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"NEWS FROM THE COURT"

As they say, no news is good news, we hope!

As of this writing on 10-12-05*, we have not heard from Judge Illston regarding her ruling on the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreational Areas issues (BO, CH and RAMP) due on Sept. 30th. Even though she committed to make her ruling by that day, it is the prerogative of Federal Court judges to delay rulings. Ruling can be posted to the system 24/7 so there is no way to know exactly when she will rule. *(Website Version date is 10-27-2005)

Should WE prevail, it is likely the Center of Biological Diversity (CBD) will appeal and ask that the closures remain in place while they appeal. If CBD prevails, the best thing for the Fish &Wildlife Service to do would be to rewrite the offending sections of the Biological Opinon,(BO) address the judges concerns, include the 2005 Peirson's Milk Vetch (PMV) monitoring data, and file it in the Federal Register as a new BO. So please be patient and stay out of the closed areas until you officially hear they are now open.

As soon as we know, we'll send out a mass email and make posts in the appropriate forums on our website bulletin board. Our online version of this newsletter due out Nov. 1st might have the answer we are all waiting for; DUNES ARE OPEN! Due to the printing and mailing time our printed version must be to the printers well in advance.

Please make sure we have your current email address so you can be **INFORMED**. See page 12.

IMPERIAL SAND DUNES
LITTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
FUNDED BY
NON FEDERAL SOURCES

Photo by, Stella Ross, Motorsports Mania TV

The United Desert Gateway (UDG) in cooperation with the American Sand Association (ASA) have initiated a Litter Education program at the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) totally funded by donations from Sand Sports enthusiasts and related businesses. According to Nicole Gilles, President of the UDG, "this program is just the beginning of the UDG's effort to increase stewardship awareness of the dunes visitors."

The UDG Litter Education program features stewardship messages by "Leo the Lizard" encouraging ISDRA visitors to be good stewards of public land. Leo can be found "Hanging Out" at the entrances to ISDRA and in many campsites on large banners.

In support of this program Bureau of Land Management El Centro Office Manager Vicki Wood has declared ISDRA as a Litter Free Zone. Wood and Imperial County Sheriff Harold Carter have instructed their law enforcement officers to help Leo by enforcing California penal code 374.4 which could result in fines up to $1,000.

According to BLM Chief Ranger, Ray LeLoup "I would like to add my personal message that all BLM Law Enforcement Officer's, under my direction, will actively enforce all litter violations. Due to Sheriff's Office responsibility for fee collection and compliance, BLM will be able to spend more time enforcing rules relating to litter, reserving spaces and the "50 Foot/15mph Rule. I have high expectations that we will be able to actively educate visitors as well as properly charge

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NEXT OPEN ASA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday January 22nd at 9:00 AM
Ontario, CA
(at this time the location is not firm)
Please check our website

Everyone is Invited

Guest Speakers and Topics to be Announced

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President's Message

By Grant George

"Welcome to another Dune Season"

Many new and exciting things will change this season. One of the things that won't change yet and will take more time are the closures. As of this writing (10/12/05) Judge Susan Illston still has not ruled.

We have a new permit this year that has many advantages over the old ones. Permits now contain a radio frequency identifier (RFID) chip: each pass has a unique digital signature. This new technology will expedite checking for permits because it can be done at a distance with a hand-held device. Lost or stolen permits can be easily replaced and anyone using a "bad" permit can be detected and arrested. In addition, there can be no more counterfeited permits. The Imperial Sheriff (ICSO), who will be making "drive by" enforcement, is taking on the contract for sales and enforcement.

The new permits enable more accurate vehicle counts that will lead to better management decisions and higher revenues. Permits can be purchased online and at various locations. Vending machines at the dunes will vend the actual permit.

The United Desert Gateway communities (UDG) are now in full swing bringing added federal dollars to the dunes in the form of cost matching. The UDG will oversee the MLK Cleanup and other activities that benefit the dune community. Using volunteer hours and associated expenditures as the basis of matching funds, the new federal dollars will pay for activities for which user fees would otherwise have been used. Win. Win.

As usual, I want to thank everyone of you that has supported the ASA and her mission. Your support is the oil in the crankcase: without it, we would come to a grinding halt.

Chairman's Report

By Bob Mason

"Responsibility Matters"

Good News! More "Checkered Flags" are flying on whips every season. The ASA adopted the "Checkered Flag Pledge" several years ago to demonstrate that duners are safety conscious and good stewards of public land. Flying this flag tells everyone that:

WE FLY IT AND LIVE BY IT !
TRASH
WE pack it in and WE pack it out
ENFORCEMENT
WE live by the rules
WE support all law enforcement at the dunes
WE report major infractions
RESPECT
FOR OTHER PEOPLE,
SAFETY AND THE ENVIORNMENT
WE act in a responsible manner

The **"Safety Bug"** is the official mascot of the ASA Public Safety and Education program.

"Leo the Lizard" has joined the team and may be seen "Hanging Out" at duner camps and at gateway community businesses. The BLM has declared the dunes as a

"LITTER FREE ZONE"

Leo says,

"IF YOU WANT TO STAY AND PLAY,
TAKE YOUR TRASH AWAY"

Join the TEAM ! Let everyone know that

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Fly a "Checkered Flag" Get a "Safety Bug" sticker

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As Always, thanks for your support,

Chairman of the Board

WHAT IS THE ASA?

The ASA is the lead group fighting to keep the Imperial Sands Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) open to OHV use. We are a nonprofit California corporation under the IRS Tax Code known as 501(c)(4). The leadership of the ASA are volunteers.

Working in concert with the Off Road Business Association (ORBA), San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), and others, the ASA has filed eight lawsuits against the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service. We have standing in several legal actions that could well be used to close the entire dunes. We stand poised to oppose any legal actions brought by any anti-access groups that would prevent the new Recreation Area Management Plan from being implemented. This plan would remove some of the closures entirely and grant conditional access to others.

In addition to our legal actions to preserve our right to ride, we filed a precedent-setting delisting petition to remove the Peirson's Milk Vetch from the Endangered Species List. This plant was used to create the closures put in place in 2000. These closures total over 49,000 acres of sand dunes and are located south of Highway 78, south of Highway 8, and at Mammoth Wash.

Our delisting petition is based on good, solid science derived from biological studies paid for by the ASA, ORBA, and SDORC. This science cost over $100,000.00 so far and we are budgeting for more. Our efforts don't stop there. We have two lobbyists on retainer: one in Washington D. C. and the other in Sacramento.

We have made several trips to Washington D.C. and Sacramento to present our case and plan to make several more. Our Public Safety and Education makes us known as a group that is not only interested in a World Class duning experience, but Stewards of the land and its resources: a very good connection with the current administration.

The ASA has received the US Dept. of Interior's 4C's Award, recognizing our organization's commitment to working with the Bureau and others to enhance recreational conservation on public lands in Southern California.

2005 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW

The Seventh Annual Sand Sports Super Show is now over but what a wonderful memory! It was the most successful one to date! Almost 50,000 people came to see all things "sand" and I'm glad many of you stopped at the ASA booths to become members or work in the booth to help the ASA with its mission to: **"Unite, Inform and Mobilize."**

The ASA managed to have a great presence at the show thanks to promoter Don Murphy and office manager Shawn Parker. Our outdoor booth was bigger and brighter than ever!! Our new shirt (for this show only) was a terrific addition to our line of merchandise and sold rapidly along with our new 2006 Calendar, both were a huge hit!

