closure was in response to results of an Environmental Protection Agency's human health risk assessment. The temporary closure remains in effect until the new management plan is approved.

The draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement was released in December 2009 with a 90 day comment period. Three public meetings were also held in Coalinga, Hollister and Santa Clara in January 2010 to gather comments. The initial 90-day comment period has ended.

Comments must be postmarked or received by April 19, 2010. Written public comments may be submitted by mail to BLM, Attn. CCMA RMP/EIS, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023. Comments may also be provided via email: cahormp@ca.blm.gov, or fax: 831-630-5055.

For more information contact the Hollister Field Office at 831-630-5000

Adelanto Gran Prix 2010: The Finale

by Jim Arbogast

The Adelanto Gran Prix (AGP), annually hosted by the Desert Vipers Motorcycle Club (DVMC) in the town of Adelanto about an hour drive from the LA-Orange County area west of Victorville has sadly come to an end after 30 years of great times.

The escalating costs to run the event and the lack of sponsorship were perhaps key issues that finally hamstrung this world class event into history. The Vipers have always prided themselves in organizing a high level event which included a very generous purse for each of its three Pro races and substantial contributions to the OHV organizations like CORVA that they support.

Check out the incredible schedule of races listed, covering every niche from Pee Wees to the most advanced Pros.



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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. In addition to the Tread Trainer courses, two Master Trainer courses will also be offered in the California schedule. The Master Trainer course is an intensive two-day workshop designed to create volunteers equipped to train trainers on behalf of Tread Lightly!.

Tread Trainer course schedule:

May 14 & 15, 2010 – Rancho Cordova, CA
June 11 & 12, 2010 – Ontario, CA

Master Trainer course schedule:

April 10, 2010 – Borrego Springs, CA

Individuals interested in the Tread Trainer program can go to 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. Secondly, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

Great News! Long time CORVA member and volunteer, Wayne Nosala has accepted the position of Assistant Southern Director of Legislation. Wayne lives in California City and is very familiar with Jawbone and Red Rock. He has been involved as a CORVA field rep volunteer and OHV advocate for many years. We sincerely welcome Wayne to our Board.

The opening for Wayne came because George Paniagua sent his resignation to the CORVA Board and we had a vacant spot on the southern board. George has provided many years of dedicated service and we can appreciate what he has done for CORVA and OHV recreation. George wants to turn his focus on joining with our Director of Marketing Scott O'Connell and Southern Director Jim Arbogast to develop a new "CORVA Dogs" group. They will focus on and become the watchdogs for the Red Rock State Parks Recreation Area, which has been subject to many challenges and threats of closures for a long time. Without the OHV groups like CORVA getting involved, it could be closed permanently. This is the area of passion for the CORVA Dogs - They love that area, they want to preserve it and secure it for OHV opportunities in the future.

Do you see a pattern developing here? Passionate OHV users, volunteering to make a difference in an area that is used monthly by thousands of OHV users. There are over 10 million OHV users in California, and over 1 million Green stickers issued, plus many more 4x4 vehicles. Yet we have very few folks that are willing to buckle down and do what needs to be done to keep Red Rock open. The same is true for ALL OHV AREAS in California. Why must we depend on so few to keep our lands open?

Do you know why those who oppose OHV use are so successful against us? Two reasons – they have money and membership. Their "big-money" comes from large corporations and endowments. Look up the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club and search their funding sources. Do you buy any of their products? Their membership comes from active volunteers and paid staff who recruit more members, donate their time and money to take up the cause and a terrific PR campaign that elicits sympathy from just about anyone to make them join. They make it seem like OHV users are all bad, destructive to the land and animals, and don't care about preservation of our areas. They have a very loud public voice and presence with big money and expensive lawyers. They don't always have honest science or tactics but they are more successful than we are. They might just get what they want – they might just get all the OHV areas closed. (read article on page 14)

Meanwhile, where are YOU? What have you done this week, month or year? We need you – plain and simple. We need you to protest closures, maintain trails, participate in clean-ups and attend meetings. We need to educate those who don't know us about who we really are. We are after all, just OHV families who want to continue to have the opportunity to go off road. We need more members willing to support the OHV organizations that are working to keep the OHV areas open.

