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PMV Delisting Update

Our delisting petition for the Peirson's Milkvetch (PMV) plant has been forwarded to Sacramento now from the Carlsbad Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) office. After that it will go to Washington DC for the final ruling. There has been no indication of what the ruling will be or when Washington will publish it in the Federal Register.

Whether it turns out to be favorable to our cause or not, many mile stones still need to be achieved. After recording in the federal register, there will be a 60 day public comment period. This is where You come in, our members. We will need all of our members to supply comments during this comment period. This is the time for our members to make their voices heard on the outcome of the delisting petition. So we need your current email addresses as our next printed version might be too late and after the period ends. We will send you an email with the link to use for more information. We are only as strong as our membership, so please verify or update your information today. **(See page 12.)**

If favorable, we can expect some legal maneuvers from The Center for Biological Diversity (CBD). Given the large amount of data and the building concensus in the scientific community that the Peirson's Milkvetch does not need protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there is much doubt that a suit would get very far. Naturally, if the listing is again denied, considering the vast amount of data and prevailing opinion, we will sue.

A delisting decision requires that there be a conservation plan that spans at least 5 years. It is doubtful that a plan exists at this time.

Depending on how fast the government moves and how soon a modified Recreational Area Management Plan (RAMP) could be implemented, it could still be two or more seasons before we see any on the ground effects from a favorable ruling.

Judge Illston's ruling:

In the case involving the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the ASA sees that there are some very grave issues raised by her ruling. The judge ruled against the BLM's Biological Opinion (BO), the Critical Habitat (CH), and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to impliment the RAMP. We will likely pursue an appeal. ASA encourages and supports the Department of Justice (DOJ) to continue with their efforts in that area.

ASA CHAIRMAN BOB MASON RECEIVES AN $11,000 DOLLAR CHECK FROM THE RHINO CRASH EVENT

RHINO CRASH EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

On February 3rd 2007 the Jagged X Crew held the second annual RHINO CRASH customer appreciation day at pad three on Gecko Rd. In Glamis, Ca. While only in it's second year, the event has grown to be the largest gathering of Side By Side vehicles we know of. As one of the Pioneers in this rapidly exploding side by side market, Jagged X was the first, and one of the only UTV specific companies to try to "give something back" to the off road and dune community.

Last years event was a considered a huge success when $4000 was raised for the ASA but it was shadowed by this year's staggering $11,000. This money will help the ASA to continue it's battle to preserve our riding priveleges for years to come, and to help the UDG promote awareness among the dune users. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 8*

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President's Message

By Grant George

The Battle Will Continue

A couple of issues ago, with the anticipation of the new season coming up I wrote about why we fight. Now with the season gone, as well as the excitement of a new season we will continue to fight.

Recently my family and I nominated my Dad, one of the pioneers of the buggy world, to the Off Road Motorsports Hall of Fame. During the process of sifting through old magazines and photos I came across an interesting editorial. In it the Sierra Club was referred to as a huge and well organized association that would "like to see all motorized vehicles barred from the forest, deserts, and beaches, so that the countries dwindling natural beauties might be preserved". That was written in December of 1968 in the Dune Buggy and Fun Car Journal.

Right then it became crystal clear to me that the battle will never end. Regular folks like you and I must, for the sake of our children and grandchildren, continue the work of those ahead of us.

We must continue to fight!

As your organization continues this fight, we will need your help. We can't afford to lose anymore opportunities to recreate in the sand. Far too many places that were once legal to ride in the sand are now gone!

Here is where our thousands of members (over 28,000) can help when it comes to keeping our sand areas open. Soon we will be given the chance to make our comments known on the PMV delisting decision. Either good or bad, we must comment to those that hold our future access in hand. So please, read page 12 and help us keep you and your friends informed.

Be Safe and see ya on the Sand

President

Chairman's Message

By Bob Mason

"COURTESY SPEED ZONE"
"The RIGHT THING to do"

Speed around camp, on the Wash Road or in any of the spectator areas at the popular gathering spots has been a long standing concern of responsible duners. This is not only a safety concern but the dust issue has become evermore visible. There is a rule on the books that is overlooked by many dune visitors. The law says no more than 15 mph within 50 feet of a group of people.

