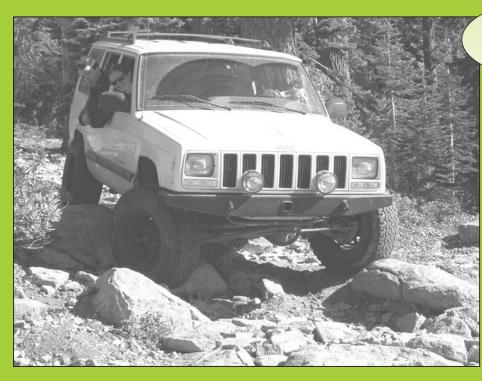


### Demonstration Against Forest Closures In Eldorado National Forest



Free 90 Day Membership to Prospective Members

Central California Quad Riders enjoy weekly rides in the Sierra National Forest. Pictured is their Jeep trip to Star Lake. (Photo by Narvell Conner)

BLM & FWS to Embark on Rewrite Of Glamis RAMP Northern Jamboree Oct. 26-28th, Frank Raines Pt Mugu Fright Night, Oct 20-21 So Cal Rally - Nov 9-12th





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

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trials bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street-legal" 4X4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, bajas and desert racers.

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

We are very active in the political arena and pay for a lobbyist in Sacramento. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in responsible vehicular access.

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

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

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

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



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# In Overdrive

### Losing Trails and Opportunity

#### By Ed Waldheim President

Losing trails & opportunity — this topic is on everyone's mind now. San Bernardino County passed an ordinance restricting folks from using their own property if friends come to visit. The County revisited the ordinance recently and didn't change it. The National Forest from Washington DC passed a rule that "there will be designated route(s)" in all National Forests. The BLM has done a similar rule. This is a tragic change to the way things were before, when the forest said that trails were open unless marked closed! This is a huge change to the rule that is deeply disturbing!

Our trail users in our multiple-use network are getting restless as they should. However, other users not in our network that also use access to the public lands for their non-OHV recreation still have not woken up to this loss. They have not woken up to the fact that the minute you get your vehicle on a USFS or BLM road no matter what you are driving, riding, peddling — you become an off road motorized users.

No, many who don't consider themselves off road users say, "Na, that doesn't affect me." Well I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but it does. Any time you are going to go fishing to your favorite fishing hole on a dirt road in public lands, if the road is not on the map it is going to be gone forever. Same goes for hunters and just normal folks who love to explore the back woods and just see where the road leads them. Roads and trails that get removed from the map just don't exist anymore.

As we speak, we are going through a tremendous pressure to have all 19 National Forests in California designate their routes in the formal USFS Route Designation Process. We are very fortunate, for better or worse, that our former OHMVR Deputy Director Dave Widell had the vision to say, "Let's have an inventory of all our routes in California." I agreed and with Don Klusman from Cal Four Wheel Drive and Karen Schamback from the environmental organizations we signed the agreement with The Regional Forester to do this at the tune of \$10 million dollars from our OHV Trust Fund as funds are available.

Anytime we sign an agreement with an environmental organization, we get fired upon by the OHV users. The users don't want us to get in cooperation with any environmental group and I can see where they get this from. However, this was a good thing for us to do to protect our access for future generations.

The details of what and how the money was to be used were left to OHV Division Staff. That's where some things went wrong and our current Deputy Director Daphne Greene is pulling her hair out to figure out what the heck the Forest is doing with the \$10 million dollars — dollars that last year were stripped away from all of the O & M grants (Operation & Maintenance). In fact in my opinion, they did not need to do this. Our agreement was to pay for the route inventory as we are able to pay for this. However, you all know the environmentally dominant OHMVR Commission had its own ideas.

Back to the Route Designation Process — we are lucky we have a trail inventory due to our foresight. The rest of United States is using 1985/86 maps. Not us, we are using current maps. But now the problem is that since we identified the routes, now we have to engage every single Forest and every single District on what are they designating, what are they eliminating and what are they going to do with our recreational access to public lands. Of course, the forest is saying they need to eliminate trails because of budget shortfalls and we are saying we need the trails to accommodate the various recreational sports and many forest users. It is a vicious cycle.