Currently, we face multiple challenges of closures and lawsuits. In particular, we need your involvement in: the Trail Designation process of the National Forests; the closures of the Clear Creek BLM area and Carnegie SVRA area; the West Mojave Plan (WEMO) – the plan that will govern how we OHV users get to use our deserts; the Feinstein Bill that will be coming out soon (which by the way, CORVA does NOT support); and the Marine expansion into Johnson Valley in the next few years which will eliminate a huge OHV area if it is adopted. You have to find your area of passion and get involved. You can't just get mad, blame someone else for the closures and then go off to some other area. That's just not working! We need to develop our passion and our voices!

The CORVA Board and the CORVA volunteers are passionate. They do what they do because they want to see YOUR OHV opportunities to continue. We understand you. But we want you to help us. A good place to start is to come to Sacramento on April 25-26th. We will hold a workshop on Sunday evening at the Holiday Inn, and then visit the legislators on Monday. If you are a passionate OHV user – YOU need to be there. Decide to do it now. We can help you find your focus. We can help you make a difference.

I know that this is the same message I have written before. I know it must sound repetitive and redundant. But with every challenge to our OHV use in California, I keep getting calls from people (most are not even CORVA members) that ask me "What is CORVA doing to keep OHV areas open?" If only I had more help. So please – make my day – start helping me. Help me help YOU keep OHV areas open in California for our future and our kids. That's really what we need.



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9:30 - NOON
Meeting and Walking the Halls

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Lunch and Guest Speakers
CSAC Meeting Room
1029 K Street

1 - 5PM
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Attendees will be asked to book appointments. Please contact Jerry Grabow or Jim Woods for help booking appointments and finding your elected officials.

CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

• [OHV Grants Calendar:](#)

Public comments on preliminary grant applications due April 5, 2010.

The Cooperative Grants and Agreement Program allows for a 30-day public review and comment period. This period provides an opportunity for the public to review the preliminary applications submitted to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division for consideration during the current grant cycle. The public may provide comment to both the applicant and the OHMVR Division by emailing the contact person listed on the preliminary application and carbon copying (cc) the OHMVR Division at OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov. The public comment period begins March 3, 2010, and ends April 6, 2010. The Division's On-Line Grants Application (OLGA) database allows the public to view preliminary applications in a centralized location. The following directions will allow you to view all the preliminary applications in a PDF format.

For more information go to the "Grants" drop down menu at: <http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov>

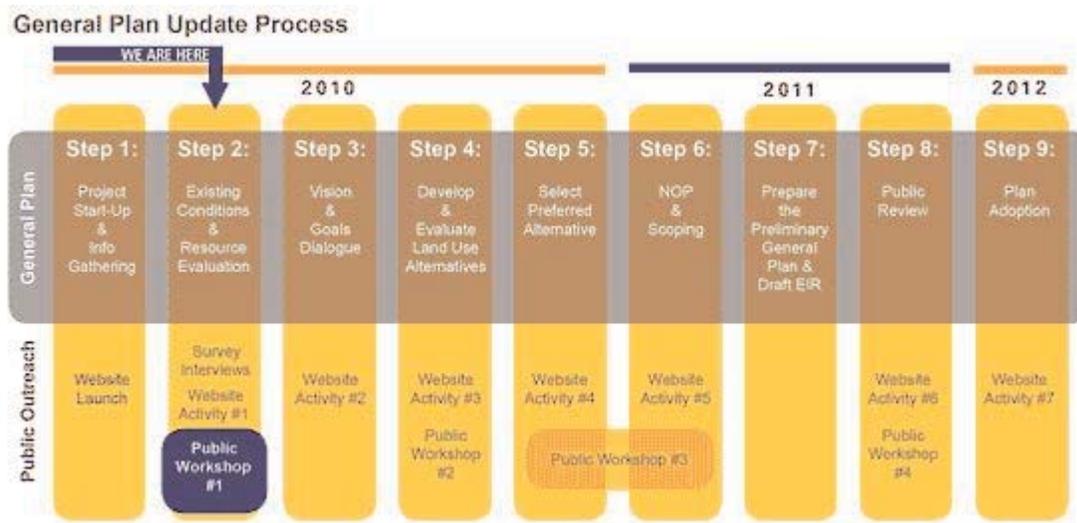
In 2009, \$27.1 million will be available for distribution among four funding categories:

Education and Safety:	\$ 1,300,000
Law Enforcement:	\$ 5,200,000
Operations & Maintenance:	\$13,000,000
Restoration:	\$ 7,600,000

• [Ocotillo SVRA General Plan Update Announced](#)

The OHV Division requests public input on the General Plan Update. The update is required as part of the CEQA process. Check the Ocotillo SVRA website for complete details.