Why do we obey the "School Zone" or the "Wake-less Zone" at the lake? Because it's the responsible thing to do. It's not the law that makes us do it. The risk to our children around a school is clearly obvious. Slowing down is the "Right Thing" to do, for sure.

Many duners will soon be putting their sand toys in storage and taking their boats out. The risk of speeding in a "Wake-less Zone" is evident. We would not think of violating this safety practice. Again it's the "Right Thing" to do.

As the dune leader in your group You can set an example. Just assume there is an imaginary "Courtesy Speed Zone" throughout the entire camping area at Gordon's Well, Glamis Flats or anywhere that the risk to fellow duners is high. Whether you are leading your group or on your own hold the speed down to 15 mph. Take the time to let your family and friends know why you think this is the "Right Thing" to do. Just like the "School Zone" that we all respect for the right reasons.

Set an example, do the "Right Thing", be safe.

As Always, thanks for your support,

Chairman of the Board

WHAT IS THE ASA?

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

The ASA has joined with the Off Road Business Association (ORBA), San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), AMA District 37 and California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) to fund EcoLogic Partners Inc. Ecologic has filed lawsuits against the Bureau of Land Management and the Fish and Wildlife Service and has standing in other lawsuits affecting the ISDRA. 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, 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 $150,000 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.

ASA FOUNDERS SPEAK OUT

ARE WE MEASURED BY OUR BEHAVIOR?

By Jerry Seaver and Vince Brunasso

The ASA Board of Directors recently conducted an open meeting in Arizona. Those who attended heard presentations by those responsible for management of OHV riding areas. We also heard from the ASA attorney and ASA Founder Jerry Seaver. One message that we heard consistently from all of the speakers was that;

There are going to be changes in our future at the Imperial Dunes.

Our Future is Fragile. There is no doubt that there will be changes in our future. What will influence those changes and how can we make them positive? Our actions make a big difference on what the changes will be. Can we make a difference? We sure can. We better. We must.

Ignoring the issues at the Dunes won't make them go away. Leaving them to chance isn't very smart and got us where we are today. If you are a business owner that builds or sells items that are used in the Dunes, you are considered an expert to most of your customers. Your behavior, beliefs, and opinions imprint on them.

The same applies to us when visiting the dunes. Our behavior imprints on the people we camp with. It also sets the example for the kids in camp. We all send a message to others about our behavior at the dunes.

What message are we sending? Is it promoting responsible and safe behavior? Is it environmental protection and respect for others? It better be. What are some of the issues that make our future at the Dunes so fragile?

The issue of public safety is an integral component of changes that have already happened at the Dunes. It has a great potential to influence more changes: changes for the better.

For too many years, due to concerns over Public Safety by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors and BLM, Competition Hill has a curfew on big weekends. Frequently at Olds Hill, law enforcement declares an Unlawful Assembly (UA) and commands everyone to leave in the name of public safety. There is an increasing probability of more UAs at Buttercup and Test Hill in the South Dunes.

Is it our general behavior that sets this in motion? Would changing our behavior change it? If we take away the reason to declare a UA, there would be no more curfews?

Other areas of public safety issues that might cause negative changes are the sand drags, speed around camps, and the number of fatalities. I'm sure you can think of other items and situations where public safety could bring about negative changes. Consider every "hit piece" of video and newspaper articles we have suffered. Why do we keep handing them negative substance? Aren't we smarter than that?

Our actions speak louder than words. Let's not get what we are asking for. In addition, environmental issues have already caused changes at the Dunes. Indisputably, the Temporary Closures have changed things. If more species of concern at the Dunes are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there WILL be more changes. Moreover, dust and PM10 regulations could cause even more changes.

If that's not enough ammunition for the anti-access groups, factor in the following: funding, liability, political activities, and the general perception of OHV recreationists. These are just to name a few.

