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## THE IE4W CHALLENGE

# CORVA'S FAST TRACK TO SUPPORT - HELPING TO KEEP OCOTILLO WELLS OPEN

by Clayton Miller, VP of Administration

The Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs (IE4W) has generously offered to help CORVA keep Ocotillo Wells open. Donate today and IE4W will match your gift up to \$2000 for this important cause. Your support will help CORVA reach the goal set by IE4W.

"In recognition of the great work that the California Off-Road Vehicle Association does in protecting and preserving access to Off Highway Vehicle trails in California, IE4W is pleased to announce the IE4W Challenge," says Randy Stockberger, President of IE4W.

Last month IE4W generously donated a \$1000 to CORVA's Ocotillo Wells Defense Fund. With that donation it also committed to make an additional \$2000 donation once CORVA secures matching donations to the IE4W Challenge totaling \$2000 by November 30, 2014. This is a tremendous opportunity for a total of \$5000 specifically designated to help keep Ocotillo Wells open.

CORVA very much appreciates the support of the Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs. IE4W is a 75 member family off road club

located in San Bernardino. IE4W has hosted Forest Fest for 17 years, a weekend event in Big Bear that attracts almost 1,000 people. The proceeds from the many sponsors and raffle ticket sales enable us to give back to many charitable organizations including CORVA, Blue Ribbon Coalition, San Bernardino National Forest Adopt a Trail, Ronald McDonald House, Rubicon Foundation, Pismo Beach, and many others. In addition, IE4W also grants 2 scholarships each year to students that are associated with an offroading family. For more information, visit www.IE4W.com.

Please consider donating today! CORVA thanks everyone who has donated to this challenge!







## **Donate Now and Double Your Gift!**

The IE4W Challenge Helps CORVA Keep Ocotillo Wells Open Visit corva.org/donate





# CORVA: THE ADVOCACY UMBRELLA

Amy Granat, Managing Director

The way we define ourselves in the off-road community can be the source of much pride as well as signify allegiance with fellow enthusiasts. Mere words serve as an introduction indicating what kind of 4WD vehicle you favor, or what brand of motorcycle you ride. How someone enjoys public land tends to become a label proudly worn and proclaimed to the world at large.

In the off-road community we've used this form of labeling as a means to connect with people who think like us, who enjoy public land like us; folks with whom we can feel in instant camaraderie. It becomes shorthand for feeling a kinship or a connection with someone we may just have met on a trail. In short, there can be a lot of meaning in the names we wear so proudly.

But labeling can also serve to divide our community, and cause fractures to widen between folks who otherwise have so much in common. Those that enjoy motorized access do so for a wide variety of reasons that cannot be adequately described with one label. There are people who use roads on public land for everything you can imagine: access to rivers and lakes for boating and fishing, camping, hunting and racing, as well as leisurely drives in the forest or desert.

If you take a good look at this list, only a few of the activities fall into traditionally defined off-road categories. If that is surprising, take a good look around the next time you find yourselves traveling around our forests and deserts. Undoubtedly, you will see enthusiasts enjoying all sorts of activities, many more than listed above. Understand that these folks are part of our extended off-road family, and try to feel a connection to these distant cousins. We all share the risk of being shut out of these areas we love to

enjoy. Because those who want to close roads and trails to motorized access also want to cut off the ability of the average American to enjoy their favorite activities on public lands. Motorized access is the keystone for almost type of recreation that can be enjoyed on public lands. In short, road closures hurt everyone.

The commonalties between enthusiasts also help define the mission and goals of CORVA. Bringing all with an interest in keeping public land open in California together, working as a powerful political force, is our uppermost goal. We recognized long ago that it serves no purpose to define ourselves solely by one form of off-road use. While it may make sense from a social point of view to limit your membership to a certain type of vehicle or activity, it serves no purpose working with government officials or land use agencies. CORVA provides an advocacy umbrella for all off-road use and activities in California which brings a power to our message that is not achievable in any other manner.