General Plan Update Process & Timeline



• [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.

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• [More on BLM's Extended Comment Period for Clear Creek Draft Plan](#)

A copy of the draft EIS/RMP can be downloaded at:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html

Please take the time to write comments, or visit the CORVA comments page on the CORVA website.

“The goal of submitting comments is to effect changes in the document that will result in a better environmental impact statement.” Comments can direct the agency to provide a scientifically sound basis for decisions and help assure that all alternatives are considered. Public participation is recognized as the one opportunity we have to influence the outcome of federal NEPA actions such the proposed closure of the CCMA.

CORVA, Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA District 36, and many other OHV organizations have developed a strategy to address this controversial plan.

The future of Clear Creek is seen by all as a precedent setting national issue that will have repercussions for the future of OHV recreation for years to come. The document identifies the key issues as: recreation, public health and safety, and transportation. Of paramount importance is the consideration of potential human health risks from exposure to airborne asbestos fibers in CCMA.

There are seven alternatives. The agency preferred alternative would completely exclude motorcycle use in Clear Creek and allow limited 4WD, UTV, and ATV touring on a “permit only” basis.

• [Desert Protection Act S 2921](#)

CORVA has analyzed the bill for its effects on motorized recreation.

- 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 are concerned about the following provisions of the 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. At present there are no such assurances in the bill.
- “ 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.
- 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.
- Dumont Dunes. This is an area established by the California Desert Conservation Act that should be included in the OHV provisions of the bill.

• [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. Appeal points were denied at a meeting with Forest Supervisor Tina Terrell and we are awaiting a response from the Regional Forester.
3. Sierra National Forest Record of Decision was signed March 1 and will be released the first week in April.
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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• US Forest Service Developing 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.

The public may inspect all comments at <http://contentanalysisgroup.com/fsr>

We invite and encourage the public to review the comments on the NOI. Comments will help shape our collaborative efforts and the creation of the draft rule.

Comments on the NOI may be sent via e-mail to 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.

• 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.

CORVA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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Lake Tahoe Basin

The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit: This is a press release that shows the cost of straying off a designated trail.

South Lake Tahoe, Calif.-- A United States District Court found two South Lake Tahoe men guilty of damaging National Forest System lands and ordered them to help pay restoration costs. Jack G. Burns III, 24, and Kent Johnson, 47, were four-wheeling in the Twin Peaks Off Highway Vehicle area in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit on August 29, 2009. They had driven off the designated route in an apparent attempt to avoid a large technical boulder field. In doing so, they caused damage to an area of about one acre. Additionally, they destroyed log barricades, disturbed ground cover, caused deep ruts in the soil and created new routes with their vehicles. Witnesses alarmed by the activity called the sheriff's department for help.

The court placed both men on one-year probation and ordered each to pay \$500 to the Forest Service, to help pay for restoring the damage. A representative from the Lake Tahoe Hi/Lo four-wheel drive club testified at the trial and stated that the club will be volunteering for restoration work to repair the damage done by Burns and Johnson.

"Operating a motor vehicle on the National Forest carries a greater responsibility than driving in other areas," according to Forest Service Patrol Captain Gary Barnett. This is because the operator must know not only the applicable traffic laws, but they need to show a concern for the environment as well. Misuse of motor vehicles can lead to closures of routes and trails that are currently open."

This is but an example. Most importantly, people have to understand the risks involved for not staying on the trail. But equally important is the offer for the Lake Tahoe Hi-Lo's to help restore the damage to the area. Big thanks to the Lake Tahoe Hi-Lo's. A Federal bill has been introduced, in the Senate and House of Representative, H.R. 4589 and S. 2999, which would impose stiffer penalties than those the court imposed above, on everyone found guilty of damaging federal lands. Enforcement has to be a piece of the puzzle for increasing access on public lands. We have to fight for the areas we want, but we always must stay on designated roads and trails.