We hope you can see for every issue on the table now there are more on the horizon. Our behavior at the Dunes will determine and influence what changes will take place. We must use the dunes in a way that does not leave us open to negative criticism by the anti-access groups that can be used to close us out of the dunes.

It is up to us to make the changes positive. It's our behavior by which everyone judges us.

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EcoLogic Partners vs The California OHMVR Commissioners

EcoLogic Partners—and five off-highway advocacy groups—sue the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission for violating OHV grant regulations and open meeting laws by having illegal closed session meetings and denying grants

A lawsuit filed on January 27, 2006 against the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Commissioners alleges they held secret meetings during their December 8-10 meeting. It also alleges Commissioner Paul Spitler spoke to at least three other Commissioners about grant proposals that were to be voted on at these meetings prior to the actual meeting. Both of these alleged actions violate provisions of the Bagley-Keene open meeting law.

Additionally, the lawsuit claims the Commission violated California law when it denied a number of grants that had been recommended by the OHMVR Division staff and would have provided benefits to the OHV community, even though no new information or testimony was presented to support the denials. The Commission also chose to fund some grants that fit their own personal agenda for closing roads and trails permanently and restoring damaged landscapes, even though Division staff had deemed the proposals inappropriate because the areas had never been used for OHV recreation. In both of these circumstances, the commission's actions were arbitrary and capricious and not supported by evidence in the record, as required by statute.

EcoLogic and its co-plaintiffs—the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA), the San Diego Off-Road Coalition (SDORC), the California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), the American Sand Association (ASA) and the American Motorcyclist Association, District 37—are asking the court to issue a preliminary injunction preventing the Commissioners from disbursing any OHMVR Trust funds to grant applicants whose projects were approved during the meeting in question.

They are also asking for a permanent injunction preventing the Commissioners from disbursing funds from the OHMVR Trust Account until such time as the OHMVR Commission reconvenes a public hearing to discuss the grant applications, and does so in a manner consistent with the Bagley-Keene open meeting law. Furthermore the OHV groups are requesting that the Commissioners discontinue their current practice of conducting meetings in violation of the Bagley-Keene Act.

The OHMVR Commission consists of seven members, three of whom are appointed by the Governor, two by the Speaker of the Assembly and two by the Senate Rules Committee. None of the commissioners are elected.

GOODSEARCH FOR THE ASA

A few members have alerted the ASA of a new Internet search engine that will donate one cent to the organization of your choice for each web search that you do. Similar to Google, the ASA has signed up with this company and you can participate by going to: www.Goodsearch.com then specifying the "American Sand Association" in the "Who do you Goodsearch for?" box.

This site will pay the ASA once a year for the searches that have been done with the "American Sand Association" as the designated cause. We will receive one cent for each search.

To see how much we have earned to date, go to: http://www.goodsearch.com/Default.aspx Please try it.

This is another way to help support the ASA in our fight to keep our riding areas open. It costs you nothing and is powered by Yahoo. The performance is on par with comparable search engines.

Arizona Open Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 2007

Nearly 100 members attended the March 3 meeting held in Phx. Speakers included ASA attorney David Hubbard, Phil Jenkins CA State Parks, Michael Fris USFWS and three representatives from the BLM El Centro Field Office. Tom Zale , Neil Hamada and Jamie Neilans discussed several topics of interest relating to the Imperial Sand Dunes.
The meeting was recorded and is posted on the ASA website.

NEXT OPEN BOARD MEETING - SATURDAY, JULY 14th - SAN DIEGO

"BORSTAR on the Border"

To the users of the Imperial Sand Dunes:

The priority mission of the Border Patrol is preventing terrorists and their weapons, including weapons of mass destruction, from entering the United States. The primary objectives of the Border Patrol mission is to detect, apprehend and deter terrorists, illegal entries and smugglers of humans, drugs and other contraband at or near the land border.

As you know, the Imperial Sand Dunes stretch south into Mexico and therefore are patrolled by the men and women of the United States Border Patrol. What you may not know is that there is a group of highly trained individuals within the Border Patrol that also works in this unique border environment. These individuals are part of the Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue Team commonly known as BORSTAR. Members of the BORSTAR Team are Border Patrol Agents trained in search and rescue and emergency medical response. All members of the team are certified EMT's and some are actually certified Paramedics. Additional training includes dive search and recovery, technical rope rescue, swift water rescue, advanced navigation and communications and airmobile tactical rope operations.