We also kicked off our first **Membership Drive** with our goal of doubling the ASA membership! (see page 13 for contest)

We were able to get an additional booth inside the show this year as we wanted a place just for people to ask questions and get information only. Founders Jerry Seaver and Vince Brunasso manned this booth the entire weekend, meeting and talking to inquiring minds! This was a great addition!

Photo by, Stella Ross, Motorsports Mania TV

ASA Endowment Committee member Cricket Sankovich watches as Sand Limo owner Joe Fab's daughter Josey draws the winning ticket on stage at the 7th Annual Sand Sports Super Show in Costa Mesa, CA

The highlight of Sunday afternoon was the pulling of the winning tickets for the **Sand Limo** giveaway car and the **THAR Customs Golf Cart**. The **Sand Limo** giveaway car went to Nancy and Russ Sauter of Upland, CA. The **THAR Customs Golf Cart** winner was Cora and Terry Romine of Welton, AZ. Our 2006 giveaway car was displayed before the crowd, a custom **Tatum Motorsports** Black Widow Spider with a **Turn Key Engine Supply** built 500hp LS1 Corvette motor with a **Mendeola** built 2-D Transmission.

This year we also let everyone see and hear about some of the people that have done so much behind the scenes volunteering for the ASA. We had the awarding of the **"Jerry R. Seaver Award"(JRS)** for volunteer recognition take place on stage Sunday. Those nominated were; Jarrod Bullard,(South Dunes Cleanup) Mason Caston,(AZ Events) Jim Colln,(Membership/Business Sponsors) Kevin Ethington & Shelly Sanuik,(Giveaway Tickets) Mary Gagel, (Business Sponsors/Merchandise) Bryan Henry,(CA Events Chairman) Becky Hethcox,(AZ Events) Patti & George Nelson (Supporting Membership Kits) Vicki & Otto Privette,(Bio Transport) and myself for the show. Congrats to Jim Colln for being selected this years JRS Award winner. All these members were presented an ASA embroidered jacket for their time and contribution in making the ASA great!

As Coordinator for the Sand Show, I was blessed again this year by having a wonderful committee and the **BEST volunteers ever!!!** Volunteers, helping in whatever way they can, from smiling at everyone and selling merchandise to signing up new members, is what makes this all possible and work so very well! I want to thank each and every one of you that helped make this the best showing ever and I can't wait for next years show!

Brian Trapp - ASA Sand Sports Super Show Coordinator

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Third Prize: *A pair of HID lights donated by Lazer Star*

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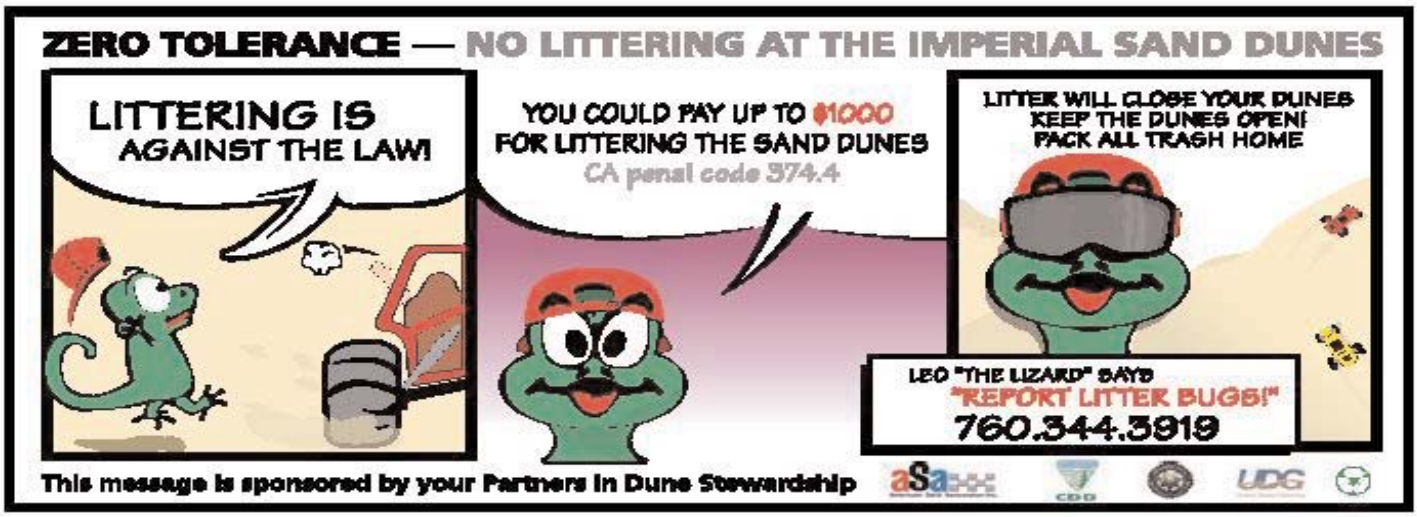
Drawings will be held at the 2006 Sand Sports Super Show

Tickets are $20 each (only 15,000 will be sold). Must be 18 years of age to enter and win. Purchaser of ticket subject to all terms and conditions of raffle; available upon request.

For mail orders send check or money order to:
ASA/Tatum Buggy Raffle, 11487 Woodside Ave., Ste 110, Santee, CA 92071
Or Call: 619.448.8078

Winners need not be present!



9th Annual Martin Luther King Weekend Cleanup

It's Easy, Fun & Helps Keep Our Dunes Open!
There will be hundreds of dollars in prizes and much more!

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2006

Locations:

North Dunes: Glamis Flats (Vendor Row), Wash Road (Pay Station), Gecko Road (Vendor Row)
South Dunes: Buttercup (Vendors Row), Gordon's Well (Vendor Row), and Ogilby Camp (Past the Tower towards the South)

Sign Up: All 3 locations in the north and south dunes from 8:00 am to 11:30 am

Lunch and the raffle will take place at the main staging areas located at Glamis Flats in the North Dunes and Gordon's Well in the South Dunes

Lunch will be served between: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Raffle prizes from: 12:30 pm until done

Presented by: KD Cycle, True Excitement and United Desert Gateway (UDG)

For more information on participating or contributing as a sponsor, contact Jarrod at True Excitement: info@trueexcitement.com or Kathy at KD Cycle: kdcycle@adelphia.net

Monthly Mini Cleanups

"If you want to stay and play, take your trash away," is a theme you will be seeing a lot out at the dunes in the coming months. But reality is that some ISDRA visitors will continue to leave behind their trash. That's why dune enthusiasts will be holding monthly cleanups at various locations throughout the dunes. These efforts are in addition to the annual Martin Luther King Day cleanup. Dates, times and places can be found in the ASA calendars. Please pitch in to make the dunes a better place for everyone to recreate.

For more information on the monthly cleanups, or to learn more about how you can help, please see: http://www.glamis-cleanup.org or contact Steve Brooks at: sand-obsessed@sbcglobal.net

Glamis-Cleanup.org!