Power is not solely defined in the off-road world by the speed of an engine or the size of the tires on a 4WD. In the long run, it matters not what type of vehicle you drive or ride. What matters most is the ability to work hard, make a difference, and keep public land open. Using the most hard-hitting advocacy tactics, dedicated members of CORVA are making an enormous difference in our fight to keep public land accessible to motorized vehicles. This is what binds the members of CORVA together, and this is what defines CORVA as an organization. To use an analogy, in the off-road community we are under a continuous threat of inclement weather in terms of land use closures. Therefore as a community we are always going to need a good umbrella. The California Off-Road Vehicle Association is proud to serve as your umbrella.

# HOW TO KNOW WHERE YOUR ARE: MAPS AND TOOLS TO ENHANCE YOUR OFF-ROAD **EXPERIENCE**

### Owlsheadgps.com OHV Route Database

The OwlsheadGPS Project area now covers 28 million acres of public and private land in Southern and Central California, from northern Death Valley south to the International Border. The project currently features 6,891 OHV routes totaling 16,728 miles of roads and trails. Ultimately the OwlsheadGPS project will expand to include the whole of California.

Routes can be viewed using an interactive online map and on your Garmin GPS device, and they are also available for download as GPX and KML files.

Please visit owlsheadgps.com for more information.

#### Friends of Jawbone OHV Map and Mobile App

The popular Friends of Jawbone (FOJ) Off-Highway Vehicle map depicts riding areas, trails, and points of interest in the greater Jawbone Canyon area in Eastern Kern County. It includes easy trails great for beginners and training kids and technically difficult trails that experienced riders crave. The map shows OHV open areas with great hill climbs and open camping, as well as remote backcountry trails where you can spend all day riding and not see another soul. This area of East Kern County has something for everyone.

The agency information, discovery points, and easyto-read, full-color format make the Friends of Jawbone map a great way to discover this amazing and diverse OHV-friendly area.

Even better, the Friends of Jawbone OHV Map app is available for iPhone and Android devices via the Apple App Store, Google Play and Avenza's PDF Maps Store. This digitized version of the paper map features live GPS tracking that works in the backcountry without a wifi or cellular connection.

Visit jawbone.org for more information about our printed maps & mobile device apps.

### **CTUC Map Series**

The California Trail Users Coalition's series of trail maps depict OHV opportunities across Southern California including Palm Springs, Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Needles, Los Padres Forest and Oceano Dunes, San Bernardino Forest, Los Padres National Forest. Inyo National Forest, Death Valley, Inyo National Forest, Bishop, Angeles National Forest and El Mirage. Four CTUC maps are currently available for iPhone and Android devices through the Avenza PDF Maps Store.

Forthcoming maps from this series will soon include Seguoia National Forest, Cima, Inyo National Forest, Ocotillo SRA and Cleveland National Forest and Sierra National Forest.

If you're looking to explore a new area, or to see what OHV opportunities are available in an area you'll be visiting, a CTUC map is your perfect companion.

Visit www.ctuc.info for more information.









