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# OFF-ROADERS IN ACTION

## [Air Board Votes to Cap Dust at Dunes](#)

by Bruce Whitcher - VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

Oceano park could be subjected to fines if it doesn't address health concerns on Nipomo Mesa. After years of studies and negotiations over pollution coming off the Oceano Dunes, county air regulators took the first concrete action on Wednesday, September 28th to force the State Parks Department to reduce the amount of dust from the Dunes.

The county air pollution control board voted to move ahead with new regulations that could subject Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area to fines and other enforcement action if dust blowing off the park is not reduced in coming years. After hours of discussion and public comment, the 12-person board of local elected officials decided health concerns stemming from the blowing dust trumped questions about the science behind the rules. Numerous board members assured the public that the board's intention is not to shut down off-highway vehicle riding in the park, an activity that attracts nearly 1.6 million visitors annually. They also promised to be flexible in the 3½-year timeline the Parks Department has to implement a dust control program.

Three members of the district's board of directors — County Supervisor Frank Mecham, Councilman Ed Waage of Pismo Beach and Councilwoman Roberta Fonzi of Atascadero — voted against the dust rule. They preferred to follow a more collaborative plan set forth by State Parks that called for implementing dust control measures at the park and then modifying them as necessary to increase their effectiveness.

"Any specific reference to control measures, monitoring and enforcement criteria should be deferred until there is a comprehensive framework in place to establish feasibility and effectiveness," wrote Phil Jenkins, chief of the state's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division in a letter to the board.

Several board members, including county Supervisor Adam Hill, characterized State Parks' last-minute proposal as "more stonewalling" in the effort to deal with an air pollution crisis that has dragged on for years. The Nipomo Mesa, which is downwind of Oceano Dunes, frequently experiences unhealthy air quality on windy days, most commonly in the spring.

The proposed dust rule will come back before the air board for possible final adoption Nov. 16. It stems from a scientific study released last year that showed dust levels blowing from the riding area within the park are consistently higher than dune areas elsewhere.

Under the proposal voted on Wednesday, Oceano Dunes could be subjected to fines of as much as \$1,000 a day if dust emissions from the park exceed those from nearby nonriding areas in the Dunes by a small buffer margin. Demonstrating actions to correct violations could prevent fines.

Options available to State Parks to reduce dust emissions include installing straw bales or other objects in the Dunes and planting vegetation, all in order to reduce wind speeds. Planting trees and installing wind fences are also options.



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## 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,*

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

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# Managing Director's Report

by Amy Granat

## The Fallacy Surrounding Land Use Planning

As I travel around the state and advocate for motorized access and travel, it becomes clear that plans are made by people in federal and state agencies without any knowledge of how these proposals will affect the people on the ground. In many cases, these planners are not elected officials who are in some way responsible to the electorate, instead these are career employees who turn a somewhat blind eye to the rest of us as they complete their allotted governmental tasks.

Recently I sat at one of these meetings, amazed at what I was hearing from the speakers. Plans were being debated, issues were being decided, without so much of a thought to the effect of these plans on the general public! Given the chance to speak, these were my carefully chosen words:

*“There is a tendency among agencies to talk amongst themselves, create plans and policies that people who live in California’s cities, towns and rural communities, are unaware will greatly affect their lives and livelihoods. What really are – resource plans, biodiversity analyses, water hydrology reviews, and the like? They all have one basic component in common; they represent a change from the current situation to a new on-the-ground paradigm. The exact magnitude of the change may not always be known, yet these policies are put in place with few backward looks and less consideration of the local populace.”*

*“The assumption lies in the belief that people populating federal and state agencies know better than people living in an area what should go on in their neighborhoods; how their parks, forests and deserts should be managed. I present to you the opposite viewpoint, one that many of you may not like to hear but may very well represent the truth. People living in these areas not only have more knowledge and experience than any of you sitting in an office, but are better able to determine the correct direction for local land use policies.”*