During the winter holiday season, usually between the Halloween weekend through Easter, BORSTAR operates in the Imperial Sand Dunes to provide added security as well as respond to persons in need of medical attention. A mobile command center is setup at the Butter Cup Campground entrance and visitors may contact us to report any smuggling or suspicious activity in the area. Members of BORSTAR working the Imperial Sand Dunes are equipped with specialized Humvees outfitted for medical response and transport.

Last season, BORSTAR responded to and treated approximately 53 people while working at the Imperial Sand Dunes. The types of injuries encountered by BORSTAR ranged from minor scrapes and puncture wounds from ATV foot pegs to broken backs and necks where medical transport by helicopter was coordinated. Overall, in Yuma Sector, BORSTAR had 67 callouts for emergency assistance. Callouts include everything from searches for missing or lost persons, both United States citizens and illegal aliens, to responding to other agency calls for assistance, vehicle accidents as well as waterborne search, rescue and recoveries in canals and rivers.

BORSTAR rescued 160 people who most likely would have perished had they not been located. BORSTAR searches from the air are conducted on a number of airborne platforms such as UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to smaller single engine helicopters like the new EC-120 operated by CBP Air pilots. In conjunction with CBP Air units, BORSTAR utilizes ATV's, motorcycles and H1 Hummers outfitted for medical transport during their daily operations.
Persons requiring medical assistance are located, assessed, stabilized and transported for further medical treatment if necessary. Throughout 2006, the BORSTAR team medically treated 203 people, to include fellow Border Patrol agents.

The Yuma Sector BORSTAR currently has 15 active team members and works in conjunction at the Imperial Sand Dunes with members of the El Centro Sector BORSTAR Team, which has 17 active team members.

We would like to thank all the users of the Imperial Sand Dunes for their support this season and encourage you to stop by the BORSTAR mobile command center should you have any questions.

You may reach Yuma Sector BORSTAR at (928) 341-6655

"So others may live"

14,731 ACRES OF OFF ROAD RIDING AREAS FOR GEOTHERMAL WELLS?

It is called the "Truckhaven Geothermal Leasing Area" and it is NOT at Truckhaven. It encompasses 40,320 acres of the Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area. This land is managed in part by the El Centro BLM office and they are working on a DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT or DEIS and want our comments about the project. Much of this area under consideration are the best riding areas in the park. The deadline for comments is April 30th (another reason we need your current email addresses) so it might be too late for comments on the draft when you receive this newsletter.

For up to date information and how to help, please visit:
http://www.sandiegooffroad.com/news_5.htm

Not only will the loss of land impact the sport in a major way by depriving the users of land currently available, but the visual blight on the land of construction equipment, industrial structures such as pipelines, powerlines and power production facilities will negatively impact the entire outdoor recreation experience for generations to come.

13th Annual OHV Lobby Day Report

2007 CLORV Off Road Lobbying Day

by Bill Jones, ASA Vice Chairman

The 2007 13th Annual OHV Lobbying Day at the California State Capitol on March 19th was a huge success. Presented by the California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) we had over 150 participants from around the state. This being my first (and not last) time attending for OHV issues, I was quite impressed with the professionalism of all that attended as we visited the legislative offices.

My day started getting up early and on a plane at LAX for Sacramento at 6:10am. Once at the Capitol, we meet with others attending for breakfast in the basement. We then went to a large hearing room where our state assembly or senate meet to discuss bills and to spend all our tax dollars. Once there we divided into groups for the afternoon visiting of offices. We heard from CLORV's representative, Pete Conaty and from our lobbyist Terry McHale. We also heard from several legislators that came to address our group.