# OFF-ROAD ADVOCACY TOOLBOX FOR THE MODERN AGE

Amy Granat, Managing Director

# Everything you need to know to be an effective advocate in 6 easy lessons....or less

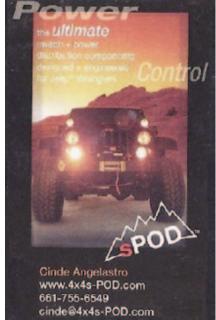
- 1. Work together: find a like-minded group of people with whom you can share the responsibilities and the efforts. Talk to CORVA, and we will share our knowledge to help get you started in the right direction. As your umbrella advocacy group, we know the right land use agency people you will need to contact. Working together helps share the burden and inspires every member of your group to make a difference, and more people working together helps avoid the dreaded burnout syndrome.
- 2. Meet your elected representatives at their local offices: many folks forget that politicians live in our local communities and must be accessible to their constituents. Be polite, but knowledgeable about your subject. If your want your local representative to do something or get back to you, let them know you will be contacting them in the future, and be persistent. Leave information for them to read after your visit, and don't forget that their aides and assistants might be the keys to your success!
- 3. Letter writing campaigns: thousands of generated form letters will not be effective, and many will end up in the round file. Better to write a simple, heartfelt but factual comment on an issue that is important to you. If it is a major problem facing the OHV community, something more serious may be needed, and that's where the CORVA Comments Project will come to your community and teach a class about effective letter writing. There are definitely tricks to the trade, and that's why the CORVA Comments Project was created to help OHV enthusiasts

write substantive and effective comment letters.

- 4. Making comments at a public meeting, or speaking anywhere in public: there is a simple secret to effective public speaking. Gather your thoughts and ideas in advance and write them down on index cards for reference. Trying to speak off the cuff is a talent most people do not have, so be prepared and it will be much easier. Like many other things, the more you do it, the easier it becomes. Don't let fear limit your effectiveness.
- 5. Trail and maintenance issues: know who is in charge of the trail system at your favorite OHV area. If it is a state-owned area, talk to the superintendent and tell them you want to volunteer. Most areas already have groups of people dedicated to trail maintenance through 'Friends' groups or adopt-a-trail programs, but they all have one thing in common; whether you work with the agencies themselves, or through other volunteer efforts, everyone can use your help. Don't forget to contact your local Forest Service District Ranger Office or BLM Field Office and meet their recreation officer. Each agency has someone tasked with working on OHV issues, who will be an important contact. Don't assume you know better than the agencies, but work alongside the agencies and they will be extremely grateful.
- 6. The five tips above can help steer you in the right direction, but for the modern off-road advocate, social media is very important. What you put on social media will reflect on the entire OHV community, so you have the ability to change public perception by placing positive examples of OHV recreation online. Everything is public these days, and often negative images

of OHV recreation are used against us in meetings regarding land use policy. Use social media as an opportunity to point out how OHV recreation and motorized access is a positive force for good, and it will help all of us change the course of events in the future.

One of the most important traits for an off-road advocate is not mentioned above, and it is passion! Passion for the outdoors, and a love of traveling on public land pushes us to keep fighting so opportunities will exist for future generations. Perhaps the most important encouragement I can provide is the knowledge that these simple steps really make huge differences with public land use agencies and do help prevent closures. And perhaps the most reassuring statement I can give you is that CORVA will be with you every step of the way, helping guide you and standing beside you when needed. That's our passion as an organization, and we've never stopped for 45 years.







# Spangler Hills OHV Area Wagon Wheel Staging Area

This is a family event ... so bring the kids!

Support CORVA to help protect access to public lands!

Open to ALL off-road vehicles! (spark arrestor required)

# Saturday Schedule

Rider/Driver meeting - 9:30am
Poker Run - 10am to 3pm
Dog Show - 4pm
Dinner Served - 5-6pm
Award Ceremony and
Raffle Prize Drawing - 7pm

# Price List

\$20 pre-reg \$25 members At event \$30 non-members At event -Extra Poker Hand \$5 members/\$10 non-members BBQ Dinner - \$10

# Contacts

For more info call (805) 795-0679 - Email Jim.Woods@corva.org or visit our website www.CORVA.org

## Directions

From the south: take US 395 to the town of Red Mountain, then turn right onto Trona Rd. Staging area is approx 15.5 miles from 395.

Look for the CORVA signs and follow them in. See you there!

### NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

# THE 2014 SOUTHERN JAMBOREE

## by Jim Woods, Southern Regional Director

Take a trip down memory lane with me. Can you remember riding in Bean Canyon, Indian Dunes, High Vista, Hope Town, Saddle Back Park or Elephant Hill in Eagle Rock?