*“Average citizens have the capacity to be a great help or a great hindrance to the success of federal or state land use plans, often made without their full understanding and participation. But agency personnel may have to compromise when working with local communities, something most loathe to do. Working with the public, agencies may not get to dictate policies according to their own wishes and biases. Substituting the public's priorities for your own preconceived notions is a hard barrier for many government employees. Compromise does not come easy for some government employees, along with the hard acknowledgment that they might not always know best, or have all the right answers.”*

*“To all the federal and state agencies in the room, before you pat each other on the back for a job well done, think a little more about members of the public you serve. Look to them for advice, knowing that the direct success for your next project will really come from public support. Their quality of life is directly tied to your decisions.”*

Government employees and personnel should be our partners, and many of these people who work in local offices already act in this capacity. My job is to confront those higher-up on the food chain, those making public policy that need this reminder that the people they really need to serve are the people on-the-ground. Working together we can make this happen.

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17th Annual

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Hamburger	\$4.00
Hamburger w/side of chili	\$5.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Hot Dog w/chili	\$3.00
Bowl of chili	\$2.00

Pre- Registration opens in October (See website for details)

**\*REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT!**

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ATV's must have whips/flags!

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Camping for the event is located in an easily accessible dirt area adjacent to a large dry wash. Plenty of room for motorhomes and trailers. This is dry desert camping, so no hook-ups. We will however, have portable toilets brought in for those "tenting it".

*All proceeds from this event to go to CORVA's Land Use Fund!*

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# CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

## Bureau of Land Management Announces Upcoming Revision of West Mojave Plan

*This will Affect Public Access to 25 Million Acres of Desert*

The California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980 addressed public-land resources and resources use within 25-million acres of land in southern California. The Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan addressed both access and vehicular use of public lands in southern California, and identified management guidelines and objectives.

In 2006, the BLM approved a comprehensive amendment to the West Mojave area of the CDCA Plan that approved the designation of 5,098 miles of motorized vehicle routes. A lawsuit protesting the Plan was soon filed by environmental groups challenging the BLM's route designation process. In January 2011, a court order remanded the 2006 BLM Decision and directed the BLM to amend the Plan and reconsider route designation throughout the West Mojave Planning area. By court order, the BLM must issue a revised Plan by March 31, 2014.

**The proposed new BLM Plan will present:**

1. Alternatives for amending the Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan for the WEMO area.
2. Alternative processes for designating travel routes within the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area.

**We should provide responses to the following five questions:**

1. Which portions of the WEMO plan should be revised to reflect current policy regarding motorized vehicle access?
2. What process and decision criteria should be used to designate routes in the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area?
3. What motorized vehicle use issues and concerns exist within each sub-regional area of the WEMO plan area?
4. What is the best science and technology available to identify and establish viable route networks in the sub-regional areas of the WEMO plan area?
5. Should the BLM analyze an amendment to the WEMO plan as it relates, primarily, to motorized vehicle use separately, or should there be sub-regional route designation?

Environmental analysis would address current route designation within the 33 WEMO sub-regional areas. This analysis would result in new decisions for each sub-regional area within the WEMO plan area that would either retain or modify, in whole or in part, current route designations. New route designation decisions would be issued in accordance with the BLM route designation criteria.

**Preliminary planning criteria included the following:**

1. The plan amendment will comply with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
2. The process will follow the BLM's policies in the Land Use Planning Handbook, H-1601-1 and Manual Section 1626, Travel and Transportation Management.
3. Public participation and collaboration will be an integral part of the planning process.
4. The BLM will strive to make decisions in the plan compatible with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, and Federal agencies and local American Indian tribes.
5. The plan amendment will incorporate, where applicable and appropriate, management decisions brought forward from existing planning documents.
6. The BLM will work collaboratively with cooperating agencies and all other interested groups, agencies, and individuals.
7. The plan amendment will focus on developing language for the WEMO area that conforms to the goals of the Motorized Vehicle Access Element of the CDCA Plan as described in the 1982 Plan.