That is why we now have an outcry of folks saying you can't take trails away from us. That is why we are having a protest in Northern California and CORVA fully supports this call to action. We have been begging folks to get engaged for 10 years in this process. CORVA has been on the front line with other leaders of organizations, but without the bullets (the members), what kind of war do you want us to engage in?

I hope this article will make you go online to the US Forest Service and BLM web sites and find out what is happening in your favorite riding area. Go online with www.corva.org and see where all the meetings are. Become part of the solution. Furthermore, when we send out an action alert and ask you to come to a protest rally, meeting, or write letters that you get off your duff and do it.

CORVA is not this magic organization that gets things done by itself. It is you, the members and the general public, who is CORVA. I can't do it all, nor can the CORVA officers, but with your help, we can guide you. You need to make the effort to contact us and we will put you in contact with the right person to get the job done.

I congratulate all those that came to the protest rally for the Eldorado National Forest Route Designation Plan. This rally was quickly organized to take advantage of all the summer travelers – mountain bikers, kayakers, campers, fisherman and offroaders – that were visiting the forest. The rally was organized to inform these forest visitors of our loss of access from

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OffoRoaders In Action

# Public Land

### Grass Roots Demonstration Against California Forest Closures - Public Responds Against Eldorado National Forest Road Closure Plans

PLACERVILLE, CA - August 26, 2007. Nearly 300 forest users gathered Sunday in Placerville to demonstrate on bridges and overpasses over Highway 50, catching the end-of-weekend rush hour of users leaving the Eldorado National Forest. With an overwhelmingly positive response from the passersby (thumbs-up, smiles, and waves), the message was '*Public Lands* for Public Use.'

More than a few drivers stopped to discuss, and some even drove to the demonstration staging area at the Placerville Fairgrounds to participate in letter writing, petition signing, or just to show support or to find more information about www.ForestClosure.com and proposed road closures in the Forest.

The core of this grass roots demonstration was well-managed, lawabiding OHV users, but the alternatives discussed in the Draft Environmentail Impact Study affect all forest visitors, who stand to lose thousands of miles of roads and trails that access the Forest. Most every hunter, fisherman, and sportsman will be affected, as will casual camping and day users.

Anyone who uses — or ever plans to use — Eldorado National Forest dirt roads and trails will suffer decreased access. With more than a quarter of the forest already inaccessible without an extensive hike through wilderness and semiprimitive areas, further closures of public lands make little sense.

Participants included a wide variety of forest visitors, with 4x4, ATV, and motorcycle users, as well as canoe, river raft, and rowboat users, and fishers, hikers, bikers, and horse-riders. Several area politicians stopped in to express support, and there were members of the press from Sacramento KCRA Channel 3, KXTV News10 and Fox 40 KTXL, as well as the Mountain Democrat and Sacramento Bee newspapers.

This grass roots gathering included members from a broad range of groups, including American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (CA4WDC), California Enduro Riders Association (CERA), California Nevada Snowmobile Association (CNSA), California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), Central California Quad Riders (CCQR), Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR), and United Four Wheel Drive Associations (UFWDA).

For more information about this topic, please visit www.ForestClosure.com or e-mail *info@ForestClosure.com* 

[Thanks to CORVA Northern Regional Assistant Director - Legislation, Amy Granat, for her participation and strong effort to rally CORVA members to attend this demonstration. CORVA is working very diligently on the US Forest Route Designation Process. This is just the first forest to begin the process. There are many forests that will be following with this planning process. You need to be involved. – Ed Waldheim, CORVA President.]

#### ASA to Submit Request for Proposal for Multi-species Conservation Plan at ISDRA

By American Sand Association (ASA) (Reprinted from the 8/5/07 Online newsletter)

For the past eight months, ASA has been engaged in a dialogue with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) on issues pertaining to the future of the ISDRA. During those discussions, it was suggested that ISDRA would benefit from a "multiple species" approach to resource management. After careful consideration, ASA feels this idea warrants further investigation.

Because the Department of Justice has elected to withdraw its appeal of Judge Illston's ruling, BLM and the FWS must embark on a rewrite of the Biological Opinion and the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for ISDRA. The preparation of a MSCP will allow the ASA to explore the options available and will enhance the ASA's ability to participate in the public comment process associated with a revised RAMP.