Slappy's ADOPT-A-WASH Program

Dedicated lovers of Mother Glamis, let us join together to protect and insure her pristine beauty for future generations. Signup to a specific area of the dunes (any area) and keep it clean each time out. For more information and to signup, click on the Adopt-A-Wash logo on the front page. **www.GlamisDunes.com** or email: SlappyMcDuner@hotmail.com

News Release: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

For Immediate Release: September 9, 2005 CA-CDD-05-87
Contact: Doran Sanchez (951) 697-5220; or Jan Bedrosian (916) 978-4616

Peirson's Milk-vetch 2005 Monitoring Data Published for Imperial Sand Dunes

Monitoring data documenting the 2005 density and population of the Peirson's milk-vetch, a plant species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and found in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) in eastern Imperial County, has been published by Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Monitoring of the plant is a requirement of the Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) approved by BLM in May as specified in the Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in compliance with the ESA. The data were collected from more than 500 transects spread throughout the 160,000 acre ISDRA within the area's seven management areas with habitat suitable for Peirson's milk-vetch. Contractors in three teams consisting of 36 technicians walked 3,098 kilometers (1,923 miles) between late winter 2004 and early spring of 2005, collecting data under the supervision of BLM botanists.

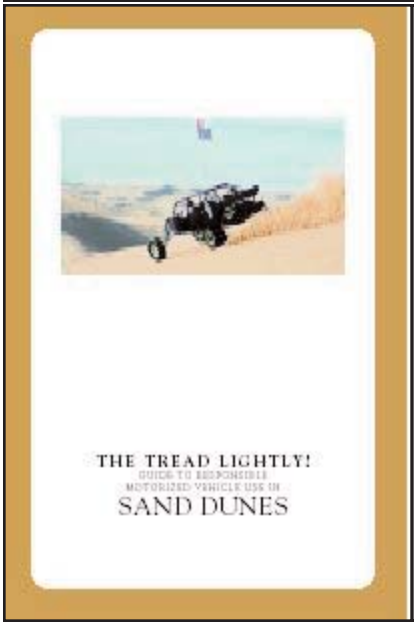
Under the most recent protocols, monitoring of the milk-vetch was initiated in 2003 under a pilot study and continued more intensively in 2004, with the new data adding a third year of intensive monitoring data about the species. This new data also tracks from other monitoring data compiled by BLM between 1998 and 2002.

The 2005 data is available on BLM's website at: http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/highlights.htm

According to the executive summary of the monitoring study, there were an estimated **1.8 million Peirson's milk-vetch** plants in the seven management areas at the time of the survey as follows (from north to south):

- Mammoth Wash Management Area – 73,502 plants
- North Algodones Dunes Wilderness – 179,283 plants
- Gecko Management Area – 305,583 plants
- Glamis Management Area – 78,201 plants
- Adaptive Management Area – 660,131 plants
- Ogilby Management Area – 448,233 plants
- Buttercup Management Area – 86,143 plants

The study also states, "There were major differences between 2005 and the years 2003 and 2004…. The favorable 2004-2005 growing season resulted in much higher numbers of plants in spring 2005 than in either 2003 or 2004, and the onset of rains in October 2004 resulted in a high percentage of plants flowering at the time of the 2005 monitoring." The study also notes, "About 0.44% of the estimated total number of Peirson's milk-vetch plants showed evidence of OHV damage at the time of the survey." It also notes, "Only… (1.6%) of the Peirson's milk-vetch plants in 2005 were more than a year old…. This supports previous contentions that this species functions more like an annual than a perennial and that the majority of seeds in the seed bank are produced from current year plants in good rainfall years." The study concludes this data represents "the clearest picture yet of the distribution of Peirson's milk-vetch in the Algodones [Imperial] Dunes."



NEW SAND DUNING MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM TREAD LIGHTLY!

It's time to venture out of the sandbox with Tread Lightly!'s new sand duning materials.

Thanks to a partnership with the Bureau of Land Management and the American Sand Association, the Tread Lightly! library has grown to include a new guidebook, public service announcement and a kids quick-tip brochure.

"Sand Duning is becoming immensely popular," said Lori Davis, Tread Lightly! Executive Director. "We're thrilled we've gotten this opportunity thanks to our partners, to help arm these recreationists with specific outdoor ethics and safety principles."

The Tread Lightly! Guide to Responsible Motorized Vehicle Use in Sand Dunes is a 24-page guidebook and the TL! Kids Tips for the Responsible Sand Dune Rider is a 1 page brochure.

Tread Lightly!* is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower generations to enjoy the outdoors responsibly. Tread Lightly!'s strategic educational message, along with its training and restoration initiatives are designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them. The federal government recognized this by acknowledging Tread Lightly! as a sole-source service provider of education and training on how to be environmentally and socially responsible while using motorized and mechanized vehicles in off-highway settings.

http://www.treadlightly.org

Below is the unified response from the OHV Coalition regarding the audit findings on the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program. The Coalition represents every major organization involved with OHV motorized recreation. With support from Calfornia Senator Bill Morrow and due to his foresight in requesting the audit be conducted in the first place, this program now has a chance to get fixed. Senator Morrow was also sent a detailed 8 page letter from the coalition on the future steps needed to move this program forward.

COALITION OF MOTORIZED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ORGANIZATIONS WITH MEMBERS IN CALIFORNIA

CA OHMVR PROGRAM AUDIT

September 8th 2005

Bullet Point Summary

COMMENTS:

- OHV funds have been inappropriately committed to non-OHV efforts like funding of non-OHV parks, salaries of State Parks officials, and charter of private aircraft. Also, an inordinate amount of OHV trust funds have been utilized for efforts that do not directly support OHV recreation opportunities.
- $1.9 million of OHV trust funds were used to purchase "buffer property" that is 4 miles away from the SVRA it is supposed to buffer.
- The OHMVR Division is agreeing to buy 5 acres of mitigation property for every acre purchased for OHV recreational use much more mitigation than other types of developers even though SVRAs are mostly open space.
- Major subcontracts (80 instances) were split into multiple small contracts so the same contractor could be awarded several sole-source contracts in violation of the Public Contracts Code.
- The lack of a "coordinated vision" between the Division and the Commission and the absence of any accountability for the use of funds on the part of the Commission has resulted in a totally unmanageable grants program for the OHV trust fund.
- Via previous legislation, OHV stakeholders agreed to a distribution of a large portion of OHV trust funds to be used for "restoration" – a term defined by the Division and Commission to mean total closure of OHV use forever (which is contrary to the definition in the Public Resources Code). The stakeholders agreed to this distribution with the expectation that the new gas tax study (which will likely alter the distribution percentages) would be completed in a timely manner.
  Due to numerous problems with the state contracting process, the gas tax study has been stymied and is now two years overdue.
- Key Commission members display anti-OHV recreation bias, make decisions based on personal agendas, ignore public comments, and have little or no actual OHV recreation experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The current relationship between the Resources Agency, State Parks, and the OHMVR Division/Commission, needs to be reformed by creating a permanent Department (without a "sunset" provision) committed to managing the self-funded OHV recreation program. The new OHMVR Department needs to have the full authority and responsibility to manage the entire program with the support of a citizen advisory group composed of members who have had actual OHV recreation experience and interests.
- OHV trust funds that have been misappropriated in the past need to be returned to the OHV trust fund for application to efforts that enhance or provide new OHV recreation opportunity in California.
- OHV trust funds that have been allocated but not actually expended need to be re-addressed. Purchase agreements requiring 5 to 1 mitigation lands for proposed new SVRAs must be revised to comply with state standards or rescinded.
- New legislation is required to close "loopholes" and prevent mismanagement of OHV trust funds in the future.
- New legislation is needed to eliminate the current "sunset" provision of the OHMVR program.
- New legislation needs to clearly define "restoration" as not requiring permanent closure to vehicle use.
- Current and ex-state officials and contractors who have participated in illegal dividing of major contracts to accomplish sole-source awards must be prosecuted to the extent the law allows. As a minimum, those participating contractors must be removed from future contract consideration.