After lunch it was off to the legislators' offices in the Capitol for the real work of the day. But first we heard from Daphne Greene, the Deputy Director of the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division who talked with us about Senate Bill 742 which would extend the OHV program. Then off roaders were sent out in their teams to visit each of the legislator's offices, most went to their own districts and spoke directly with their representatives. This portion of the Lobby Day puts a personal face on our issues and educates legislators and their staff about OHV recreation. We gave each office a new OHV Management book produced by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) to help guide them in making OHV decisions. Our representatives need to hear from their constituents, especially those of us who participate in this exciting family oriented activity that provides so much economic benefit to all of California.

Why is this so important? In this era of term limits, it is vital that off roaders constantly educate new legislators as to who we are, what we do, and that we Vote. There are 36 new members in the Assembly, where do they stand?

We capped off the day with the 13th annual California League of Off Road Voters and Friends Annual Legislative Reception at the historic Sutter Club near the Capitol. We had about 200 attendees including many legislators, staff members, and administration appointees from the Resources Agency, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. The reception is where the off road community honors legislators and others for their support of off roading. This year CLORV honored Senator Dave Cox (SD1) as our Legislator of the Year for 2006.

More information on CLORV, see page 11

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RHINO CRASH EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

The event consisted of a meet and greet party on Friday night. Then a huge photo shoot opportunity on Saturday morning followed by the famous carne asada cookout which fed the huge crowd of hungry duners 500 lbs of the marinated delight with all the fixin's. The event was topped off with a huge raffle . Thanks to the dozens of vendors and suppliers who donated product and services, Jagged X raffled off over $42,000 in prizes!

Raffle prizes included wheels and tires, tons of billet accessories, HID light kits, a set of lambo doors, a full set of painted plastics and even a complete long travel suspension kit from So Cal Fab, Elka Shock, and Gorilla Axles. The list of prizes was far too huge to list but Jagged X , the ASA and the UDG would like to thank all of the supporters for making this event such a huge success.

Again, last years event was a considered a huge success when $4000 was raised for the ASA but it was shadowed by this year's staggering $11,000. This money will help the ASA to continue it's battle to preserve our riding priveleges for years to come, and to help the UDG promote awareness among the duning community.

Jagged X hopes that all who attended had a great time and hope to make next years event even better. Again, thanks to all of our supporters, vendors and friends who helped out:

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Also special thanks to some very special people: Terry & Linda, The Carter Family, Lindsey, Emily, JP, Chad, Stacey, Brian Hart, Blake, Monica, Craig, Todd Taylor and Chicken Bob and Kathy. Without all of your help we could not have pulled it off.

Utah's Most Popular Dunes

By
Scott Monroe
Little Sahara Recreation Area
Fillmore Field Office
Utah Bureau of Land Management

Second in a series on dune areas outside the ISDRA

Just off the beaten paths in west-central Utah sits a 60,000-acre paradise of sand dunes, trails and camping sites that suits every kind of OHV enthusiast. This desert haven, known as Little Sahara Recreation Area, provides exceptional outdoor opportunities for both experienced and casual riders. The white sand presents riders of all levels miles of pure sand pleasure; in addition, Black Mountain offers casual trail riders a network of diverse paths to explore. If you're a hill climber or your machine is built for speed, perhaps you will dare to reach the pinnacle of Sand Mountain, Little Sahara's 700-foot tall trademark.

Little Sahara is open year-round and is managed by the Fillmore Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. There are four primary camping areas within the recreation area. White Sands provides 100 campsites and includes drinking water, flush toilets and a fenced play area. The Oasis campground, the most developed site in the dunes, includes 115 campsites with flush toilets, drinking water, an RV flush station and paved pads for trailers and motor homes. The Salt Lake Tribune, for the past 3 years, has listed the Oasis as one of the top 5 areas in the state of Utah for camping. Jericho is a quality site for large groups because of its 40 picnic tables, shade canopies, flush toilets, drinking water, fenced play area and amphitheater. Sand Mountain is a primitive camping site and staging area, but still provides drinking water and flush toilets. Each of the areas provides vault toilets during the winter season.