Therefore, ASA has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding development of a viable Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) for the ISDRA. ASA intends to send the RFP out to 10 or more qualified consulting firms. It is ASA's hope that the draft MSCP prepared through this process will form the basis for more advanced discussions with BLM, FWS, CBD, and PEER regarding recreation and conservation strategies for the ISDRA.

[CORVA, ASA and several other prominent OHV organizations are partnered together to create EcoLogic Partners, legal counsel, to defend land action plans that are unjust. Your donations to CORVA assist us in these legal bills. Each organization pays an equal portion of the bills. Your membership in all OHV organizations is also helpful in our fight. To donate to this cause, see the Donation page in your newsletter or visit the CORVA website. To join the ASA visit: www.americansandassociation.org – Erin Dyer, Editor]



# Cleveland National Forest Update

By Ed Stovin, Southern Regional Assistant Director of Grants

Down in the bottom part of California there is some land use action in the Cleveland National Forest. The two issues CORVA is commenting on has to do with bird nests and route designation.

The birdnest closures are designed to protect two species of raptors, golden eagles and prairie falcons, neither of which are on the endangered species list. While common management practices suggest closing a radius of 330 ft around a raptor nest, the CNF wants to close a half mile radius around each nesting site, that is, 2640 ft. What is worse is the CNF wants to implement closures on possible nesting sites, that is, sites these birds might like to nest, but are not actually known to be nesting at.

These closures would be seasonal six months of the year, December 1st through May 30th and would allow no human activity whatsoever. One of these proposed closure areas, Corte Madera, has the proposed nesting site less than one half mile from Espinoza Trail, a dirt road often used by off-roaders. That trail is not called out for closure, but we don't like the precedent this closure sets.

There are birdnests all over the state and can easily be found in half mile radii throughout the forests. I sent in comments recommending alternative A be implemented to continue current management including conservation and education. There is no current conservation or education program in place now, so I suggested they begin with that before moving on to such drastic management as wholesale closure. The comment period ended on August 10th.

While route designations have caused a lot of turmoil in most of the state, down in the Cleveland things are a little calmer. Route designation took place some time ago here and the only real designating being done is to remote camping areas and some rock slabs the trials riders enjoy. It is really more of a route inventory review. In addition to route designations, the CNF is looking for priorities regarding ways to expand off-roading. That's right, don't fall out of your chair, the CNF wants to expand OHV use. The list of choices includes:

- New trails within Corral Canyon OHV Area
- Parallel trail for Motorcycles for along Bear
- Valley Road
- Parallel trail for vehicles less than 50" along Bear Valley Road
- Parallel trail to create one way loop on Kernan Cycle trail
- Kiddie Track area adjacent to Corral Canyon Campground
- New trails within Wildomar OHV Area.

The CNF will be going through the NEPA process and wants us to help prioritize their work. They don't have the money or resources to do everything. My first choice is to build new trails in Corral Canyon, second, a 50" wide trail along Bear Valley road and third, to build a kiddie track at Corral Canyon.

Corral Canyon is the closest place to off-road from San Diego and has over 51 miles of trails, some very difficult. There was a fire there recently which has temporarily closed about one third of the area. The up side of this closure is that area manager, Richard Tull, can now see the topography and wants to build new trails that are sustainable, given the contours of the land.

My second choice is to build a 50" trail along Bear Valley Road. Off-roaders can park at the end of Pine Valley Road off highway 8 and legally ride Bear Valley Road to the Kernan Cycle Trail and on into Corral Canyon. Parking there saves about 12 miles of driving some very curvy roads. The problem is that Bear Valley Road is smooth and used by local auto traffic. Adding a parallel 50" trail will allow bikes and quads to have a better experience without the danger of auto traffic. Little kids don't require as long and challenging rides as us big kids. Some kids are happy to ride round and round a small track. Why not have one near the parking area at Corral Canyon, so that mom and dad can watch junior from camp?

The comment period was held through September 10<sup>th</sup> 2007. If you are interested in this area, go to http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/ cleveland/projects/ohv/index.shtml on the CNF website to submit your comments.

### Dirt & Sand Expo Recap

By Dick Moon, So. Cal. CORVA Show Coordinator

The results are in from the Dirt and Sand Expo held in Ontario August 4 & 5, 2007.

