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PMV MONITORING REPORT RELEASED

How Does This Impact You?

Recently the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service released their latest monitoring report of the Peirson's milk-vetch (PMV). This information was gathered during late winter and spring 2014 and 2015 in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.



Photo of Peirson's milk-vetch plant.
ASA Photo

For those of you who don't remember, the PMV is the plant that the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), Sierra Club, and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) used to close 49,310 acres of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in March of 2000.

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BLM SAFETY MESSAGE REGARDING YOUTH RIDERS

Throughout the El Centro Field Office management area we are seeing a tremendous amount of youth riders and want to ensure they and their parents understand the rules for operating OHVs so that they are safe and can meet legal requirements if contacted by law enforcement.

California Vehicle Code section 38503 states that anyone under 18 operating an ATV shall either: 1) currently be taking a safety course under supervision; 2) are in possession of an ATV safety certificate; or 3) under the supervision of an adult who is in possession of an ATV certificate. Additionally, those under 14 must always be under supervision of an adult and must either: 1) possess an ATV safety certificate or; 2) the adult must possess an ATV certificate.



All California residents age 17 and under can be trained for free thanks to a California state-sponsored subsidy. The fee for students age 18 and older is \$150. Purchasers of new ATVs may be eligible for free training. Contact Enrollment Express for more information at (800) 887-2887. California residents can participate in the training as "Observers" for free if they are age 6 through 15. The California state-sponsored subsidy takes care of the cost of participating as an observer.

For more information go to: <http://atvsafety.org/>

Click below for a list of future training dates.

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FEINSTEIN DESERT RALLY HELD

In October, Senator Feinstein held a public meeting, attended by Administration officials and interested citizens, to receive public comment on her request to President Obama that he create three additional national monument areas in the California desert. The

meeting was held in a tent up a dirt road in the Whitewater Preserve outside of Palm Springs. Public reports on attendance ranged from 700-1,000 people. The LA Times described the event as a "raucous tent hearing." It was a hot day and tempers flared inside and outside the tent as proponents and opponents of the monument designations expressed their opinions.

Senator Feinstein, as a real professional, kept her cool as she attempted to preside over the meeting where tensions were high. She made it clear that she prefers a legislative solution rather than a presidential declaration, but that doing nothing is not an option.



Photo provided by Stan Lim from The Press Enterprise

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FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT UPDATE

A rewrite of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) has begun in the House Natural Resources Committee. A hearing was held to discuss a draft bill and we like what we saw in terms of some of the proposed changes to the program. One of the revisions would increase the amount of money that must remain at the site collected from 80% to 90% and limit the amount the agencies can siphon off for administrative overhead from 15% down to 5%. The current authorization for FLREA doesn't expire until September 30, 2017, so we are pleased that reauthorization efforts have begun in earnest in both the House and the Senate.



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FLAT-TAILED HORNED LIZARD UPDATE

The ASA through our consortium with EcoLogic Partners, Inc., submitted a comment letter to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in response to their status review of the Flat-Tailed Horned Lizard (FTHL). This was in response to a Petition filed by the Center for Biological Diversity to list the FTHL under the California Endangered Species Act.

EcoLogic Partners, Inc. consists of the American Sand Association, the American Motorcyclists Association District 37, and the Off Road Business Association.

A copy of EcoLogic's comment letter can be found [here](#).

REACH FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE INCREASE

REACH Air Medical Services & Air Med Care Network membership expands membership coverage throughout nation

The American Sand Association and REACH Air Medical Services have worked together for over 6 years to make your off-road recreational experience the safest possible. REACH Air Medical brought 24/7/365 critical care coverage to Imperial County in 2008 and has actively participated in improving air medical response to the friends and family of the ASA. The REACH For Life membership was introduced a few years later to offer affordable membership coverage in the event of a medical emergency.



REACH For Life guarantees no out-of-pocket expense from the patient if they are transported by a REACH helicopter or airplane. The introductory membership fee was offered at \$25/family in 2010. The new fee will increase to \$55/family which will include all lives living under the household. The coverage also includes adult children that are away in college. In addition to the inclusive household coverage, your \$55 will grant you nationwide coverage that includes 33 States, with over 230 locations.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO GET COOK BILL THROUGH FIRST HURDLE

The House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Federal Lands will be hearing H.R. 3668, the California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act, on December 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Please let all of your friends in the off-road community know about the hearing and encourage them to weigh in and express their support to committee members.

[Click here](#) for a roster of subcommittee members.



Congressman Paul Cook

ISDRA DESERT ADVISORY COUNCIL SUBGROUP MEETING BEING HELD

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Do you want to know what the latest issues are at the dunes or would you like to express your opinion on a matter? This is your chance to do so.

DATE: December 17, 2015

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: BLM El Centro Field Office

1661 So. 4th Street

El Centro, CA 92243

**CALL IN: Number provided for those who can't attend in person.
(866) 600-6443 / Passcode: 777981#**



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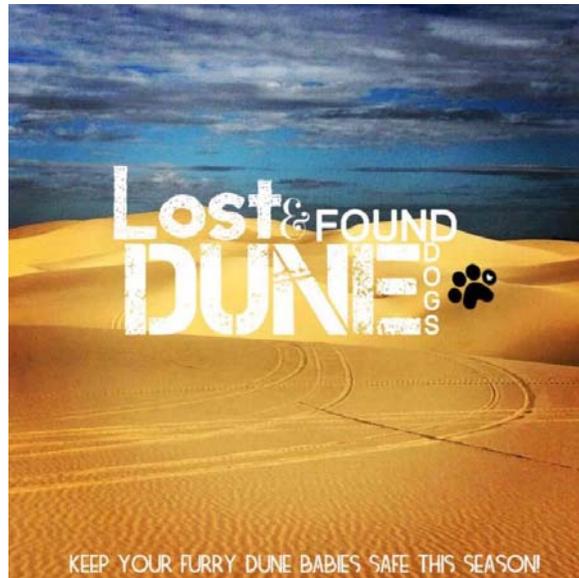
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Get an ASA 'Protecting Your Right to Ride' t-shirt and a baseball or flat bill cap for only \$25.

LOST & FOUND DUNE DOGS

REUNITING DUNERS WITH THEIR FUR BABIES

By Nicholette Sargent, ASA Volunteer



Lost & Found Dune Dogs page was created last season when two dogs showed up at camp within 24 hours. Both had tags and attempts were made to call both owners without success! One tag had a work number on it so no one could get through and the other tag had no cell signal. At this point I felt just as helpless as the poor lost dune dogs! I started walking from camp to camp in the dark and luckily was able to find both of these pet's humans.

I started wondering how many people we could help by getting information out quickly about Lost & Found Dune Dogs? This idea blossomed into a Facebook page as it is one of the few resources that can help all duners link together to help families reunite, as well as educate people on how to keep their pets safe in the dunes.

My hope is for this page to continue to help duners throughout the season and beyond if used correctly. Thank you all for your support and a special thanks to the ASA and others who have helped to get the word out about the Lost & Found Dune Dog Facebook Page.

[Click here to check out the Lost and Found Dune Dog Facebook page.](#)

NEED A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER? CONSIDER ASA RAFFLE TICKETS OR SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIPS

They make great gifts and you'll also be supporting the organization fighting to keep your riding areas open.

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