Little Sahara's popularity for OHV recreation is fantastic and attracts nearly 320,000 visitors each year. On busy holiday weekends such as Easter, Memorial Day and Labor Day, the area looks almost like a small city. Visitors can purchase daily or yearly passes which includes the use of campgrounds. Visitor safety is crucial at LSRA. County, state and federal laws are enforced and BLM staff members are trained in First Aid. Helmets are required for riders younger than 18 and whip flags are mandatory on all OHVs.

The American Sand Association participated in the "First Annual Dunes Summit" last December and introduced the national "Checkered Flag" program. This program helps to inform others of the responsibilities we hold in respecting others and the environment. The Little Sahara Sand Dunes anticipates incorporating this program in the future as funds become available.

Although Little Sahara does not provide all services, the surrounding towns of Nephi and Delta are full-service communities. These nearby towns offer a full compliment of hospitals, fuel, groceries, hotels, OHV supplies and other amenities.

For more information about the opportunities that are waiting for you at Little Sahara Recreation Area, contact the Visitor Center at: (435) 433-5960. Reservations can be made for the Jericho campground by calling the visitors center.

You can also contact the BLM Fillmore Field Office at (435) 743-3100 or visit our web site at:
http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/fillmore.html
for more information.

Utah OHV rules and information
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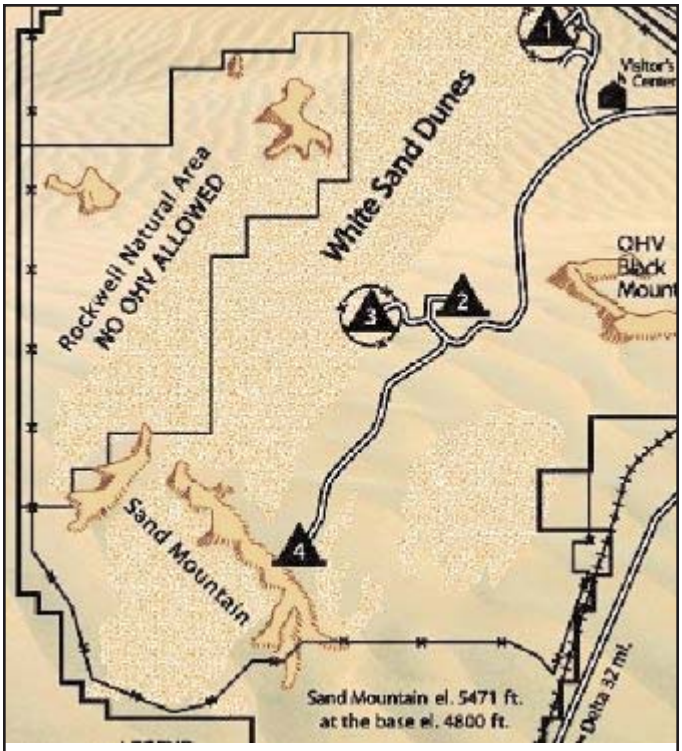

Little Sahara Sand Dunes

Weekend Warrior Inaugural ASA Benefit Golf Tournament!

There might still be time to sign up for the
Weekend Warrior Inaugural ASA Benefit Golf Tournament!

On Monday, May 7th, 2007 at the Black Gold Golf Club in Yorba Linda, CA, the Tournament will take place and is hosted by Cutting Edge Performance with RAW Motorsports providing a chance to win a RAW Motorsports Sand Car for a hole in one on a specific par 3, and Funco Motorsports is sponsoring a helicopter golf ball drop. Aguirre Tequila will host tequila tasting on one hole as well! Contact us for Details (951)741-2699

Don't miss out on the fun! Proceeds to benefit the ASA.

Check the web site for more details and to register: http://www.asagolf.golfreg.com

NEW BLM EL CENTRO CHIEF RANGER

Officer Mike Boxx recently accepted the position of Chief Ranger for the El Centro Field Office. In this position he is responsible for all law enforcement functions within the area that the El Centro Field Office covers.

He comes to the position with over 15 years of law enforcement experience. Mike began his career with the National Park Service and has served in 8 different National Parks throughout the country, during his career. Mike brings a wide variety of recreation and resource management background to the position.