Revenue from memberships, raffle tickets, CORVA stickers, maps etc. was \$1308.00. We gained 28 new members.

Many thanks goes out to the show volunteers who were:

• Bud Schick (who worked all three days)

• Ed Waldheim (who worked Saturday even though it was his birthday)

- Terry and Faith Work
- Kevin and Carol Barber
- · Wes and Kelly Hoagland

• Vinnie Barbarino (who worked all day Sunday with a head ache and helped tear down our booth display at end of the show)

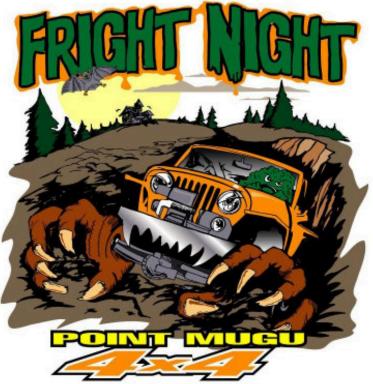
• Jim Colln saved the day by hauling all the necessary supplies plus the Yamaha Quad to and from the expo, and worked all three days.

[Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers. If you would like to help work our booth for a 2-hour stretch at an upcoming show, please contact Dick Moon. You will be partnered with a veteran helper who can help answer questions. All CORVA members are welcome to join in! -Erin Dyer, Editor]

### Point Mugu Four Wheel Drive Club

Adult Games

- -R.T.I. Ramp
- -Teeter Totter
- -Two Rock Courses
- -Adult Raffle
- -Poker Hand



-Kids Games -Kids Raffle

#### October 20-21, 2007

Send completed registration form (one per vehicle) with check or money order to:

Point Mugu 4WD P.O. Box 5974 Oxnard, CA 93031 For more information contact: Bridgette @ (805) 551 - 8330 or pointmugu4x4.org

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Matinee Run	Suv Run	Twilight Run	Late Show
Leaves @ 2:15 pm	Leaves @ 3:30pm	Leaves approx. 1 hour	Leaves @ dusk
		before dusk	

We will try to accomodate all run preferences on a first registered, first choice basis. Vehicles without lockers may be assigned to Suv run. All vehicles must pass an on site safety inspection, no refunds for unsafe vehicles. You can check the Cal4wheel website for required safety equipment.

# Get nuove"Don't Trash California"Comes to the Dirt

By Dan Allison, CORVA V.P. Education & N2Dirt Program Director

N2Dirt is excited to announce the adoption of Caltrans popular anti-litter "Don't Trash California" program.

Caltrans, California Department of Transportations, creators of "Don't Trash California" anti-litter campaign has agreed to allow N2Dirt to become a "partner" and use the program for the off-road areas.

The program, including a large media campaign, was formed as a statewide effort to reduce the amount of pollutants (including litter) that enter the highway storm drains. The campaign is based on Caltrans' successful three-year, public education pilot program completed in the Fresno Metropolitan Area in 2003.

The goals that Caltrans has encouraged for our cities and paved byways, N2Dirt will expand to include the unpaved areas. Litter and trash show no boundaries. Regardless of where we are, live, play and recreate, litter and improperly disposed of trash effects everyone of us.

The current projected annual cost to the California Department of Transportation for litter prevention, clean-up and disposal is \$41 million dollars. (Source: Caltrans Maintenance Program, October 2005). These funds come out of tax based revenues that we all pay, and could easily go to other forms of road maintenance.

Litter can find its way into storm drains and pollute waterways and the environment. Untreated storm drain water can soak into the groundwater, flow into canals and streams, and into recreational areas such as lakes, rivers and the ocean.

According to the Caltrans, the number one litter item found along highways is cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are a significant pollutant to our environment in our storm drains and on our highways. Storm water carries littered cigarette butts directly into our waterways where they can be ingested by marine life that mistake them for food. Cigarette butts can also release toxic chemicals into the water.

The problem is widespread and has many affects. Tom Budlong wrote in; "Next

weekend I am into a spot in the Los Padres to clean up micro-trash. This is Condor related. Turns out the birds are curious about bottle caps, cartridge shells, bits of broken glass, etc., ingest the stuff, and take it back to feed the chicks, all very unhealthy. It's one of the major threats to the birds. I suspect it's hopeless, since the amount of micro-trash such as this is probably far greater than macro-trash like beer cans, refrigerators, etc." Isn't prevention more logical then trying to clean it up after the fact?