ARE YOU ONE OF OUR LUCKY MEMBERS?

To find out, please look at your mailing label on page 16, if you have a "#" sign in front of your first name you're **lucky!** Those members must have a new email address due to changing jobs, ISP providers or just too much spam. We know this because we had to remove all of the bad email addresses found in our database, they are now marked; **US MAIL ONLY**.

To continue to receive the latest information by email, please update your information and put us in your address book. Please send an email to: Membership@AmericanSandAssociation.org And you're 'Lucky" because now you know!

"IN PERSPECTIVE"

Background:

The ASA was invited to attend the Los Angeles "Partnerships 2003" conference (Nov 2003) and the "BLM National Recreation Forum" (Jan 2004) in Las Vegas as a direct result of the ASA sponsored "Partners in Dune Safety" highway billboard program. During a meeting with BLM Director Clarke at the Las Vegas forum ASA and the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA) became aware of the opportunity to acquire increased ISDRA federal funding under the US Department of Interior's (DOI) "Challenge Cost Share" (CCS) program. The CCS program was initiated by the Secretary of Interior to encourage cooperative conservation partnerships.

CCS funding is a competitive process wherein the projects are:

- Nominated by the bureaus (BLM); include partners; be cost-shared
- Bureaus (BLM) can apply for funds which include a planning and monitoring element
- Projects that serve as a catalyst for fostering sustainable partnerships should receive priority
- Where applicable, the projects reflect efforts to resolve conflicts and pursue cooperation to achieve the intended goal
- Projects will be selected competitively based on the benefits from the project
- CCS funding is available above and beyond routine federal appropriations and will supplement visitor use fees.

In consultation with the BLM California Desert District (CDD) Manager and the leadership of the Imperial Valley and Yuma Chambers of Commerce it was determined that a non-profit organization was needed to support the CDD request for CCS funding. The United Desert Gateway (UDG) was formed as a 501C-4 non-profit in September of 2004 by the Brawley, El Centro and Yuma Chambers of Commerce. An Assistance Agreement (AA) was signed between the UDG and BLM on Sept 17, 2004. Two Task Orders (TO) were subsequently executed. These TO's provide for the following partnership activity:

Task Order 1(a) April 2005

The purpose of the work will be to engage the public, i.e. the recreationists and the UDG communities with the intent to increase awareness, respect and knowledge of stewardship behavior. Specific duties include: collaborate on the development and/or implementation of the following outreach initiatives to further enhance the image of the ISDRA among the UDG communities: Billboard safety program, Dune Smart Brochure, broadcast media outreach, ISDRA cleanup, a "Take Time Out For Safety" flyer, and a law enforcement trailer for the south dunes area.

Task Order 2 (a) June 2005

The purpose of the work will be to collaboratively develop a practical and cost-effective tourism monitoring program. The project will assist BLM to better manage and fulfill its responsibilities set forth in management plans for public lands in the region. Specific duties include, but are not limited to; assemble and analyze previous survey data, test visitor survey instruments, develop visitor survey sample strategy, prepare tourism monitor plan, prepare a final tourism monitoring plan.

Purpose and Objectives:

The United Desert Gateway (UDG) partnership recognizes that the management of public lands in the region presents a significant opportunity to build collaborative stewardship based partnerships that will allow participation by local Gateway Communities, the OHV community and other special interest user groups in public land management planning,

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>>> BIOLOGICAL UPDATE <<<

The 2004-05 growing season provided the best opportunity in our five-year study to analyze the full potential of Peirson's milkvetch in the ISDRA. The actual count of 78,000 plants at our 25 research sites, and statistical extrapolation of 181,000 at our original (2001) 60 sites was well over twice the number of plants counted in 2001. Our contention that first-year plants that germinate in the fall can and do flower and set seed during their first year was unequivocally sustained. As all of those who went along with us on one or more trips last season will agree, every one of our four trips was certainly a counting frenzy!

2005-06 Activities

Where do we go from here? We believe that continuing our studies for a sixth year will be valuable in amassing more data on the population, life history, and vigor of the plant. There are four main thrusts that we plan to emphasize during the 2005-06 season:

1. **Determine the survival rate of the 2004-05 cohort of plants.**
2. **Determine the reproduction and seed production rate of the 2004-05 cohort of plants as second-year plants.**
3. **Carry out the usual assessments of any germination events that may occur during the 2005-06 season.**
4. **Attempt to investigate the question of the proportion of the seed bank that germinates during a germination event.**

((BLM's own 2005 report corroborates much of the information about PMV that we have developed over the past five years.))

LITTER EDUCATION ..... CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

appropriate violator's. It is my intent to make every effort on the part of BLM Law Enforcement to keep the ISDRA safe and open for our valued visitors."

Leo's litter message is also printed on a small flyer that is being mailed to Sand Sports enthusiasts by the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO) along with visitor passes for the 2005-06 season. (top of page 6) This mailer encourages ISDRA visitors to "Report Litter Bugs" by calling 760-344-3919.

Beginning on the Halloween weekend Leo and his message will be featured on trash bags distributed throughout the dunes. These bags, the banners and the mailer were totally funded by outside donations. ASA volunteers arranged for funding from a wide range of Sand Sports related businesses and individual duning enthusiasts.

ASA Chairman, Bob Mason says "the UDG Litter Education program outright donations, contributions of services in-kind and volunteer support will exceed $25,000." The banners displayed at ISDRA entrances were purchased by Glamisweather.com and Mama Jeannie's Pizza Parlor at the Glamis Beach Store and donated to the BLM and the ICSO. Over 100 Leo banners have been sold. Brawley, El Centro and Yuma gateway businesses are among those proudly displaying Leo banners.

Lee Banning, an Arizona hay farmer and long time duner, will have Leo "Hanging Around" his camp. Lee says "Paying $40 for a banner to hang in his camp is a small price to pay for protecting his family's right to ride." Following the Banning family's example many other duners will proudly declare their campsites as "**Litter Free Zones**."

The ASA is proud to be a title sponsor of the **4th Annual Off Roaders Toy Drive** that will take place November 25th-27th. You can drop off new unwrapped toys from 8:00am-5:00pm each day. You will receive one entry ticket per toy with no max limit. This will take place at the Golden Acorn Casino and Travel Center located on I-8. Take the Crestwood exit and you will see the drop point in the parking lot of the casino. They will also be accepting cash donations and for every $10.00 you will receive an entry ticket. All drawings will be on Sunday the 27th of November. The drawing times will be 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, and the grand prize at 5:00pm. They will also be giving away t-shirts and swag bags to everyone that donates.

The grand prize will be **two Honda 450R quads with a trailer**. All of the days previous winners will be put back into the mix for a chance at the grand prize. We will also be auctioning off a pair of tickets to the December 4th Chargers/Raiders game. These are suite tickets and will go to the highest bidder on the spot.

Toys will be going to the San Diego Rescue Mission, Mama's Kitchen, Angel's Foster Family, Tribal Head Start and others. Please stop by on your way home and help put a smile on a child's face. The Off Roaders Toy Drive is making a difference one toy at a time.

Thank You
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stewardship/education/outreach programs and to respond to impacts of public use on public land such as the ISDRA. An active local community will also preserve the integrity and long-term sustainability of ISDRA and other local BLM public lands.