Many people are surprised to learn we were able to ride inside the county and even the city of Los Angeles. As a teenager in the late 1960's, I raced with the Red Dots M/C club and also enjoyed off-road recreation in all those mentioned areas. There are great campfire stories to share about all of them. It's too bad those areas are all gone. What's left now, fifty years later? Our State Parks OHV Recreation Areas.

Off-road recreation at the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA) is almost as much fun as those old areas were and it is close to the LA metropolitan area. I'm impressed by the constant improvements to the park, too. There are well marked one way trails, a beautiful new large-group area, a 4x4 training area and always clean public bathrooms. The SVRA at Ocotillo Wells is maintained in the same manner - well-marked trails, a great 4x4 area, clean restrooms plus they have a fabulous interruptive program with tours. They even feature a great Facebook page. At our 2012 and 2013 Truckhaven Challenge events, I proudly earned my Golden Scat Award and Ocotillo Wells Rock Star badge! Many of our CORVA events are held in the SVRA areas and the State Parks Off-Highway Division

staff are cooperative and helpful to the CORVA volunteers.

Additionally, the Division is willing to get involved in other off-road areas. During many of the Johnson Valley Marine Base Expansion meetings they were present to give their advice to the BLM and the US Marines. Their input played a large part in securing our shared use area and they are still involved in helping with the management plan. While we did not get to keep most of the areas we wanted for OHV recreation, our allies at State Parks were willing to speak up for us. They understand the need to have multiple areas for OHV use and they want to help us keep areas open – not closed.

This is the main reason CORVA has joined with State Parks to defend Ocotillo Wells in the current lawsuit filed by the Center for Bio Diversity to close the SVRA. Your CORVA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the very generous offer by the Inland Empire 4Wheelrs (IE4W) to match all donations up to \$2,000.00 for our legal battle. We must secure funding to win the suit or face yet another loss of this great OHV recreation area.

CORVA is asking everyone to please donate to this cause. Since 1969 CORVA has consistently worked for keeping our public lands open for the OHV community. We need your support now. Unlike our opponents, CORVA struggles to find funding for lawsuits. Unless the necessary funds

come in soon, we will not be able to adequately defend your right to continue to use this area – or even the next area that they try to close. With the IE4W matching funds event, we can secure funding for this cause, so please donate now.

We'd love to hear your stories and memories of your favorite off-road riding experiences. You can send them, and your pictures too, via email to our editor and we will share them in future issues of our newsletter.

If you want to make new memories with your family and friends, join us at the CORVA Southern Jamboree on October 18th at the Wagon Wheel Staging Area in Spangler Hills. Not only will you have a wonderful OHV weekend but you will help CORVA raise funds. There is so much to do and see from this location; you should make plans to attend. What a great way to start the OHV season and support your association!







# LAND USE UPDATE

## Bruce Whitcher, CORVA VP for Land Resources and Public Policy

## **Obama Considers National Monument for San** Gabriels

Officials voice concerns over effect of declaring San Gabriels a national recreation area

President Obama is considering a plan to designate the San Gabriel Mountains a national monument, an action intended to address crowding and pollution, and enhance recreational opportunities for a range that lies within an hour's drive for 10 million people.

The cash-strapped U.S. Forest Service currently manages the mountains, where picnic sites and trail heads are typically strewn with trash and broken glass. Without a ranger in sight, some visitors illegally barbecue in the middle of rivers, pitch tents alongside narrow roads and are allegedly injured or killed hiking on dangerous trails.

Under a national monument designation, the Forest Service would give priority to recreation, garbage and graffiti removal, traffic, signage, hiking trails and education programs. The new status would also provide more protection for wildlife and curtail mining and other activities banned in most national monuments.

The new status is being championed by Rep. Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park), who introduced a bill this year to address problems in the 655,000-acre range by creating a "national recreation area" co-managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service. Legislation on her bill has stalled.