Funds used from agencies' budgets, (such as BLM, State Parks, Counties and

the USFS), that are spent on removing and controlling litter is only reducing the limited funds available for maintenance and operations of our recreation areas. Excessive litter can even sway the decision to close some areas that agencies are unable to maintain.

Littering is a problem throughout every sport and activity. The off-road community has always taken the lead in promoting



and volunteering in the cleanup process. Throughout the year OHV groups sponsor "Clean-up Days" and draw hundreds of volunteers to clean up campsites and recreational areas.

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# Wilderness

### **Federal Wilderness Legislation**

By Larry E. Smith, Executive Director Americans for Responsible Recreational Access Reprinted from the ARRA Washington Newsletter, September 2007

Back in the 18th century when Daniel Boone blazed a trail across Virginia to Kentucky, it was called the Wilderness Road. It served as the principal access route used by settlers seeking land west of the Appalachian Mountains, and it was called "wilderness" because those adventurous settlers were going to a place where few people lived. The trails that existed back then were Indian trails and they were not suited for the wagons used by the settlers to carry their personal belongings. So, to meet the need for westward expansion, Daniel Boone was hired to build that first highway.

Almost two hundred years later, Congress approved legislation that established a new definition for "wilderness." That new definition was designed to keep the modern day Daniel Boones and other settlers from entering certain public lands.

The 1964 Wilderness Act was designed to establish a National Wilderness Preservation System on federal lands "where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

The Wilderness Act specifically states in Section 4 (c) that: Except as specifically provided for in this Act, and subject to existing private rights, there shall be no commercial enterprise and no permanent road within any wilderness area designed by this Act and, except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act (including measures required in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the area), there shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats, no landing of aircraft, no other form of mechanical transport, and no structure or installation within any such area.

In laymen's language, wilderness designation means that an area

is totally left to its natural state with minimal impact by man. This means no commercial operations, no motorized or mechanized vehicles, including but not limited to cars, trucks, off-road and allterrain vehicles, bicycles, aircraft and motorboats. Some exceptions are made for dire emergencies. In some cases, the Congress has stipulated that certain types of motor vehicles can be used in a wilderness area but generally this is for maintenance purposes.

In fact, today the wilderness system totals more than 694 units encompassing a whopping 106.6 million acres.

If you want to personally visit a wilderness area, your options are limited. You can enter via foot or on the back of a horse or a mule. Also, don't expect to find any restrooms or drinking fountains, either. You will find a primitive area, much like Daniel Boone found in Kentucky, but without any people or development.

It's amazing how national priorities can change over the course of a couple of centuries. The early days of our nation focused on expansion and development. Now our focus is exclusion and preservation. Daniel Boone's Wilderness Road provided access and today's Wilderness Act provides roadblocks to visiting our public lands.

This is not to say that establishing a wilderness area is a bad thing, because it isn't. There are many areas of the country that merit such designation. And since 1964, the Congress has been very busy doing just that. In fact, today the wilderness system totals more than 694 units encompassing a whopping 106.6 million acres.

To put that in perspective, the total land mass of the States of California and Maryland combined (106,526,080 acres to be exact) is almost as much as has been put aside as wilderness areas. And, before this Congress concludes its business in 2008, hundreds of thousands more acres of federal land could be classified as wilderness.

If you want to learn more about the wilderness legislation already introduced in this Congress, please visit ARRA's Federal Legislative Update page:

www.arra-access.com/ct/ZpSkZF1tmVw/) for more information.

We have recently seen some attempts to balance new wilderness designations with complementary designations for other types of activities. This balanced approach actually occurred in 2006, when Congress approved legislation creating the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act. The legislation, introduced by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA), not only created a new wilderness area, but it also created the Cow Mountain Recreation Area recreation area consisting of approximately 51,000 acres. This new recreation area will provide opportunities for OHV recreation, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking and camping.

Wilderness designations are an important and critical component in the management of federal lands. But with more than 106 million acres so designated, perhaps the Congress should begin spending more time designating other areas of our public lands for other recreational use, before approving more wilderness designations thereby placing more federal acreage out of bounds to most Americans.