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service News

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that it has completed a status review of the Amargosa River population of the Mojave fringe-toed lizard (*Uma scoparia*) and concluded based on genetic evidence that the population is not a distinct and separate population of the Mojave fringe-toed lizard and as such cannot be considered for listing as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The Service made this finding after a thorough review of all the available scientific and commercial information on the species.

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## Legislative Update

Washington remains preoccupied with issues related to the budget, employment reports, and the economic downturn. It seems unlikely that there will be much movement on public lands legislation this year. However, 2011 has been a great year for access advocates with bills such as the Wilderness Study and Roadless Area Release Act, the Government Litigation Savings Act, and the Preserve Land Freedom for Americans Act.

### H.R. 242 – Relates to Implementation and Enforcement of Travel Management Rule

H.R. 242, sponsored by Rep. Herger, (R-CA), bars the use of any funds available to the Secretary of Agriculture to implement or enforce Subpart B of the USFS Travel Management Rule relating to the designation of roads, trails, and areas for motor vehicle use in an administrative unit of the National Forest System in California, unless the Secretary has completed post-Subpart B project level trail planning of unauthorized routes in the unit not considered in subpart B.

Status: In House Natural Resources Committee.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.242:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.242)

### H.R. 848 – Relates to Use of Forest Service Land by Persons with Disabilities

H.R. 848, sponsored by Rep. Alexander (R-LA), requires the Forest Service to accommodate, to the extent consistent with the management objectives and limitations applicable to the Forest at issue, individuals with mobility disabilities who need to use a power-driven mobility device such as an ATV or ROV for reasonable access to such lands.

Status: In House Agriculture Committee and House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests & Public Lands.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.848:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.848)

### H.R. 1473 – Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011

H.R. 1473, sponsored by Rep. Rogers (R-KY), is the Continuing Resolution to fund government activities through FY 2011. The bill includes a provision prohibiting the Secretary of Interior from expending funds to implement Wild Lands initiative until 10/1/11.

Status: LAW. P.L. 112-10. Passed House 4/14/11. Passed Senate 4/14/11. Signed by President 4/15/11.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1473:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1473)

### H.R. 1996 – Government Litigation Savings Act

H.R. 1996, sponsored by Rep. Lummis (R-WY), would prevent abuse of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) by large environmental groups and others who frequently challenge the federal government in court. Environmental groups often sue to limit or eliminate even the most responsible use of OHVs on public lands, and recoup litigation costs through EAJA.

Status: In House Judiciary Committee.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1996:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1996)

### H.R. 2584 – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012

H.R. 2584, sponsored by Rep. Simpson (R-ID), funds Department of Interior and related agencies, including U.S. Forest Service for FY 2012. Includes many amendments to de-fund Administration environmental and public land priorities. Amendments include provisions that would not allow relevant agencies to expend funds to implement: 1) BLM's "Wild Lands" policy; 2) continuation of the USFS Travel Management Rule in CA; and 3) EPA's greenhouse gas rules. Work on the bill stalled during consideration of more than 185 separate amendments when the House broke for August recess.

Status: Reported out of House Appropriations Committee 7/19/11.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.2584:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.2584)

### H.R. 1581/S. 1087 – Wilderness and Roadless Area Release Act

H.R. 1581, sponsored by Rep. McCarthy (R-CA), and S. 1087, sponsored by Sen. Barrasso, (R-WY), release Wilderness Study Areas administered by BLM that have not been designated as wilderness and that have been identified by BLM as not suitable for designation as wilderness from further study for wilderness designation. They make wilderness study areas no longer subject to requirement that they be managed in a manner that does not impair suitability for preservation as wilderness. The bills release inventoried roadless areas within the National Forest System that have not been designated as wilderness and that were not recommended for designation as wilderness as a result of the second roadless area review and evaluation program (RARE II) or the subsequent revision of a land resource management plan, from further study for wilderness designation. and make such System lands no longer subject to management to maintain roadless character and values.