In a letter sent to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last week, Chu pressed for upgrades in the form of new recreation areas, parking facilities, restrooms, education kiosks, trails and a visitor reception program to welcome and orient visitors.

The proposal, however, is drawing criticism from some local lawmakers over its potential effects on private property rights, firefighting, water quality and flood control in the mountains, which stretch from Santa Clarita to San Remardino

"We have strong concerns about this proposal and its impacts," Tony Bell, spokesman for Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich said Monday.

Bell said his office first learned about the national monument proposal a few days ago from the county Department of Public Works, which is scrambling to figure out whether it might affect life-saving flood control systems.

National monument designation would at a minimum complicate Antonovich's recent proposal to route the state's planned high-speed rail route through the San Gabriels.

The federal government seems bent on cramming this proposal into Monrovia in spite of our protest against it.- Tom Adams, a Monrovia city councilman

The White House declined to comment on the proposal

Mike Rogers, a former Angeles National Forest supervisor, said the central question is whether the designation

would bring "more money for urgent needs such as getting urban kids up in those mountains. But pleas for additional funding have always been a crapshoot for the Forest Service, which has been handed a litany of unfunded mandates over the years."

The foothill city of Monrovia opposes the designation, fearing, among other things, that it would infringe on local control of 1,400 acres the city bought in the foothills for use as a park. "The federal government seems bent on cramming this proposal into Monrovia in spite of our protest against it," said Tom Adams, a Monrovia city councilman.

Adams also said he wonders where money will come from to improve conditions. "The Forest Service is broke, and last time I looked at the federal budget there was no extra money there for it," he said.

If approved, it would be the 11th time Obama has used his executive powers to establish or expand a national monument in the interest of protecting public lands.

The Forest Service is already holding talks with the county Department of Public Works over the effects on the flood control and reservoir systems it operates in the watershed. This includes Cogswell Dam.

Other issues include law enforcement along East Fork Road and California 39, the winding mountain highway that provides the only access to Crystal Lake and other popular recreational areas.

## San Bernardino County Supervisors Don't Support National Monument

SAN BERNARDINO — The Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 Tuesday to oppose a San » Gabriel Mountains National Monument designation until there is more federal outreach to San Bernardino County.

The resolution will be forwarded to members of Congress representing portions of the county and stakeholders who expressed interest in the issue, said Scott Vanhorne, 2nd District Supervisor Janice Rutherford's director of communications. Rutherford and 1st District Supervisor Robert Lovingood presented the resolution.

"I am happy that the Board of Supervisors unanimously supported the resolution opposing a national monument designation in the San Bernardino County portion of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument," Lovingood said. "This proposal has moved too far, too fast, has bypassed public input from our residents, skirts Congress and has failed to answer even the most basic questions on how this will impact the public. I have a problem with that."

The issue of national monument status arose in the past few weeks as Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena, seeks the designation by presidential order under the Antiquities Act. In June, Chu introduced legislation asking for Congress to designate a portion of the mountain range as a national recreation area but that did not progress during the Congressional session.

## Inyo, Sierra, and Sequoia National Forests Land Management Plans Revision

The Forest Service is Requesting Separate Comments on the Proposed Wilderness Inventory

An important element of a Forest Plan is an evalution of areas for potential new wilderness. Please also visit the Wilderness Inventory and Evaluation page at http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r5/FPRWilderness and make separate comments using this site.

Long anticipated, the Forest Service has announced the beginning of the process to revise Forest Plans for three important California National Forests. This was prompted by changes in the adoption of a new Planning Rule in 2012. Forest Plans are supposed to be updated every 10 years.