We hope that future designations will use the Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act as a model. Its approach in designating a recreation area for off-road motorized recreation, mountain

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## Dunes ssues

### Friends of Sand Mountain, NV Update

Reprinted from Friends of Sand Mountain "Around the Campfire" newsletter

#### LEGAL UPDATE

The good news is the courts have ruled to not list the Butterfly at this point. This is great news to all that visit Sand Mountain. Basically with the Conservation Plan in place and the butterfly not listed, a majority of the area will remain open. The Conservation Plan did close some of the open dunes; however with out the help of CORVA and FOSM much more would have been closed!! If you have visited the Mountain lately you will have noticed some fencing has gone up. This is to limit off the closed areas. If you don't like that fencing up and want the remainder of the area to remain open my suggestion is to get involved with FOSM and CORVA. The more members we have the more of an influence we have with future decisions. It doesn't take much folks, a \$35 membership fee and a little support goes along way.

#### FRIENDS OF SAND MOUNTAIN UPDATE

All the volunteers have been working hard attending meetings, organizing clean ups, and keeping up on the paperwork. Recently we have fought and won the battle over the latest Sand Mountain closure map. To sum it up, there was some area just outside the dune area that was to remain open per the Conservation Plan however BLM's map did not reflect this. FOSM caught this error and would not accept the map until it was correct. BLM has notified FOSM that the correction was made.

The spring clean up was a good turnout and the next clean up is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 13 @ 10 am; we hope to see everyone there. Please see our website for more information www.sandmountain-nv.org. We have also just received our updated 501C3 approval status from the IRS for our Nevada Corporation. The 501C3 allows all donations that are made to FOSM to be tax deductible.

#### **SPRING CLEAN-UP REPORT 2007**

The clean up started around 10am and ran until approx. 1pm. We had some good support from some familiar faces along with some new faces. Several Rhino loads of trash were collected. Along with those new faces came some new members. We would like to welcome all new members!!! FOSM also provided a BBQ along with a raffle. The raffle had mostly clothing wear, pictures, and some Sand Mountain Yearly passes. We would like to thank the following sponsors for their donation and support:

- 1. RBS Superchargers
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- 3. Advanced ATV
- 4. Hawkeye Camera
- 5. BLM
- 6. Sand Tramp Clothing

Again thank to everyone who contributed and helped with the clean up. Your support is appreciated as we fight to preserve our riding space. Thank you for your continued support,

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY BRIAN ROTH

If you have been to Sand Mountain lately you should have noticed that more and more fencing has been put up. This is all part of the new conservation plan in which has legally shut down some riding area. The good news is that most of the good riding area remains open at this point in time. With that being said we need to continue to join forces and fight the fight.

FOSM has a good membership base but really needs to expand it in order to successfully fight the future battles. Remember you can sign up on the website with Pay Pal or mail in your dues and information. Please get signed up today and make sure your family and friends are members as well. We need and appreciate your support!!! Thanks for your support.

#### WITHOUT "YOU" THERE IS NO "US" Why Join Friends of Sand Mountain?

The Friends of Sand Mountain is a organization made up of volunteers from the off road, business communities, whose goal to keep Sand Mountain **clean**, **safe and open** for future generations.

On January 6, 2006 a coalition of environmental groups filed a lawsuit against the Department of Interior for failing to consider protection of the Sand Mountain Blue Butterfly by listing it as either threatened or endangered under the endangered species act. The main player in this lawsuit is the Center for Biological Diversity. The CBD should be well known to those involved in the off-road and sand dune community. They were instrumental in the closure of over 50,000 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes, also known as Glamis. The same victorious tactics that were used in that case are now being employed by environmental groups to close thousands of acres at Sand Mountain, Nevada.

We expect a long and costly battle ahead of us. Friends of Sand Mountain volunteers are spending countless hours attending meetings through the state of Nevada with organizations and government agencies trying to devise a conservation plan that will not only protect the habitat and sand mountain ecosystem, but also ensure that the Sand Mountain Recreation Area stays open as a premier OHV recreation destination for many years to come.

#### Who Are We?

The **Friends of Sand Mountain** is comprised of citizens and business representatives who enjoy the benefits of public access and usage of the Sand Mountain Recreation Area. We are an all volunteer organization.