H.R. 1581 Status: In House Natural Resources Committee, National Parks, Forests, & Public Lands Subcommittee hearing held 7/26/11.

S. 1087 Status: In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

Bill text available at: H.R. 1581: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1581:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1581)

S. 1087: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.1087:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.1087)

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**H.R. 1505 – National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act**

H.R. 1505, sponsored by Rep. Bishop (R-UT), prohibits Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture from taking actions on public lands that impede the border security activities of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Provides that the Homeland Security Secretary shall have immediate access to any public land, including wilderness areas or other specially designated areas managed by the federal government in order to conduct activities that assist in securing the border by waiving some 30 laws, including the Wilderness Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Status: In House Natural Resources and Agriculture Committees. National Parks, Forests & Public Lands Subcommittee. hearing held 7/8/11.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1505:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.1505)

**S. 1027 – American Energy and Western Jobs Act**

S. 1027, sponsored by Sen. Barrasso (R-WY), amends the Mineral Leasing Act. Requires DOI and USDA to produce annual report on revenues generated from multiple use of public lands, including a separate line item on recreation.

Status: In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.1027:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.1027)

**National Monuments**

The Antiquities Act of 1906 grants the President unilateral authority to designate areas of public lands as National Monuments. While it seems clear that the original intent of the law was to provide Presidents with the ability to designate specific landmarks or objects, plus as small a portion of surrounding land as practicable, several Presidents have used the authority to designate large areas. It is almost certain that OHV use will be restricted in any area designated as a National Monument as anti-access proponents view monument designations as a way to functionally manage an area as wilderness without going through the formal wilderness designation process. Last session a leaked Department of Interior memo outlined the Obama Administration's consideration of designating up to 13 million acres of public lands in 11 western states as National Monuments. As a result, numerous bills have been introduced to restrict National Monument designations. Wyoming was previously exempted from the Antiquities Act by statute.

**H.R. 302/S. 122 – Preserve Land Freedom For Americans Act of 2011**

H.R. 302, sponsored by Rep. Foxx (R-NC), and S. 122, sponsored by Sen. Vitter (R-LA), require the President, prior to designating a national monument, to obtain a state's approval for a monument located on federal land within the state. They bar the Secretary of the Interior from implementing any restrictions on the public use of a national monument until the expiration of an appropriate review period providing for public input and congressional approval.

H.R. 302 Status: In House Natural Resources Committee.

S.122 Status: In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee.

Bill text available at: H.R. 302: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.302:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.302)

S. 122: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.122:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.122)

**H.R. 758/S. 407 – National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act**

H.R. 758, sponsored by Rep. Nunes (R-CA), and S. 407, sponsored by Sen. Crapo (R-ID), require land reserved as part of a national monument to be confined to the smallest area essential to ensure proper care and management. They bar the President from issuing a proclamation to designate a national monument before end of a 30-day period beginning when language of the proposed proclamation is provided by President to Congress, Governor of each state, and specified local and tribal government officials having jurisdiction over land within proposed monument. In addition, they require at least one public hearing and notice and comment period after issuance of a proclamation to designate a national monument and require the President to report to Congress on any hearings held, any written comments received, and the impact of such designation on communities within monument boundaries, the nation's energy security, and interests, rights, and uses associated with the land within the monument. They also make a Monument proclamation ineffective 2 years following its issuance, unless approved by an Act of Congress.

H.R. 758 Status: In House Natural Resources Committee. Bill Text: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.407:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:s.407)

S. 407 Status: In Senate Energy & Natural Resources Cmte. Bill Text: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.758:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.758)

**H.R. 817 – Relates to National Monuments in California**

H.R. 817, sponsored by Rep. Herger (R-CA), prohibits the further extension or establishment of national monuments in California except by express authorization of Congress.