When Mike is not working he enjoys most outdoors sports including hunting, fishing, and of course any type of motorcycle riding. Mike is looking forward to challenges ahead in his new position.

Update on the ASA Office

The ASA office has been relocated to Canyon Country, CA from Santee. Our office assistant Suzy MacMillin has set aside Tuesday through Friday mornings to concentrate on membership and raffle tickets. Call during that time to be assured of immediate service.

In addition to many other duties, Suzy also handles the accounting for the raffle tickets, Business sponsor data, and helps with the mailing of new supporting membership packets and supporting member renewals. She also answers the phone and answers questions about the ASA and refers questions she can't answer to the appropriate ASA personal.

If you need assistance with any ASA function and don't know who to contact call Suzy and she can help you get the information you need.

The new contact information for the ASA office is:

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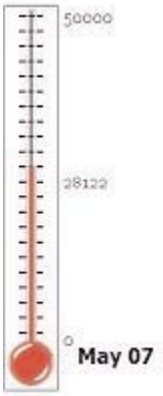

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PMV Update: The Dry Winter Takes Its Toll

Dr. Art Phillips, ASA Botanist

ASA-sponsored Peirson's Milkvetch (PMV) studies for the 2006-07 season continued in early March with a study trip to the dunes March 4th through 6th when Deb Kennedy, Daniela Roth, and I visited our 25 study sites to examine the effects of the dry winter on the plant.

Our December survey had shown that a late-October storm dropped enough rain to cause germination of over 10,000 PMV seedlings. Most of these were in the Gordon's Well area. One site at Glamis had about 2,000, and there were none at Buttercup. In December they were already looking stressed after two months of dry weather, so we were not too optimistic about their well-being in March after the drought continued through the winter.

Our expectations were confirmed. The March survey showed that only 23% of the seedlings counted in December had survived the winter. Many of these appeared severely stressed. Only 50 of the October 2006 seedlings were flowering in March 2007. This was in contrast to the 2004-05 season when over 60% of the plants that germinated in October were flowering in March. Well-timed rainfall is essential for germination, survival, flowering, and ultimately seed production.

Although we had scheduled additional seed bank studies in March, we rethought that plan when we realized that the dry winter with minimal germination would have little effect on the numbers of dormant seeds we documented a year ago. Our seed bank studies in 2002 and 2006 showed that millions of dormant seeds wait in the sand for the next good rainfall season, whenever that may be.

We'll return for a quick trip in mid-April to get a final count of how many of the October 2006 seedlings have survived to flower. This will also provide a baseline number of plants for survival counts in December 2007.

Only 19 of the 30 surviving perennials we found at our sites in December were still alive in March. These are the last survivors from the hundreds of thousands that dotted the dunes two years ago. By next fall it is likely that PMV's of any age will be scarce.

I thank the duning community for stepping up to help when needed, allowing us to continue learning about the life history of this fascinating dune dweller. These studies would not have been possible without the generous help of dunes enthusiasts.

2008 ASA Calendar

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ISDRA Technical Review Team (TRT) Meeting

January 30th 2007

The entire meeting was recorded and will be posted on the website along with the hand out material.
The new El Centro Field Office (ECFO) Chief Ranger, Mike Boxx was introduced.
California Desert District (CDD) Manager Steve Borchard joined the meeting at about 10:00 AM.

Fee collection was a major topic of discussion. The presentation included several charts, one of which is below.
Permit citations totaled 396 for the 3 months ending 12/31/06. The fine for the first offense is $100 and then increases thereafter. Failure to pay will result in vehicle licensing restrictions.

Several motions were passed by the TRT recommending that the BLM:

Utilize both "Spot Checks" and overall "Visitation Data" (Economic Model) as bench marks for fee compliance performance measurements.
Provide a joint (BLM & ICSO) written response to the ASA 1/22/07 letter.
Form a "Fee Collection Sub Committee." Dick Holliday will chair. ASA and others will be asked to participate.
Explore options to improve access in the Dune Buggy Flats area.
Investigate the implementation of a "Courtesy Speed Zone" in and around established camping areas. Referred to the TRT Public Safety Sub Committee.