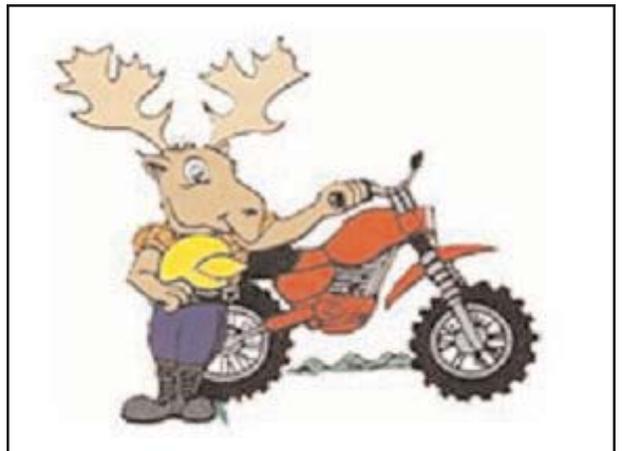
Moose Anderson Days 2010

Moose Anderson Days will be riding in on the winds of spring April 24-25 at Jawbone Station in Cantil, according to Friends of Jawbone president, Ed Waldheim. This is the 14th year for the desert clean up event named in honor of Mark "Moose" Anderson who served on California's first Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Commission. He was later involved in a motorcycle accident in Baja, from which he eventually died. When Jawbone Station was built in 1996, the building was dedicated in Anderson's memory.

Last year's event drew 300 participants who collected and removed more than 1000 pounds of litter and trash, according to Waldheim. Clean up projects for this year include trash and abandoned vehicle removal from Lone Tree Canyon, trash removal from Jawbone and Dove Springs canyons and removal of encroaching tamarisk plants according to BLM ranger Eduardo S. Duque.

Registered volunteers receive a collectible t-shirt when checking in at the beginning of the day. After working up an appetite, participants return to Jawbone Station in the early afternoon, and are treated to a BBQ lunch cooked by members of Kern County Search and Rescue. Following lunch, raffle prizes are awarded to lucky ticket holders. Last year, more than 100 items were given away including gift certificates, motorcycle helmets, riding apparel, tools, t-shirts and toys.

The event continues Sunday morning, April 25, with a hot breakfast sponsored by the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA). Motorcycle and OHV riders can then embark on a poker run in the Jawbone Canyon area. Four wheel drive vehicle enthusiasts can explore historic mining areas using the Explore Historic California's interpretive guides.



Moose Anderson Days is organized each year by the Friends of Jawbone Canyon in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office. The organization represents a coalition of recreational users, government land managers, private property and business owners. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month at Jawbone Station.

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Our goal is to not only enjoy the outdoors but to help preserve it for future generations. One of the ways we are helping is by partnering with the USFS in their Adopt-a-Trail program VC4WD is the official adopt-a-trail sponsor for three trails in the Los Padres National Forest. These trails are 100, 109 which includes Dome Springs campground and trail 110. After some surveying of our newly adopted trails, we are planning a summer kick-off trail maintenance even where we will be getting the campgrounds ready for visitors, posting trail signs and wilderness area signs to inform people where to tread lightly. This event is planned for May 8th 2010. If you would like more information or would like to be involved, please visit our website at www.vc4wd.com or e-mail us at VenturaCounty4WD@gmail.com.

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Final Adelanto Gran Prix (cont.)

The Unclassified race kicked off the AGP on Saturday morning at 7:30am. It is packed with many of the best riders who want to get a feel for the course before their designated race.

At 8:30 was the Pee Wee 50cc (5-10yrs) and Kids (up to 11 yrs) 60-100cc race, which is held on a shortened course, and was a real crowd-pleaser, especially for the parents.

Next was the 9:30 Dual Sport & 4-Stroke Unlimited race with Expert, Amateur, Novice and Beginner brackets.

The 11:00 race was the Over-40 and Over-50 age group with Novice and Beginner brackets, and the Over-60 age group for all skill levels.

At 12:30 was the Over-30, Over-40, and Over-50 race, and the 125-200cc Expert and Amateur brackets for all divisions.