Although a Forest Plan revision, by itself, doesn't close roads, trails and areas to motorized travel, forest plans are major documents that describe goals of forest management. The 2012 Planning Rule places new emphasis on restoration, conservation and preservation of natural resources. Past plans emphasized resource extraction such as logging, mining, and grazing and recreational use of National Forests as well as conservation for future generations. Early drafts of the 2012 Forest Planning Rule gave little weight to recreation. This drew considerable public reaction. As a result "sustainable recreation" is now included as a planning consideration.

Public involvement is required as part of the forest planning process Please take time to attend a public meeting and learn how these changes will affect your ability to visit your local Forest.

Your comments on the proposed action will help us refine the proposed action, identify preliminary issues, and develop alternatives to the proposed action.

#### **Estimated Plan Revision Timeline**

- Dec 2013 Notice to Initiate plan revision published in the Federal Register.
- Aug 2014 Notice of Intent published in the Federal Register and 30-day scoping process starts.
- Sep 2014 Tribal Forums and Public Workshops.
- Nov 2014 Tribal Forums and Public Workshops.
- Apr 2015 Notice of Availability of a draft EIS published in the Federal Register and 90-day public comment period starts.
- May 2015 Tribal Forums and Public Workshops.
- Mar 2016 Notice of Availability of a final EIS published in the Federal Register and 60-day objection filing period starts.
- Sep 2016 Final decisions signed by Forest Supervisors.

#### Johnson Valley Update

From: BETTY MUNSON <anchotaj@gmail.com>
Date: Sunday, September 7, 2014 8:33:28 PM GMT-0700
Subject: The Tour of the Johnson Valley Targets

On the morning of Saturday, September 6, everyone interested in the fate of the Johnson Valley Off Highway Vehicle Area was invited to take a tour by the Resource Management Group. The RMG is charged by law with working out all the details between the BLM and the Marine Corps of how to share the use between public and military of part of the former Johnson Valley public lands.

The reason for the self-guiding tour was to get public input for a final decision on placement of two "company objectives." Three sites were proposed, maps with GPS coordinates were distributed.

These sites will be targets representing enemy positions as the battalion comes through Fissure Pass and travels north of the lakebed, and then further northward toward the Exclusive Military Use area.

We were told there would be 100-400 heavy vehicles, no tanks, non-dud-producing (non-explosive) ordnance and small arms fire up to .50 caliber. Helicopters and other aircraft expected, no jets dropping bombs. The battalion would be attacking the objectives. These are to be bull-dozed parallel earth berms of varying heights, with targets on them, within the designated 22-acre site. It might take several hours, depending on training plans, for this live-fire action to pass on to the north, out of the Shared Use Area.

Objective #3 actually looks to be the least obtrusive, best sheltered, and the aim will be back toward the Base. We know from personal experience that it is a location rarely visited by the general public. Some of the noise may be blocked by hills from the nearby houses. Contrast it with the other two areas being proposed; those are in direct line of sight and sound to homes all the way across the highway.

The foremost objection to Objective #2 is, its nearness to the Means Lake camping grounds; where children can be seen at play. On long weekends a city of campers grows up here, and Hammertown materializes in February, visited by tens of thousands. If by chance anything dangerous does happen to be left behind, it definitely should not be here. Another consideration, firing would be toward low hills to the west.

At this point, if we absolutely must have any objectives within the Shared Use Area, it looks like #1 and #3 are least disruptive or dangerous. The people who went out were acting as eyes and ears for several organizations, including the Johnson Valley Improvement Association, the California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), Victor Valley Four Wheelers, The Morongo Basin Conservation Association, the Johnson Valley-Lucerne Valley Municipal Advisory Council, the Homestead Valley Community Council and Hammerking Productions.

Pretty wide range of interests. Pretty deep concerns. Nobody happy.

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# CORVA SOUTHERN JAMBOREE OCTOBER 18

## Kim Carpenter, VP Education

Whether you know the area as "Charlie's Place," "Wagon Wheel," or "Spangler Hills OHV area" you know this year's CORVA Southern Jamboree is one not to be missed.