Status: In House Natural Resources Committee

Bill text available at: [http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.817:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:h.r.817)



## **Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan**

### *Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement Announced*

The proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan would integrate renewable energy development and biological resource conservation across 22 million acres of the Mojave and Colorado Desert regions of southern California. The Department of the Interior established the development of renewable energy as a departmental priority and outlines a strategy to increase the development and transmission of renewable energy from appropriate areas on public lands.

Why is this plan important to you? The DRECP will potentially set aside huge tracts of land as conservation open space, land that in the past was open to multiple use recreation. It will include a possible amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, the same plan that set aside areas of the desert for OHV recreation.

Recreation interests need to be involved in the preparation of this plan if they are to preserve a place for their activities. Watch for more on this important plan. For details see the announcement and public meeting schedule at: [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

## **Forest Service Update: Forest Service to Update California Forest Plans**

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA) is the primary statute governing the administration of national forests. NFMA requires the assessment of forest lands and the development and implementation of a management plan for each unit of the National Forest System with revisions every 10–15 years. The Land Management Plan or Forest Plan is the principal document that guides the decision making of Forest Service managers. Forest Plans guide where and under what conditions an activity or project on national forest lands can generally proceed. Each time a project or activity is proposed, the local national forest unit must ensure that it is consistent with the plan. Forest Plans are strategic in nature and do not make decisions about specific projects. Project proposals will be analyzed in subsequent National Environmental Policy Act processes.

Forest Plans provide long-range management direction such as desired conditions and objectives, the kinds of uses that are generally suitable for various areas of a national forest, the management guidelines that apply to different kinds of activities, and the designation of special areas like Research Natural Areas.

### **Revision Strategy**

Forest Plans for national forests in California were developed in the mid to late 1980s under the 1982 Planning Rule and most plans have not been revised since then; however, significant amendments have occurred. The Southern California forests finished their Forest Plan revisions in 2005.

The Region 5 strategy consists of revising the 14 remaining Forest Plans starting in the summer of 2009. Regional office staff will work with interested individuals and organizations to identify issues, trends, and information that will provide the basis for revisions. Work will begin with emphasis on Sierra Nevada forests and proceed to the Northern California forests. The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and the Modoc National Forest are the first units to initiate the revision process.

## **Lawsuit Affects Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino, and Cleveland National Forests**

On January 3, 2011 Judge Marilyn H. Patel approved a Settlement Agreement that established the remedy for California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, and Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, otherwise known as the “Four Forests” lawsuit. This lawsuit alleged various violations by the Forest Service associated with the 2005 Southern California Forest Plans released for the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino, and Cleveland National Forests.

The settlement requires the National Forests to prepare a Supplemental EIS that will make changes to zoning and recommended wilderness designation on these forests. This is an opportunity for public input. Stay tuned for developments.

## **CORVA and Sierra Access Coalition: Pursuing Litigation Against the Forest Service**

The Plumas National Forest recently finalized their Motorized Travel Management Plan and released the Record of Decision. Through the Motorized Travel Management Plan, the Forest Service designated off-highway roads and trails that will remain open for public motorized use, from now into the future. Non-designated routes, including many that were open for decades to motorized travel, will be off-limits for woodcutters, campers, hunters, hikers, and off-highway vehicles, as well as all others who use native-surface roads and trails for access to the forest. Since the Forest Service definition of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) includes pickups, cars, 4x4s, motorhomes, motorcycles, quads or ATV's, and tow rigs for equestrian trailers and 5th wheels, thousands of recreationists will be affected. A decision on snowmobile use will be made in the future, but does not look promising. The many restrictions to access made on motorized travel will serve as a precursor to restricting snowmobile access. CORVA and Sierra Access Coalition has to take action to protect the rights of local citizens, and is raising money for our Legal Defense Fund to fight against this overly restrictive plan for our National Forest lands.