The ISDRA is managed by the Bureau of Land Management and provides world class off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation opportunities to hundreds of thousands of OHV enthusiasts each year and is a major component of the Yuma, Arizona, and Imperial Valley economy. In order to preserve the integrity and long-term sustainability of ISDRA and other BLM public lands, there needs to be an active local community to increase local support and appreciation for the economic value of public lands to the region. The UDG recognizes that the successful ongoing management of the ISDRA is in part dependent on developing and fostering partnerships with the local communities, businesses, sand sport enthusiasts, and other ISDRA visitors. These partnerships would allow BLM to reduce operating costs by fostering volunteer programs, financial support, development, coordination and implementation of public educational materials and programs which help the BLM meet its goals and objectives for management of the ISDRA.

Current UDG objectives will assist BLM in fulfilling its multiple use mission for management of the ISDRA. The BLM and United Desert Gateway are mutually committed to the goals of promoting and stimulating support and interest for the ISDRA by:

- Gathering of information to assist the partnership in determining how best to meet the needs of visitors to the region;
- Providing support for the development of a volunteer program that would be drawn from the OHV community, local gateway communities, and other interested parties;
- Providing support to the BLM in the management of the ISDRA RAMP;
- Assist BLM in identifying, developing and implementing a variety of public education and outreach initiatives as well as assisting BLM in integrating educational programs into BLM outreach planning and the ISDRA outreach planning process.

UDG Management:

UDG is managed by the executive management of the Brawley, El Centro and Yuma Chambers of Commerce. This is an added responsibility that they assumed when their chamber Boards agreed to and entered into the Assistance Agreement with BLM. They receive no compensation from the BLM or from any funds associated with this partnership. They do keep track of their time spent on UDG activities for future cost sharing consideration.

UDG Funding:

Under the terms of the Assistance Agreement UDG will carry out specific tasks that are defined by BLM and accepted by UDG. The funding and accountability for these tasks is defined in the TO. The cost of the project, the cost matching contributions and the specific tasks to be accomplished are also defined in each TO. In effect BLM is out-sourcing to UDG as they would with other sub contractor. The dune user community inputs are considered in the same manner as if BLM were accomplishing the tasks independently prior to UDG's involvement.

Volunteer Support:

Based on a long-standing BLM policy the El Centro Field Office (ECFO) has received credit for volunteer hours. Long before UGD the ECFO formally submitted a "Group Volunteer Services Agreement" (form 1114-5) to the State Office to qualify for supplemental federal funding. This program predates the CCS program and exists throughout the federal agencies to encourage volunteer support.

Looking ahead the UDG will submit volunteer hours as a component of the duning community contribution under the provisions of the CCS cost-sharing criteria. In so doing UDG will assist the ECFO in qualifying for CCS funds to be used on specific tasks defined under the terms of the TO. These CCS funds will be a direct offset of future visitor fee requirements.

Value of the Partnership:

The following is a summary of the anticipated value of the UDG – BLM partnership:

- ECFO access to supplemental federal appropriations that would not otherwise be available.
- Active community support of a valuable tourist destination.
- Reduction of cost through pooling of resources.
- Improved ISDRA outreach resulting in enhanced visitor satisfaction.
- Enhanced BLM's ability to implement the objectives of the ISDRA Recreation Management and the Business Plans.
- Fostering volunteer programs and financial support.
- Maintain public access to public lands.

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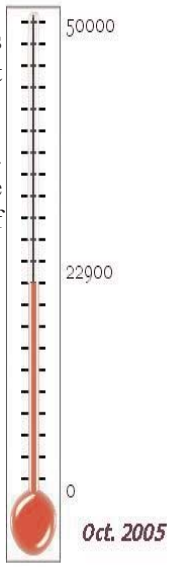
>>> *MEMBERSHIP NEWS* <<<

We're off to a great start in our **2005 - 2006 Membership Drive.** Our first **ASA Membership Drive** was announced at the **Sand Sports Super Show** in September. At the show, we increased our members by **1800** but we still want to have **50,000+** voices to take with us to **Washington DC** and **we need your help!**



Who is missing? Maybe your spouse, other family members or your friends you enjoy those dunes trips with. Our database has come a long way with the ability to add your family members under just one account. Use the "ADD FAMILY" option under your account profile. With the costs of printing and mailing a newsletter to each of our thousands of members, all current and future members must list a verifiable mailing address in our database.

You can change and review your information on our website here:
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Don't know your username and password? Send an email to:
Membership@AmericanSandAssociation.org

The above will enable us to save our needed funding and to keep you Informed. So please **help us** and update your information and ask your family and friends to do the same.

Thanks, Dick Holliday
ASA Membership Director

We would like to welcome all the new and renewing Supporting Members that have signed up or renewed since our last newsletter. Their commitment goes a long way in supporting the fight to keep our riding areas open now and for our future. Thank You

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By entering or participating in the ASA Membership Drive Contest you agree to all of the following rules:

ASA Membership Contest Rules:

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Each new supporting Business Sponsor = 10 Pts (same for all 4 levels)

All new and existing members may participate (board members excluded)

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Dec. 31st *Mini Cleanup @ Olds Hill 9am to Noon. www.glamis-cleanup.org*

Jan. 14th *9th Annual MLK Weekend Cleanup (see page 6 for details)*

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* Pair A Dice
* Pair A Dice Restaurant
* BLM El Centro Field Office
* Dune Buggy Flats Camp Host
* Boardmanville Trading Post
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* Participating ISDRA Vendors
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El Centro

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New Dunes Season To Emphasize Litter Education and Permit Compliance

With the approaching Halloween weekend kicking off the 2005-2006 Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) season, dunes recreation enthusiasts will see a highly visible litter education campaign through the efforts of the United Desert Gateway, American Sand Association, and the Imperial County Sheriff s Department. In addition, ISDRA recreation permits will now be administrated through the Imperial County Sheriff s office.

The litter education program, funded by donations from sand sports enthusiasts and related businesses, will feature stewardship messages by Leo the Lizard encouraging ISDRA visitors to be good stewards of public lands. Beginning with the Halloween weekend, Leo and his message will be featured on trash bags distributed throughout the dunes.

The Imperial County Sheriff s Department will be offering seasonal and weekly recreation permits for sale at off-road vehicle trade shows, website sales, telemarketing, permit vending machines located in the dunes and through permit compliance project vendors located within and outside Imperial County. Permit compliance will be carried out using Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. Compliance personnel will use RFID readers to determine which vehicles display valid permits.

The folks who are not paying are costing those who are. The fees collected come right back to the dunes. They help build and maintain camping pads and restrooms, states Harold D. Carter, Imperial County sheriff. For additional information on recreation permits, visit www.imperialsanddunes.org or contact the Imperial County Sheriff s Department at 1-800-278-0165 or 760-351-3038.

Also important to note, the interim closures affecting 49,300 acres will temporarily remain in effect in compliance with a pending court ruling.

We are anticipating another safe, family oriented recreation season at the Dunes, states Vicki Wood, BLM El Centro Field Office manager. Our strong partnership with United Desert Gateway, Imperial County Sheriff s Department, and the American Sand Association, provides an effective avenue for public education and awareness regarding public land management issues throughout Imperial County.

For further information contact Stephen M Razo at 951-697-5217

Wally Cahill of Motorsports Mania interviews BLM Chief Area Ranger Ray LeLoup of the El Centro Field Office.

Robert Tron of GlamisDunes.com and Jerry Seaver of the ASA both big supporters of ***Keeping Our Dunes Clean***!