The 1:45 race was for the Over-30 Novice and Beginner categories.

The last race of the day was the 3:00 Pro Race with a \$4,000 Purse, which was a one hour plus one lap race for 125-200cc, 210-250cc, and 251cc & up divisions. This race was extremely fast and exciting.

Sunday's races started out at 7:30 for Vintage vehicles up to 1974, Classic 1975-79, and Evolution 1980-85, all with the Experienced/Amateur/Novice brackets plus a new Trail Bike Beginner division.

The 8:45 race was the 250cc (210-250cc) for Exp/Am/Nov/Beg.

The 10:15 race featured 125-200cc (Nov/Beg), Mini 12-15 yrs 85cc or less (Exp/Am/Nov/Beg), and Women's (Exp/Am/Nov).

The 11:45 race was for the Open 251cc+ and the 2 Stroke Unlimited, both for Exp/Am/Nov/Beg.

The 1:15 race was for Quads Pro/Exp/Am/Nov/Beg with a \$1,000 Quad Pro Purse and Sidehacks.

The last race was the Team Race \$1,000 Pro Purse 1hr plus 1 lap for Pro 125-200cc, Pro 201-250cc, Pro 251-cc & up, Pro over 30, Pro Over 40 and Amateur Team Race. Again, this race was wheel to wheel and very exciting.

The DVMC supports CORVA with a \$100 donation to CORVA's Land Use Fund for every volunteer who works a day flagging the course. At this year's event, the CORVA volunteers included Steve Hewitt, John Burnham, Brandon Phillips, Jim Arbogast, Wayne & Pnida Ford, Micheal Marr, Missy Torreto, Kimberly. Schnep and Bil Seymour. I would like to extend a big thank you to all who generously donated their time.

On Friday afternoon, Scott O'Connell partnered with Steve Hewitt and set up a CORVA Booth inside the Community Center the DVMC uses for registration. They signed up 32 paid CORVA members! Another phenomenal effort.

On behalf of CORVA I want to sincerely thank the Vipers for the generous donations past and present to our organization. And we want to thank Larry Engwall for speaking so highly of CORVA to the spectators on Sunday afternoon while being interviewed over the PA system. Jim Arbogast

Got Desert I.D.?

We all know that we should never ride in the dunes alone. Even though we have all been taught this rule since we have been going to the dunes, we have all broken it a one time or another. We may just go for a quick test run, a trip to the store, to meet someone or just to feel the wind in our hair. When we get to the dunes, the first thing we do is take our wallet and lock it up someplace safe, so it doesn't get lost in the sand. We then take the long anticipated "I'll be right back, I'm just going up the road" trip. What would happen if while you were on that "quick" trip something catastrophic happened to you? How would anyone who may find you know who you are?

This happened to our friend Mike Roark. He told his friend Russ he would follow him back to camp and never showed up. When Russ went looking for Mike, he found EMTs, life flight, and rangers all grouped around a body under a sheet on the ground. Mike's buggy was nearby. Mike had his I.D. on him, but no one knew where he was camped. If Russ hadn't found him, it would have been hours before Mike's camp and loved ones were located, if it ever was located, a very sobering thought when you think of friends and loved ones waiting for his return.



This scary situation prompted Russ and his wife Valerie to come up with a new program called "Got Desert I.D.?" Working in conjunction with officials at the dunes, they are implementing a way to I.D. and locate all dune-lovers. The easy-to-fill-out yellow fluorescent cards will list pertinent information, such as: name, contact information, medical alerts, license plate number, and camp GPS locations. The cards will easily attach to any Sand Rail, Quad, or Motorcycle.

This program will debut Thanksgiving Weekend. Russ and Valerie hope that everyone will take advantage of the I.D. cards, so no one will ever again wonder, "WHO IS THIS PERSON?"

Calling All Clubs!

Now Accepting Nominations for the CORVA Awards. Each year we honor those in our community for their efforts. The following awards will be presented at this year's CORVA Annual Meeting on May 15th. If you know of anyone deserving of one or more of these awards, please send the required information to CORVA at 1500 W. El Camino, #352, Sacramento, CA 95833-1945 or email to jim.colln@corva.org Write one nomination per page or email and include the award name in the subject line. If you need more information please email or call 1-800-42-CORVA ext. 509

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$42 MILLION BORROWED TAX DOLLARS AND COUNTING

We have to STOP the millions of taxpayer dollars funding our own demise!!