For more information go to <http://www.sierraaccess.com>

## Lucas Oil Bee Hive Classic

By Wayne Ford

Glen Helen - On October 1st CORVA attended the Lucas Oil Bee Hive classic as guest of Nic Tonelli from the Bee-Hive Sports Bar in Huntington Beach. This event was Lucas Oil's last event of the season, but judging from the great short course action we saw, they will be back for more in February 2012!

The Bee Hive Classic is a regional race intended to foster the growth of grassroots racing, and in partnership with Glen Helen raceway, Lucas Oil will continue run races there into the 2012 season.

"We are developing an affordable program for vendors and potential sponsors to become involved with the sport and support short course off road racing," said Bob Patison, Executive Vice President of Lucas Oil Products. He continued. "With the grass roots nature of this program, affordability for fans, racers, vendors and sponsors is one of our main priorities. The purpose of this program is to continue to develop the sport and introduce more people to the excitement of short course off road racing. We are looking forward to hearing from people who would like to be involved with this program at all levels."



There several classes included in this race, from modified UTV's to 1450 class long travel trucks. We knew we were at a regional event, however, when we saw duct tape used to place numbers on the sides of trucks. We even heard stories of guys who decided to race the night before.

We met several current members of CORVA, and signed up many new 90 day and one year members to help us keep OHV lands open. From a vendor standpoint, this is a fun event to attend. While the races are running there is no one in the pits, so we did what any race fan would do: watch the races. When the race was over, it was back to our CORVA post. This event was a great way to spread the word about CORVA and watch some race action at the same time. We would like to thank Bill Ward from F-WORD Industries for intruding us to Nic Tonelli of the Bee Hive Sports Bar and Steve Hewitt, CORVA VP of Sales and Marketing, for assisting with this event.

The Lucas Oil Bee Hive Classic was a great way to see this type of racing without having to drive for three hours. If you are interested and want to attend the next Lucas Oil event in February, visit the Lucas Oil website at [www.lucasoiloffroad.com](http://www.lucasoiloffroad.com) to find event information. The only cost is a \$10.00 parking free, and the course is located conveniently off the 215 free way. Visit [www.glehhelen.com](http://www.glehhelen.com) for a map.



### ***Service Decides Mojave Ground Squirrel is not Endangered Species***

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced today that it has completed a status review of the Mohave ground squirrel (*Spermophilus mohavensis*) and has determined it does not warrant protection as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. The Service made this finding after a thorough review of all the available scientific and commercial information on the species.

The Service assessed potential impacts to the Mohave ground squirrel in response to a petition to list the species. The Service concluded that urban and rural development, off-highway vehicle use, military operations, energy development, livestock grazing, agriculture, mining, and climate change do not constitute a substantial threat to the Mohave ground squirrel throughout its range within the foreseeable future.

Anyone with new information about the threats to the Mohave ground squirrel or its habitat should submit it at any time to the Service at the address listed below. This information will help the Service monitor and encourage the ongoing management of this species.

The Service's finding is in response to a petition from the Defenders of Wildlife and a private citizen to list the Mohave ground squirrel as an endangered species.

### ***The Economic Costs of Wilderness***

*by Brian C. Steed, Ryan M. Yonk, and Randy Simmons (Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, Utah State University)*

The argument often stated by the environmental community that Wilderness is good for local economies is simply not supported by the data. When comparing Wilderness and Non-Wilderness Counties, Wilderness Counties are at an economic disadvantage to their Non-Wilderness counterparts. Accordingly, if the test for whether or not to designate Wilderness is economic, Wilderness fails. But economics did not underlie the Wilderness Act or any of the Wilderness Areas established since the Act was passed. Wilderness is established for emotional, ecological, and cultural purposes. Results show that those purposes are accomplished at a high cost to local economies.

### ***Thanksgiving Off Road Show and Trail Run***

*by Aaron Eaton-OMC Off-Road*

As the owner of OMC Off-Road, I am proud to announce our 2011 food drive, off road show, and trail run in support of the Pass area's food bank. The recession still in full swing and hitting Americans hard, many families struggle to put food on the table during the holidays. After visiting my local food bank, H.E.L.P., I thought, "Who better to get involved than the off road community?" We have all been through tough times and can understand the situation some families face daily. Despite the recession, I was fortunate enough to be able to reopen my shop, and want to help give back to the community that was there for me during my time of hardship.