Motorsports Mania can be viewed on AZ's FOX SPORTS NEWS and on the web at: www.azmotorsportsmania.tv

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BLM-Imperial County Sign Agreement for new Fee Collection-Compliance Effort at Dunes

To better utilize resources and accommodate visitors at the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Imperial County Sheriff s Office have signed a five-year agreement initiating a new fee collection and compliance effort for the ISDRA.

The County has created the Sheriff s Recreation Permit Enforcement Division (S.R.P.E.D.), with responsibility for printing, collecting and assisting with compliance of non-commercial special recreation permit fees at the ISDRA. The Division will also enforce pertinent State, County and applicable Federal law relating to fee collection and compliance, develop community educational programs, and maintain/service fee equipment.

The County will retain 30 percent of the revenues collected and reimburse BLM the remaining 70 percent. BLM and the County will utilize funds generated through the agreement to support law enforcement, fee collection, and improve/enhance recreational opportunities at the ISDRA.

Beginning the first weekend in October 2005, S.R.P.E.D. personnel will commence permit compliance patrols within the permit-required areas of the ISDRA. County enforcement citations will be issued for non-compliance.

The fees will remain the same as last year, with annual permits costing $90 and weekly permits costing $25. Visitors are required to purchase a permit for each primary vehicle. Permits must be displayed at all times while at the ISDRA, and must be clearly visible from the front windshield on the rearview mirror or dashboard with the expiration side up.

The Imperial County Sheriff s Office Permit Compliance Project website and 1-800 phone bank system, scheduled to be operational within two/three weeks, will allow visitors to pre-purchase permits by credit card. The permits will then be mailed with educational materials within two business days. Permits also may be purchased from designated Permit Compliance Project vendors located within and outside Imperial County.

To further assist visitors with the purchase of their permits, the County will install and maintain seven permit dispensers throughout the ISDRA. The dispensers will be located at Dune Buggy Flats, Ogilby, Buttercup, Gecko Road, Glamis Flats, W ash Road, and the Cahuilla Ranger Station.

To help educate visitors about the permit compliance and enforcement program, the County will install/maintain signs throughout Imperial Valley, and work with the BLM, Imperial Sand Dunes Technical Review Team, United Desert Gateway, and special interest groups to disseminate information. A 24-hour telephone hotline number will be provided by the County at the Cahuilla Ranger Station and other fee collection sites to answer questions and respond to public complaints.

For more information about the assistance agreement contact Neil Hamada in the BLM s El Centro Office at (760) 337-4400

Numbers you may need to know at the ISDRA

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911 or 760-339-6311

Emergency Medical Services
Pioneers Memorial Hospital (Brawley) 760-351-3333
El Centro Regional Medical Center 760-339-7100
Yuma Regional Medical Center 928-344-2000

Cahuilla Ranger Station 760-344-3919
Imperial County Sheriff's OHV Team 760-351-1678
California Highway Patrol 760-482-2500
Border Patrol 800-901-2003

Off Roaders Defeat Clinton Roadless Bill in the State Legislature

by Pete Conaty

In the final hours of the state legislative session for this year, AB 715 by Assemblyman Lloyd Levine (D- Los Angeles) was defeated in the Assembly by a vote of 35 ayes to 39 noes with 5 abstentions after heavy lobbying by off-road recreation and off-road business lobbyists Pete Conaty, Dana Nichol and Terry McHale. Other groups opposed to AB 715 such as the California Forestry Association, the California Chamber of Commerce, the California State Association of Counties, the Regional Council of Rural Counties, and the California Licensed Foresters Association also sent letters and visited legislators, but your off-road lobbyists did the heavy lobbying.

If passed into law, AB 715 would have prohibited any state agency from spending any funds on federal-state roadless cooperation in California s U.S. Forest Service lands. The Clinton 2001 Roadless rules locked up over 4,400,000 acres of California s forest land permanently by designating them as roadless areas. The 2001 Clinton Roadless rules have been overturned by numerous Federal courts in the western United States, including a permanent injunction against them in Wyoming. The Bush Administration reversed the 2001 rules and gave the final decisions on roadless status to the individual states. A B 715 would have removed California from the decision process thereby ensuring that California would be stuck with Clinton s roadless rule. 4,400,000 acres.

Environmental extremists, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council and Environment California pushed AB 715 through the Legislature until the final day. However in the end, common sense prevailed in the State Assembly thanks to all Republican legislators and key votes by moderate and Latino Democrats. Earlier, the bill had passed the State Senate by a 22-15 vote, with 22 Democrats voting aye and 14 Republicans and 1 Democrat voting no. 1 Republican and 2 Democrats abstained (an abstention is in effect a no vote but it is not counted in the vote total).

After a long day of lobbying on Thursday, September 8, which began with a special hearing on AB 715 in the Assembly Natural Resources committee to late at night, your off-road lobbyists waged a fierce battle to keep AB 715 from going to the Governor.

When AB 715 was first put up for a vote on the Assembly floor at 8:15 p.m., it fell short of the 41 votes needed by a vote of 36 ayes to 36 noes and 7 abstentions. Because the vote total is not final until the daily session is over, those on both sides of AB 715 continued to lobby intensely to change the vote. Proponents and the author (who had the advantage of being on the Assembly Floor with his colleagues), tried to add votes, while we lobbied our legislative supporters to hold fast and urged some of the aye votes to switch to no . Because of our lobbying efforts, we had three legislators go from aye to no , while two legislators went from no to aye , so the supporters of AB 715 suffered a net loss of 1 vote. When the final vote was taken at 11:15 p.m., the bill failed on a vote of ayes 35 with 44 noes and abstentions. The off-road recreation friendly legislators who either voted no or abstained included all 32 Republican Assembly members and 12 Democrats in the Assembly.

However, because this defeat of AB 715 occurred on the last day of the first year of a two year legislative session, the author will be able to bring AB 715 up for one last vote on the bill anytime between January and the end of the two-year legislative session in August. We will no doubt have to re-fight this bill again sometime next year.

The Democrats who crossed party lines and voted against or abstained on AB 715 are Senators Denise Moreno Ducheny of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Dean Florez of Fresno and Bakersfield and Kevin Murray of Los Angeles as well as the following Assembly members.

Joe Canciamilla, Martinez
Simon Salinas, Salinas
Rudy Bermudez, Los Angeles
Barbara Matthews, Modesto
Joe Coto, San Jose
Joe Baca, San Bernardino
Juan Arambula, Fresno
Ronald Calderon, Los Angeles
Nicole Parra, Bakersfield
Juan Vargas, San Diego
Gloria Negrete-McLeod, San Bernardino
Lois Wolk, Davis

If these Democrats are from your area, please send them a thank you letter for voting to keep California open to off-roading. Needless to say, also thank all the Republicans for their help as well. Without the staunch support of the Republican legislators, off-road recreation in California would be in serious trouble.

The defeat of this bill is an important psychological victory for off roaders over the environmental extremists, (especially after they were successful bottling up the OHV Program extension in the Legislature). As we head into 2006, we must deal with the Off-Road Program extension as well as dealing with the results of the audit of the Off-Road Program. The fight for the future of the California Off-Road Recreation Program will be won or lost in Sacramento at the Legislature and with the Schwarzenegger Administration. The heavy lifting will be done by those off-road organizations that have lobbyists at the State Capitol. This will be a battle unlike anything off-road organizations have ever seen before. However, all off-road groups need to begin preparing now for an extensive grass-roots lobbying effort, directed at their local legislators as we move forward.