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biking and horseback riding deserves to be replicated elsewhere in the U.S.

#### **Caswell Confirmed as BLM Director**

In the August newsletter, we described the Senate procedure of placing a "hold" on presidential nominations and reported that Jim Caswell's nomination as the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was being held hostage over a policy dispute on whether oil and gas development should be permitted on the Roan Plateau in Colorado. Senator Salazar (D-CO) opposed such development and stood in the way of Senate action on the Caswell nomination.

Well, the Administration cried "uncle" and agreed to Salazar's demands and the Caswell nomination sailed through the Senate just prior to the August recess. Lyle Laverty, nominated to be the next Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, wasn't so lucky. His nomination is still waiting for Senate confirmation. And, unlike Caswell who started his new job in August, we presume Mr. Laverty decided to go fishing since he has a lot of time on his hands.

Let's hope that come September, Senator Wyden, who has concerns about the Endangered Species Act, will decide to remove Mr. Laverty's name from the endangered nomination list and permit the Senate to proceed with a vote on the Laverty nomination.

#### An Earful on the Travel Management Rule

Many Members of Congress spend a portion of their August break visiting their districts to hear first hand from their constituents. Rep. Greg Walden (R-Oregon) usually spends two weeks in August traveling throughout his district. He represents the Second Congressional district of Oregon that happens to comprise about two-thirds of the land mass of the state, approximately 71,000 square miles. Oregon has twelve national forests located in the state and 9 of those are in Mr. Walden's district, so it is not unusual for him to hear about Forest Service issues when visiting with constituents.

Congressman Walden was in La Grande, Oregon on August 8th holding one of his "listening sessions" with local government officials and constituents. The Congressman received an earful from Union County Commissioners and local citizens over the U. S. Forest Service Travel Management Rule. County Commissioner Colleen MacLeod told the Congressman that the possible closure of many roads in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest to motorized traffic had become an "emotionally charged one." "It's the closest I've ever seen to tea in the harbor," MacLeod said. "This is in-your-face stuff."

Recently, the Union County Commissioners received a petition signed by more than 5,000 people opposing the travel management plan for the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. Commissioner Steve McClure told Walden

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#### **Our Mission**

Our goal is to keep Sand Mountain clean, safe and open for future generations. We will accomplish this by uniting, informing and mobilizing the many people who enjoy Sand Mountain in a cohesive organization that can promote and reinforce responsible recreation. Working closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Friends of Sand Mountain will endeavor to ensure continued public OHV access at Sand Mountain Recreation Area.

Don't Forget the next clean up is scheduled for Saturday Oct. 13 @ 10 am. See you there!

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# Racing News

### Oceano Dunes (Pismo Beach) July 2007

by Terry Work, CORVA V.P. Sales & Marketing

This year my family, and our friends at Point Mugu 4x4, got to spend the Fourth of July at Oceano Dunes. I had not been there for years and was expecting it to be crowded but boy was I surprised! We arrived the weekend before the fourth and the beach was full. We found the Pt. Mugu campsite and got towed into our space (yes, towed, but more on that later). We had a good spot just above the high tide level, before mile marker 6 (end of the beach). Since it was the fourth, the park said no fireworks, for safety reasons. I was also glad to see that they are enforcing the no burning of pallets and no dumping of grey tanks.

Anyhow, we settled in for our week on the beach and found that our spot was a center for entertainment. That is, our ocean front view and beach was also the softest spot on the beach so we got to watch the assortment of cars and trucks that would get stuck and see what they would try to do to get unstuck. This ranged from the ever popular, "Floor it 'til your vehicle's frame is in the sand," to the, "Maybe now is the time to air down" thought. Besides entertain, it kept our group busy helping pull the stuck vehicles to a firmer spot.

The Fourth of July weekend is also the Friends of Oceano Dunes fundraising weekend with a poker run and their sand car drawing! Along for the weekend was CORVA's good friend and Associate Member Crazy Keven. (Thanks to CORVA former President Bill Salmon for his constant CORVA presence -wherever he goes he signs up new members and Associate Members.) Keven usually has just about everything you need for riding in the dunes and can also be found at Glamis, Dumont and all the offroad shows in California selling his wares.