The result of my effort is the First Annual Thanksgiving Day Off Road Show and Trail Run on November 12, 2011 (see ad on page 2). This event is in support of the H.E.L.P. food bank, which feeds families, senior citizens, and homeless from Cabazon, Banning, Beaumont and Cherry Valley. All donations are welcome, but a \$15.00 food donation is required to get raffle tickets or show your 4x4. Lets work together and help the less fortunate. I will be donating \$50.00 and two \$200.00 gift cards for a set of 4 tires for the raffle. I look forward to seeing you all at the event!

### ***Help Wanted: CORVA Show Coordinator & CORVA Store Keeper***

*by Steve Hewitt*

CORVA has two volunteer positions available. The CORVA Store Keeper and CORVA Show Coordinator. I have been fulfilling both of these duties lately. Store Keeper, this is an easy job that only requires that you keep an inventory of goods that CORVA sells, and ship orders to customers as they arrive. In addition, you would need to run the store at all CORVA events (or find a substitute if you are unable). You will also work closely with the Marketing committee on developing new promotional items for CORVA to sell.

The other volunteer position is the CORVA Show Coordinator. This only requires that you apply to have a CORVA booth at all the expos, and events that CORVA attends. Also, you will be responsible for setting up the booth and finding volunteers to help man the booth while the show is open. You will work closely with the Marketing Committee to find new shows where CORVA can have a booth.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Steve Hewitt at: [steve.hewitt@corva.org](mailto:steve.hewitt@corva.org) or (951) 237-0233.

## Volunteer Up!

By Wayne Ford

The heartbeat of any non-profit organization is its volunteers. CORVA is no different, we would die without them. This was never more evident than it was in the effort that went into stuffing and distributing 15,000 bags at the 13th annual Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa October 17th & 18th.

It all started at a CORVA Southern Board Meeting in late July. Steve Hewitt, our VP of Sales & Marketing, received an opportunity from the Show organizers to create, stuff, and distribute the show bags. The task was weighed during the conference call, but the consensus was that it would require too many of our resources. After the call, I could not stop thinking about how grand it would be to sell ad space to our sponsors and attempt to break even with a CORVA logo on 15,000 bags!



I called Steve Hewitt and our President Jim Woods, and said that I would like to do this, and that I would take full responsibility. After that call, I felt like the last guy in the desert on Monday after a holiday weekend. The first task was to sell ad space on the bag. If it weren't for a few regular sponsors volunteering to pony up right away, it is likely that the "The Ford Family" would have been printed on half of the 15,000 bags. Thankfully, however, we did sell the ad space, and received the bags with only three hours to spare.



The first hurdle came when the first ad insert showed up on my doorstep: seventy-five boxes of catalogs from MotoCross Giant. At this point, we knew it was time to start calling to everyone we know for help. Fueled by pizza and beverages donated by Rob Roon from MotoCross Giant, a handful of volunteers set up eight tables on my driveway, and eight teams began stuffing seven different ad inserts into each of the bags. Thanks to a Herculean volunteer effort, exactly three hours after receiving the last sponsor ad insert, we achieved our night's goal of 10,000 bags. Altogether, the eight production lines pumped out a box of 200 bags every five minutes! Henry Ford, the father of mass production, would have been proud. CORVA would like to thank Dan & Tracy Allison, Steve Hewitt, Courtney Phillips, Avi Weinberg, Jordan Rosenberg, Shannon Ford, John & Annette from Motocross Giant, Jim, Roberta, Danny and Courtney from Simi Valley Honda, Jim Labraque, and our fastest packer Panida Charoenthaivanic for their spectacular effort that fueled our success.