Radical environmental groups have hit private property owners, businesses and public lands users in the pocketbook for years; it is time to level the playing field. Radical environmental groups freely admit that they are using federal court litigation as a hammer and sword to force their personal agendas on the American taxpayers, private property owners, and public land users, by eliminating businesses and land uses. This litigation of which they so proudly boast is being funded by American taxpayers using loopholes and friendly settlement agreements, in just 19 states and D.C. for over \$42 million and counting in taxpayer funding. This has to stop!! According to Kieran Suckling director of the Center for Biological Diversity (“CBD”) in a High Country News Article in 2009:

“They [law suits] are one tool in a larger campaign, but we use lawsuits to help shift the balance of power from industry and government agencies, toward protecting endangered species. That plays out on many levels. At the simplest, by obtaining an injunction to shut down logging or prevent the filling of a dam. The Forest Service needs our agreement to get back to work, and we are in the position of being able to powerfully negotiate the terms or releasing the injunction.

New injunctions, new species listings and new bad press take a terrible toll on agency morale. When we stop the same timber sale three or four times running, the timber planners want to tear their hair out. They feel like their careers are being mocked and destroyed – and they are.

So they become more willing to play by our rules and at least get something done. Psychological warfare is a very underappreciated aspect of environmental campaigning.”

Destroying peoples’ morale?? Making up their own radical rules?? Not once does the CBD director mention that they are spending any money or time on environmental health and protection! Is funding psychological warfare where America’s already deficit spending should go?

And what about the latest campaign from WildEarth Guardians (“WEG”)? They have launched a “BioBlitz” and are filing lawsuits/formal petitions against the United States to mark the 36th year anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. In their words,

“Given the disappointment of Copenhagen, we’re pressing the federal government to recognize a variety of species that will go extinct if we continue to procrastinate on climate change action.... The Endangered Species Act [ESA] is an important approach to forcing cuts to greenhouse gas emissions when our political leaders lack the will to do so.”

Using an unrelated federal law as a covert tool to enforce their personal agenda because they cannot prove their “scientific” allegations? Using the courts when the question is really one for Congress? And just like the CBD, there is not one mention of the WEG doing any work themselves on species conservation or environmental protection.

The Magazine Chicago just printed an article called “True Grit” about Jon Marvel (who is proud to be a Vietnam draft dodger) -- and Western Watersheds Project. Unlike the movie starring John Wayne, Mr. Marvel and Western Watersheds Project is no friend of the west or cowboys, ranchers or farmers. On Western Watersheds’ Project website their policy memorandums state:

Policy Memo #1:

“To Do: Get all cows off public lands ASAP”.

Policy Memo #2:

“To Do: Get all cows and sheep off public lands ASAP”.

Just in the federal court in Idaho, this “to do” list has cost the American taxpayer \$1,150,528 in funding paid to WWP and its lawyers between 2001 and July 17, 2009. Since then, who knows how much more has been paid.

This abuse of American taxpayer borrowed dollars, the federal laws and the courts cannot continue. In just nine years, ten environmental groups filed at least 3000 court cases, the vast majority of which dealt with allegations that the federal government did not follow the proper procedure. Litigation such as this does not challenge whether there is scientific merit or reality to their environmental agenda, but whether procedural time frames were met. For example, with regard to the ESA, this litigation does not challenge whether a plant, insect or animal is, in reality, declining in numbers and needs human intervention to survive. Rather, the litigation is based upon deadlines imposed by Congress that the federal government cannot practically meet. These suits include every type of species imaginable from worms to insects, cave bugs to invertebrates. If a radical-enviro group requests something be listed and the federal government fails to respond in 90 days, the group files litigation and gets attorneys fees—even if it ultimately turns out that the species is not being harmed.