So, why exactly do they call it Charlie's Place? Charlie's Place was originally started by a woman named Alice who at the time in 1944 was married to a fellow named Bill Lewis. Alice and Bill were avid rock hounds and in 1943 started a business cutting and polishing gem stones and book ends. The business was called "NOTS Rock Hound Club" and this was later renamed "Indian Wells Valley Gem and Mineral Society". It is not clear when Alice actually opened the beer parlor which she named "Alice's Wagon Wheel Beer Parlor". Alice lived at this location for her last 23 years.

In 1951 Bill died and eight years later (1959), Alice married Charlie Moore a machinist on the NOTS China Lake Base. They continued to operate Alice's Wagon Wheel Beer Parlor. In 1967 Alice died and the Wagon Wheel was shut down but Charlie reopened it a short time later.

It was around this time that the State of California mandated that you could not sell alcohol with out food so Charlie began serving sandwiches, soda, pizza and such.

Charlie remarried and continued to run the "Wagon Wheel Beer Parlor" but the locales just refereed to it as Charlie's. In the late 80s Charlie's second wife became quite ill and he move to Ridgecrest to be close to his wife who was now in the hospital. It was shortly after this that "Charlie's Place" burnt down.

Charlie's was a great place to stop and have something to eat and drink and as always some great conversation with Charlie. In this age of fast food stands, a place like Charlie's will never be seen again. It is truly missed by all who made this a stop on a days riding. For those of us who where wondering why the area was renamed Wagon Wheel Off Road Staging Area by the BLM, now you know the whole story and kudos to the BLM for remembering Alice and her beer parlor.

Today all that's left of Charlie's place is the foundation.

No matter what you call it, Spangler Hills OHV area provides for a family friendly, riding area. Competition events have been held in Red Mountain since at least 1973. The area provides for all skill levels whether you're on two or four wheels.

The Spangler OHV Area provides a wide variety of riding opportunities including cross country play, trail riding, advanced technical routes, 4-wheel drive trails, and Enduro, Technique Trials, European Scramble and Hare Hound competitive events. The area provides an uncrowded riding opportunity in the Western Mojave Desert three hours north of Los Angeles.





# **CORVA NORTHERN JAMBOREE**

If you are looking for off-road family fun, come join us at Frank Raines Park for CORVA's Northern Jamboree!

October 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>
Frank Raines OHV Park in Patterson, CA.
Open to all off-road vehicles\*

Timed Events: Pumpkin Carry, Barrel Loop, Egg Carry, Wiggle Worm, and more!

Trick-or-treating, costume contest for kids and adults, and raffle prizes.

The Park offers some hookups, bathrooms, showers and lots of riding space. For more information, contact D1982COE@aol.com.

\*Vehicles must be OHV or Street Licensed. Safety equipment must be worn. Events subject to change without notice.

« Land Use Update, cont.

## Reauthorization of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) is due to expire after the end of 2015. HR 5204 sponsored by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) would reauthorize FLREA with some important changes.

#### H.R. 4458 Update

H.R. 4458 (2014, McCarthy) proposes a 26,350 acre expansion of the China Lake NAWS and would make withdrawal of the land permanent. Subsequent discussions have led the sponsor to identify a core interest in the Air Force Cuddeback Gunnery Range, and the adjacent two sections of BLM managed lands that would connect the abandoned range to the NAWS, totaling approximately 8,800 acres. H.R. 4458 would close over 40 miles of OHV roads and trails and eliminate public access to one of the most popular upland game bird hunting destinations in California.















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**Have questions for CORVA?** Contact the board at corvabod@corva.org or CORVA Managing Director, Amy Granat at amy.granat@corva.org or 916-710-1950.

## **WELCOME MEMBERS!**

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## WHAT IS CORVA?

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of out-door 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, and snowmobiles.

We work with land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondarily, we educate our member-ship 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 and OSV 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 as well as at the county and local levels. 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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