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## **ASA Working on Side by Side Aftermarket Seat Issue AB 1595 Fix**

Ever since AB 1595 was passed back in July of 2012, the ASA has been working diligently towards a solution to address the legislation's unintended consequences. First, we helped to develop and quickly pass AB 1266 which eliminated the requirement that both feet must be flat on the floorboard provision of AB 1595, as well as, delaying the section dealing with aftermarket seat locations not designed by the manufacturer until July 1, 2013.

Some of these new rules, while well-intentioned, created operational difficulties for many families and people with disabilities. It also made previously modified Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles illegal, despite the fact that they were purchased before the new requirements were in place. Now, the ASA is working with Senator Mimi Walters' office on a more permanent solution to address the concerns of our membership. SB 234 has been introduced to Legislative Counsel and would make the following three changes:

1. Eliminates the safety helmet requirement for child who is secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint system meeting specified requirements.
2. Allows a passenger to occupy a separate seat location not designed or provided by the manufacturer in vehicles with a model year of 2013 or earlier provided that the seat is fully contained inside of the vehicle's protection structure.
3. Repeals the provision that an ROHV passenger, while seated upright with his or her back against the seatback, can grasp the occupant handhold with the seatbelt and shoulder belt or safety harness properly fastened.

It is likely that the bill language will change as it is seen by the various committees. At this point it is too early to determine what changes will be made. We will keep you posted as more information becomes available. In the meantime, you can follow the progress of AB 234 at [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140SB234](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB234).

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## **ASA Reps Meet BLM State Director in Sacramento Business Plan Discussed**

Representatives from the ASA and a rep from the ISDRA DAC Sub Group met with BLM officials in Sacramento last month. The ASA called for the meeting to discuss ongoing concerns regarding the proposed ISDRA Business Plan. Director Kenna was very receptive to the discussion and encouraged the local office to meet with us to address our concerns. Some of the questions we would like answered include the following:

- What does it actually cost to run the dunes?
- What is the difference between discretionary and non-discretionary spending?
- Current level of appropriated dollars vs. anticipated level of appropriated dollars.

The BLM continues to move forward with a revised ISDRA Business Plan. At this point, we don't know what the revised Plan will look like; however, we are quite certain that it will include some kind of fee increase. At this point the ASA position remains the same, if the BLM isn't able to supply us with the appropriate supporting information, we and other stakeholders cannot support any increase.



*L-R Cindy Staszak - BLM Supervisor Resources Management, Bob Ham - ISDRA DAC Subgroup Member, Jim Kenna - BLM CA State Director, Jim Bramham - ASA Board Member and ISDRA DAC Subgroup Member*

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## **Wash and Ogilby Roads Receive Upgrading**

The BLM took advantage of the storm that brought rain to the dunes just prior to President's Day weekend. Maintenance crews graded Wash Rd. and repaired the

road to Ogilby Campground. Fee, grant and tax dollars were used for this project

For BLM updates of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area, please like their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BLMImperialSandDunes>.



*The Road to Ogilby Campground.*

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## Brawley Bypass Now Open

For those of you who don't need to stop in Brawley to purchase your goods or services, you can now save time on getting to the dunes by utilizing the newly opened Brawley Bypass. Open since October 2012, the Brawley Bypass encompasses eight miles of a four-lane divided expressway around the city of Brawley from State Route 86 northwest of Westmorland to the southeast junction of State Route 78 and State Route 111.

There are many Brawley businesses that cater to the off-road community. Even though the bypass is currently open, Brawley is still the closest town to Glamis. The merchants of Brawley encourage you to stop by and purchase your desert items on your way to the dunes.



## Holiday Visitation Statistics

	Halloween	Thanksgiving	New Years
<b>Visitation</b>	82,000	133,000	115,000
<b>Medical Incidents</b>	41	94	37
<b>L.E. Contacts **</b>	6,074	7,932	10,507
<b>L.E. Warnings **</b>	1,123	1,122	1,040
<b>Citations</b>	408	507	463
<b>Arrests</b>	43	32	55

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## March Store Special

Purchase a 2013 ASA Calendar and Camp Flag and we'll throw in a Checkered Flag all for only \$20.00 including shipping and handling.

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