At present, there are 1,967 species on the threatened and endangered species list; 98 species on proposed endangered/proposed threatened; and 249 more candidate species for listing. Those do not count the ones now being included on the CBD's or WEG's petitions. Although the ESA was originally passed with the idea that important species would be listed, a recovery plan developed, then the species would be taken off the list, only 21 species have been removed from the list. And now WEG, CBD and other radical groups have pledged to petition to add more species to the list and reap millions of attorneys fees for their efforts. Again, there is no indication that one single dollar of American taxpayer dollars given to these environmental groups have gone to on-the-ground activities; the money just funds more litigation against the taxpayers. If these groups were really worried about these species, wouldn't the "BioBlitz" be about the on-the-ground projects to help plants and animals? Wouldn't CBD be using science and facts to come up with solutions rather than mocking and destroying American workers? \$42 million dollars and counting in taxpayer money going to radical groups. Maybe instead of calling it "BioBlitz," we should call it "EnviroCash."

This is the sixth installment of a multi-part series of research regarding the attorney fees litigation gravy train discovered by radical environmental groups using taxpayer dollars. Western Legacy Alliance ("WLA") is committed to the fight to reform this system to stop taxpayer money from funding the elimination of property rights, the lock up of public lands, the loss of jobs and the destruction of the environment.

[Western Legacy Alliance Research Spurs Congressional Action on Exposing Taxpayer Funded Lawsuit Racket of Radical Environmentalists](#)

When it was founded in 2008, Western Legacy Alliance (WLA) vowed to stand up for all small businesses and private property which are vital to the future economic health of America including ranching, farming, resource development, and recreational use.

Our efforts have finally yielded tangible positive results. Using research developed by Western Legacy Alliance, a bipartisan effort by Republican Representatives Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming, Rob Bishop of Utah and Democrat Stephanie Herseth-Sandlin of South Dakota has led to the introduction of a bill in Congress to begin the process of shining a bright light on the fiscal use and abuse to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). EAJA appears to be one of the major funding sources for radical environmental groups. WLA needs your financial support to get H.R. 4717, The Open EAJA Act of 2010, through Congress.

For years, radical environmental groups have twisted and abused attorney fee shifting statutes, whose original intention were to level the playing field and give hard working Americans the ability to challenge unfair and unjust government decisions in federal court and not go bankrupt in the process. However, eco outlaws have reaped millions of taxpayer dollars suing the federal government to push a radical agenda they can't get legislatively. They have used the courts as a back door to assert their agenda filing hundreds of lawsuits using manipulated junk science and agency technicalities instead of a fair debate in Congress.

These outlaws freely admit they are using the legal system and taking tax dollars to fund their "eco crusade". They don't have the support to let their agenda stand on its own merit so they tie up the courts in endless lawsuits and bury government officials with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Instead of federal employees doing the jobs they were hired to do, they are spending all their time in offices answering nuisance FOIAs.

Make no mistake this is not just about harming private property owners and American businesses. If they get their way it will eventually lead to the elimination of all mineral, oil and gas development, severe restrictions on hunting, fishing and other recreational uses, needless restrictions on small businesses, the end of wind and solar energy development that environmentalists profess to support, and no new transmission lines to get this much needed power to the energy starved cities of America. If they want to use the trust funds of wealthy individuals and foundations to fund their agenda of destroying the American economy, that is one thing. To do it with the unwitting and unwilling American taxpayer footing the bill is quite another.

Like the Minutemen at Lexington and Concord in 1775, WLA has fired the first shot that will be heard around the country. But in order to ensure that the shot is heard and we can continue firing we urgently need funding. WLA is issuing a "call to arms" so we can do additional research, take the fight to the opposition in the media and keep Congress' feet to the fire.

Please contact Western Legacy Alliance today to add your support and put an end to this abuse!

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CORVA CALENDAR

April:

4/24-25 **Moose Anderson Days @ Jawbone Canyon** Hosted by Friends of Jawbone
More info at www.jawbone.org

4/25-26 **Lobby Day, Sacramento** - Come walk the halls

May:

5/1-2 **El Mirage Days** Hosted by Friends of El Mirage
More info at www.elmirage.org

5/15 **CORVA Annual Meeting / Elections** -- Bakersfield

June:

6/12 **Operation Super Canyon Sweep 2010** Azusa Canyon

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31st Annual Off Road Rally

Escarabajo Buggy Club

FRANK RAINES PARK

May 15th 2010

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