On the first day of the Sand Sports Super Show the gates opened at noon. We covered the blue gate, green gate and Siberia entrances, handing out bags to all who entered. At the end of the day we still had to fill 5,000 more bags for the remainder of the event. Friday night we were back to stuffing still 5000 bags to fill our Sponsors ad inserts. In fact, we filled so many bags that we were afraid we would not give them all away.

The next day, however, we stacked boxes at all three entrances and within an hour of the gates opening, we knew our fear was wrong. We handed out 37 boxes of bags on both Saturday and Sunday.

Altogether, our CORVA team handed out nearly 15,000 bags, and the effect was a sight to behold, a sea of orange at the Sand Sports Super Show! We would like to thank our sponsors: Motocross Giant, GenRight, Pro-Armor, F-word Industries and Air-Bedz. We would also like to thank the legion of volunteers that stuffed and handed out bags, including Randy Eller, Kathy Barbarino, Janet Gottfried, Kristina Schwartz, Tracy Allison, Jim Woods, Clayton Miller, Chris Kolbenschlag, Brad & Debbie Halfrich, Jared Danley, Richard Hewitt, Kevin Hewitt, Shawn Hewitt, Michele Hewitt, Katie Hewitt, Katherine Kelsey, Charlene Kelsey, Amy Granat, Panida, Bob Hackler and Karl Knoll. Thanks everyone!



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## California's Green Sticker Turns 40

It was a chilly morning, with an occasional light drizzle, on December 22nd, 1971 when Governor Reagan, Assemblymen Gene Chappie and Edwin Z'berg, and a small gathering of state officials and off road enthusiasts gathered near the North steps of the Capitol in Sacramento to witness the signing of A.B. 2342, the Chappie-Z'berg Off Highway Vehicle Act of 1971. After the Governor and Assemblymen finished making the requisite speeches that always occur at such an event, the Director of Motor Vehicles presented Governor Reagan with the very first OHV sticker (number A00 A01) and he proceeded to attach it to the rear fender of a Bultaco Alpina belonging to Russ Sanford, CORVA's original lobbyist, who was instrumental in obtaining passage of the bill.

This December 22nd will mark the 40th anniversary of that day which left with OHV community with a tremendous sense of optimism and anticipation. Although many in the OHV Community were skeptical that the legislature or the state would ever spend a dime of the new money to acquire and develop areas dedicated to ORV recreational use, CORVA vowed to hold them accountable and to keep watch over the state's stewardship of the new program.



During the ensuing 40 years we have seen the program acquire thousands of acres to create a system of State Vehicular Recreation Areas, and spent 10's of millions of dollars in grants to help local agencies and federal land managers develop their lands for OHV recreational purposes. We have also seen the state rip-off our OHV Fund on numerous occasions, forcing CORVA to go to the legislature and the courts to recover some of the money and put additional controls on how the state can spend OUR money that is collected from OHV users specifically to provide recreational opportunities for ORV use.

Clearly there have been high points and low points in our relationship with the state during the course of past 40 years, but overall the sport and the community have been well served by CORVA's foresight in supporting the creation of a self-funded program to ensure that there would always be places for our members to use their vehicles. When December 22nd rolls around this year, it would be a good time for all of us to think about all that CORVA has done for us over the years, and all of the hard work that still needs to be done. Use that day to think about what level of volunteer effort YOU can put into the cause next year, or consider making an additional donation in honor of the diligence that CORVA has displayed as the watchdog over the OHV Program for the past 40 years.

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Here we have the winners of the Sunday Poker Run. Many more photos too, along with the names of all the winners for the games on Saturday.

We should also have a report from our Northern Jamboree so it will be packed with FUN times...

Thanks to all that attended.

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**January:**

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 The advertisement for ATV Safety Training features a photograph of two riders on ATVs in a desert landscape. The rider on the left is on a blue ATV, and the rider on the right is on a white ATV. Both are wearing helmets and gear. The background shows a clear blue sky and desert terrain.
 

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