Learning Golf Cart Safety, The Hard Way

by Rob Richmond

Here is a picture of our 2001 EZ-GO golf cart. We are very proud of it, but during a trip to Cinder Hills ORV area north of Flagstaff, AZ, over the Labor Day weekend '05 we had an unfortunate accident. Our EZ-GO has a Polaris 500cc 4-stoke engine with the normal PVT powertrain. Good package, fast on flat ground at over 40 mph and it climbs well and that's where the problem occurred.

My wife Gail and I were in the front seat, our neighbor friends Jamie and Toni were on the back seat. We were climbing up a hill with a 20-25 degree incline. Progress was good up to the point that I noticed the front end was starting to lift so I stopped on the hill. I began to slowly back us down the hill to the bottom. Those of you familiar with Cinder Hills know that most areas are very soft. When I tapped on the brakes, in an instant the rear wheels dug in and the golf cart endo'ed over backwards one and a half times with all four of us aboard, ending up on it's left side. Jamie and Toni were belted into the rear seat. The seatbelt held and they had to endure a face first meeting with the hill as the cart rolled over backwards. Gail and I don't even remember how we ended up out of the cart. After it was all over, three of us were not injured, but Toni was not so lucky. She suffered a severe 4" long laceration to the palm of her left hand, multiple bruises on her legs and arms and spent two days in the Flagstaff hospital because of the fear of infection.

Mostly bad, but some good things came out of this incident. The hospital said currently their highest frequency of offroad accidents is from golf carts!

GOOD THINGS

1) Our Arizona Sports Center full roll cage held up during the crash. If it had not held up, if we had no roll cage or if it still had the factory shade cover frame, it would have been a bad news disaster for all of us. Thanks ASC.
2) Rear seatbelt held during the crash, but that's not necessarily a good thing.
3) I received a fast education about what NOT TO DO in that situation.

BAD THINGS

1) Someone got hurt in my vehicle on my watch, while I was driving. Toni did not sustain any ligament damage, but has a very long recovery.
2) Don't climb steep hills with riders on the back seat.
3) Don't climb steep hills period.
4) Seatbelt held, maybe not the best option.

WHAT TO DO DIFFERENT

1) Don't let alcohol be a factor.
2) Limit riding with four people to primarily flat areas.
3) Don't climb steep hills period, regardless of the number of riders.
4) If the first three are ignored and it happens again, stop. Let your rider get safely off and away from the golf cart. Set the parking brake, get out of the cart and manually move the front end until pointed safely down hill.
5) Let your back seat rider know how to unhook and "BAIL OUT" before trouble risks their injury, again if the first four steps fail.
6) DON"T DRINK AND RIDE.

Thanks for listening.

Rob Richmond
Chandler,AZ.

PICTURES FROM THE 2005 SAND SPORTS SUPER SHOW

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Supplementary Rules For the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Management Area

Under 43 CFR 8365.1-6, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rules on the public lands within the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Management Area, El Centro Field Office, Desert District, California.

You must follow these rules:

1. No person may enter the Adaptive Management Area within the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area without a permit issued by the Bureau of Land Management authorizing such entry. The AMA is clearly signed warning access only to permit holders. Further language directs person(s) to a location and telephone number to obtain the required permit.
2. Entry and use of the area must be during:
a. the specified time period displayed on the permit,
b. October 15 to March 31.
3. In order to obtain a permit the driver of each vehicle and any individuals walking into the Adaptive Management Area must complete a short resource conservation program.
4. All AMA permits must be signed by the driver of the vehicle or each individual who walks in stating that he/she understands the printed material, including but not limited to the AMA rules and regulations, and a written test proving knowledge of said rules, regulations and all stipulations.
5. Each permit will be assigned to a driver, not a vehicle.
6. A permit flag must be placed directly under the vehicle's existing approved safety flag.
7. With the exception of the microphyll woodlands on the east side of the management area where no access will be allowed. Permit holders must access the Adaptive Management Area through the Adaptive Management Area boundary,
8. Each individual must obey all permit stipulations.

III. Penalties

Under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7, for violation of supplementary rules on public lands within the boundaries established in the rules, you may be tried before a United States Magistrate, fined no more than $1,000 and/or imprisoned for no more than 12 months. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: September 23, 2005.
Mike Pool,
State Director

North Baja Pipeline Expansion Project

Scoping Summary
Draft - October 25, 2005

The draft document titled Working_Scoping_Summary_Table_10-24_Long_Sorted.pdf is now available to review. The complete draft can be viewed from our document library on the ASA website here:

http://www.americansandassociation.org/documents/USFishAndWildlifeService_Documents/index.html

Parts below were taken from the summary of concerns by the many agencies and concerned groups involved. There are 8 pages to this report summary.

Scoping MeetingSource Date Comment/Issue/Question

Concerned about restoration, specifically at washes containing microphyll woodland vegetation.

North Baja Pipeline LLC (North Baja) should provide more post-construction oversight.

Utilize the smallest construction footprint possible. Evaluate the feasibility of locating the loop closer to the existing pipeline than the proposed 25-foot offset.

Concerned about species that are state-listed but not federally listed, specifically the flat-tailed horned lizard. Implement the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Rangewide Management Strategy.

Desert tortoise mitigation measures may have changed since 2002. The FWS will consider clarifying certain mitigation measures to prevent confusion over interpretation. Fencing and the worker bonuses were effective mitigation measures. Desert tortoise sign in the current survey corridor has increased since the previous project.

Flat-tailed horned lizard and Peirson's milkvetch are concerns in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA).

Mitigation measures should allow for an adaptive response to issues identified in the field.

The Biological Assessment could be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and the Biological Opinion could be included in the Final EIS/EIR.

Removal of tamarisk during the installation of the existing pipeline created a defined freeway for OHV users. OHV users cut the fencing installed by North Baja. The right-of-way allows OHV users to access other more sensitive areas north of Mitchell s Camp Road. Requests more fencing along the Cibola NWR boundary. OHV use was not a problem prior to installation of the existing pipeline.

W ould consider dry land restoration such as the removal of exotics from areas of mesquite and 3 to 4 years of maintenance.

Construction of the proposed Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Lateral could be affected by the All American Canal Lining project and the BOR's canal and reservoir construction projects.

The proposed location of the IID Lateral appears to conflict with the location of a new canal proposed for the BOR's Drop 2 Project.

Major issues associated with the IID Lateral include: timing, location, impacts on facilities, sand movement, and designated open areas.

The BLM strongly recommends against a winter construction schedule for the IID Lateral due to potential conflicts with recreational users. Safety issues could result. Recommends a mid-May through September construction schedule.

A pipe cover of 3 feet might not be deep enough in the ISDRA. Users dig holes for bonfires among other activities that may be potentially detrimental to the pipeline. Pipe depth could also be an issue on the valley floor where recreational use occurs.

There is a designated utility corridor through the ISDRA. A route adjacent to an existing powerline should be considered.

The IID Lateral could potentially affect the historical Plank Road Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The flat-tailed horned lizard could be federally listed by the time the project begins.

The project could impact Peirson's milkvetch.

BLM Trailer Helps In New Orleans Relief Effort

The BLM trailer donated by Weekend Warrior has been in New Orleans helping the relief effort due to the hurricanes.

The Ranger in the picture is David Hall, from the Needles, Nevada Field Office. He was stationed at Jackson Square for three weeks, surviving the aftermath of Katrina, as well as the excitement of Hurricane Rita. Mr. Hall was in New Orleans working with the Incident Management Team for Law Enforcement and Security.