Well, like I started to say, we had a great spot, entertainment, friends and campfire. But what good is it to go to the dunes if you don't go to Comp Hill at night! In our group, we had the assortment of vehicle from ATV's, a Sand Car, several Jeeps, two Superduty's, and two 70's full-size Chevy Trucks. In fact, Kevin Barber finished his old truck the week before we headed out there (rough 600 hp fun ride!). We were ready for fun in the dunes.

It is here where I want to get away from the trip report, although we had a great weekend and the rangers did a great job (thanks to Lt. Robert Tolin and Staff). It is hard to believe that some people

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Like I mentioned earlier, there were to be no fireworks on the dunes, but as expected, some did bring them in. Now I like fireworks just like everyone else, but there are reasons why not to have them. Safety is the leader. While we were sitting in our camp area around the fire, we were hit by falling firework debris. Our dogs were terrified. Here, again, are the few doing their best to close Oceano down. I could go on, but the point people, is that we have to start policing ourselves. If there are rules, abide by them; set an example for the other offroaders; work to keep our lands open versus giving the enviros the ammo to close an area that they are always watching.

All in all, we had a great time. I want to give kudos to the people and the clubs that were there and worked to keep the dunes open. If you go to Oceano, and want more info on keeping the area open, go to www.oceanodunes.org Remember, now is the time to step up and keep our lands open.



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- November 3, 2007 7th Annual Glamis Poker Run hosted by Orange County ATV Association (OCATV)
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- May 2008- 9th Annual El Mirage Days Clean up & BBQ in El Mirage Dry Lake. www.elmirage.org for more information
- September 2008 CORVA Southern Jamboree

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this poorly written plan that eliminates hundreds of miles of trails. The Eldorado N.F. is the first forest on the agenda to write their Route Designation Plan and if this is any indication of our losses, we are in grave danger.

Amy Granat and Kyra, our Northern California Regional Assistant Directors, worked hard with other organizations to organize all trail users to come to the protest rally to save our trails in Northern California. They also attended on CORVA's behalf. Thanks ladies!

Get involved and let's go riding.

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that this issue affects many different kinds of users, not just those who ride all-terrain vehicles through the forest. "People who are opposing it are middle-aged and older. They're people who have got their favorite places to pick mushrooms or to camp or hunt. They aren't kids with a half-rack of beer out mud-bogging," he said.

We have been discussing the ramifications of the Travel Management Rule from the very beginning when it was proposed by Dale Bosworth, the then Chief of the Forest Service. The implementation process is far from over in many national forests so it's important that you participate in getting your favorite roads/trails designated or someday you will be giving your congressman an earful about the results. But at that stage, it will be too late!

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#### To CORVA,

My political cartoon shows an environmental extremist, serving lawsuit papers to a reasonable multiuse person because he was doing an activity on public lands, and them arguing. Meanwhile, raw sewage is running into the ocean. The extremist is serving lawsuit papers to a reasonable multiuse person in the belief that humans have no place in the natural environment. His extremist view is that he loves the environment and he will litigate to remove humans from it (wilderness).

However, the reasonable multi-user argues that he loves the environment because he treats it responsibly. Because of the arguing, scarce funds are being spent on lawsuits that don't really matter, when they could be spending their money and energy on environmental clean up such as, raw sewage being dumped into the ocean.

By Jessica Norton, Age 14 CORVA Life Member #103284 (P.S. This is a school project.)

[Thanks Jessica. This is AWESOME! -Ed Waldheim, CORVA President!]

### **Elections!**

It's time to start thinking about the next election of CORVA officers. The next election will take place at the CORVA Convention held in the Spring. We have 4 Board meetings per year (conference call participation is available) and do most work via email. Please contact Geoff Teare at geoff@corva.org for more info.

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Our goal is to unite other groups, agencies and organizations in the campaign also. It is only through a combined "one-voice" that we may make headway in the battle against litter. We even hope that other non-OHV groups take up the banner and join in on the campaign also.

At the CORVA "Family Fun Days" held this past spring in California City, N2Dirt teamed up with Jim Pilon of NOHVCC (National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council) to promote a youth litter clean-up project. Several young and young at heart individuals canvassed the surrounding desert and stuffed trash bags full of litter.

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