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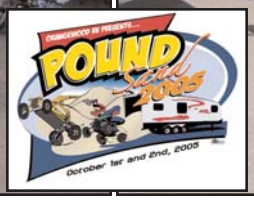
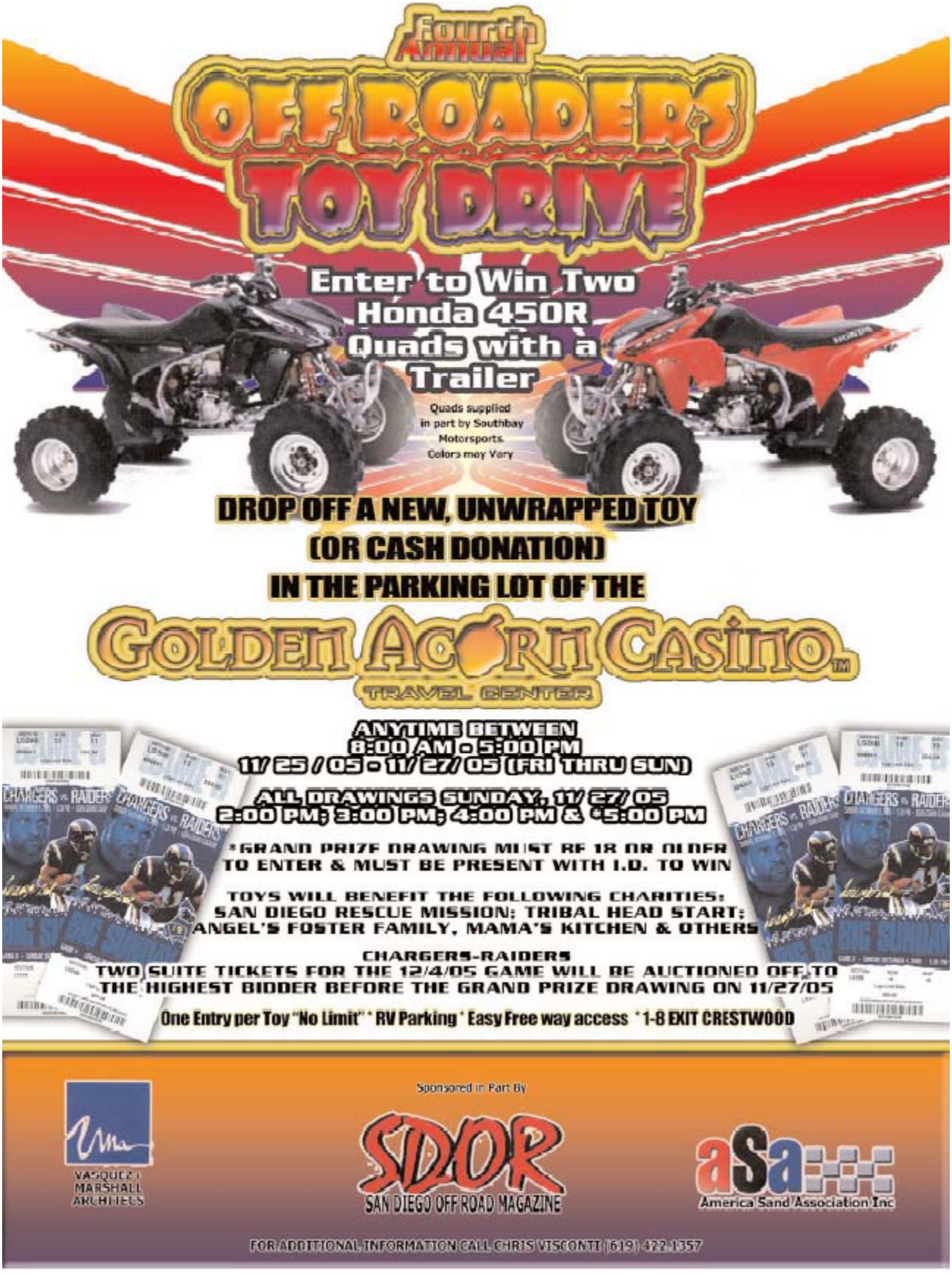


POUND SAND EVENT

Orangewood RV Center and the ASA held the annual "Pound Sand" event for 2005. We had a much bigger turn out this year in Venders, Dealers, Participants and Customers.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Off-Road Park Cost Questioned

Mike Cruz, Staff Writer
San Bernardino County Sun

RIVERSIDE - County officials still are pursuing a controversial plan for an off-road park in Laborde Canyon, even though a recent state audit questioned whether the park would benefit the state's off-road program.

The California Bureau of State Audits concluded in a report released last month that the Laborde Canyon off-highway vehicle, or OHV, park, to be located in the Badlands south of Beaumont, would come at an enormous cost roughly $27 million and may not provide enough benefit for its high price.

To keep plans on track, Riverside County officials plan to meet with the state auditor and the departments of Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation in the next 30 to 45 days to smooth over issues raised in the report and ensure the park becomes a reality.

"That OHV park is absolutely essential for Southern California,' said Tom Mullen, interim general manager of the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority.

Mullen said he would rather see more off-road parks to support the sport's growing numbers than off-roaders using unauthorized open space and habitat conservation areas for riding.

Most of the cost, about $23 million, is needed just to purchase extra acreage to offset the negative impacts of off-roading, provide access to the parcel and cover expanded use, according to the state audit. The other $4 million would create the state vehicle recreation area.

The reason for additional mitigation acreage, at least 3,000 acres, is because the proposed off-road site is in a sensitive area noted in the county's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, officials said.

To expand the proposed park from 600 to 1,200 acres as planned, the OHV division would have to purchase mitigation acreage at a 5-to-1 ratio for between $19,000 and $38,000 per acre, according to the audit.

The numbers were negotiated between Fish and Game and Parks and Recreation officials, Mullen said.

Some people in the off-road industry applauded the audit for bringing what they feel are exorbitant costs to light and hope the issues raised will stop the Laborde Canyon proposal as it stands today.

"We're going to do everything we can to make sure that unfair expenditure, mostly for land that we can't even use, doesn'ttake place," said Roy Denner, president and CEO of the Off-Road Business Association and a close ally of the La Verne-based American Sand Association.

The county has an option to purchase the Laborde Canyon site from defense contractor Lockheed Martin and then transfer its ownership to the state. But both the county and state are awaiting environmental reports from Lockheed Martin and site cleanup estimates before making any decisions, officials said.

Lockheed Martin, which once tested rockets on the site, is still conducting tests for contaminants such as perchlorate, dioxane and trichloroethylene, said spokeswoman Gail Rymer.

Testing is not complete, and cleanup processes may not start until 2008, but off-road use is possible much earlier if tests show there is no exposure pathway, Rymer said.

Given the high cost and questions surrounding the Laborde Canyon proposal, the audit was unable to ascertain the overall benefit of purchasing the site.

"We asked the director for any analysis that would demonstrate that the Laborde Canyon project is the best use of the OHV trust fund to provide OHV recreation opportunity,' the state report stated. "However, none of the documents provided answered our question.'

In response, state officials said OHV money has been allocated for the proposal but not spent. The state is awaiting the environmental report from Lockheed Martin and the state Department of Toxic Substances Control to determine cleanup costs before making any decisions, said spokesman Roy Stearns.

"We can't really commit to (an off-road) park until we know what contaminants are out there and how they would be dealt with,' Stearns said, acknowledging questions about whether Laborde Canyon is the best location.

"The auditors have raised questions that we must examine.'