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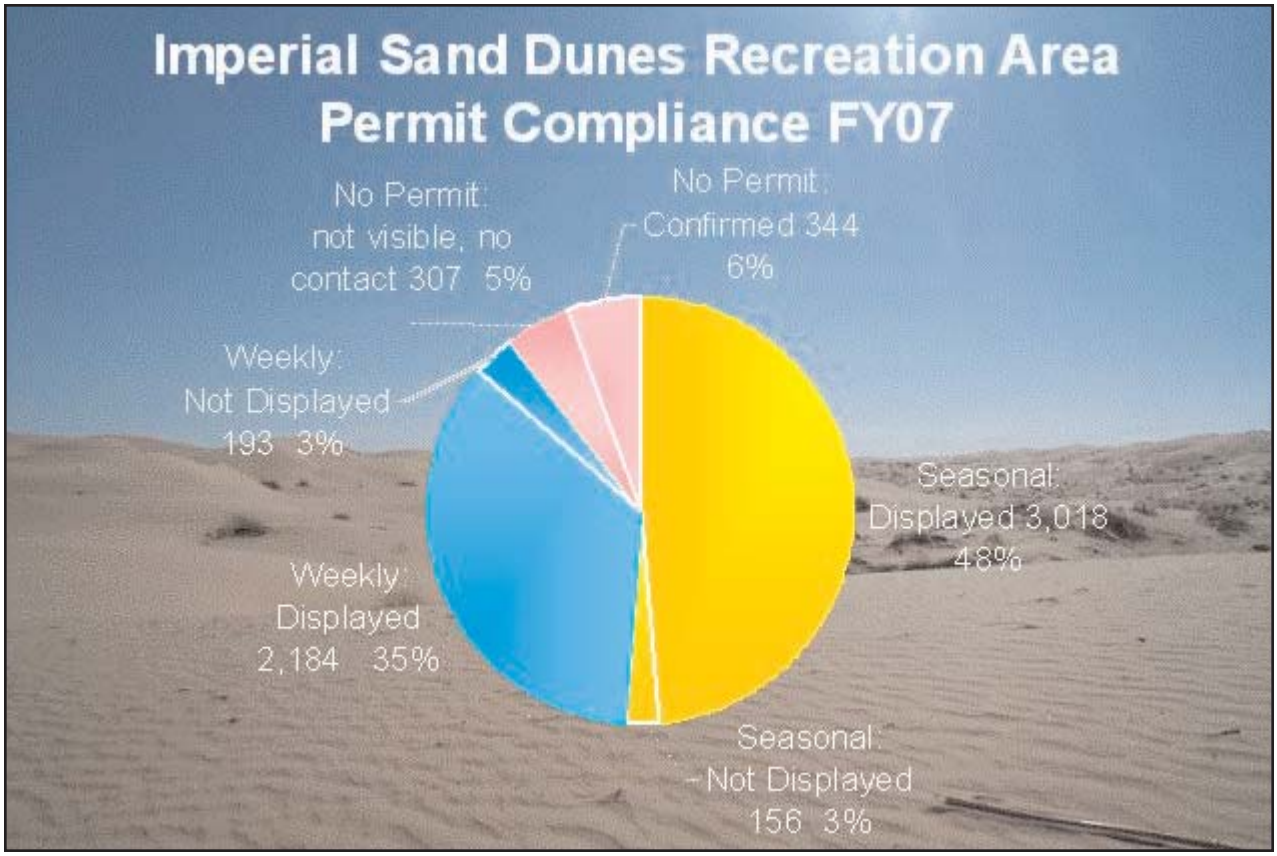

Shades of Gray – Is it Legal?

By Dan Allison – April 2007

Someone wrote in asking about the dumping of a Recreational Vehicle's (RV) holding tanks out in the dirt and wondered if it was legal or not to do? Of course, most all RV's, motor homes, trailers, 5th wheels and campers come with a separate fresh water holding tank. They usually have a gray water and a black water tank on board too. Fresh being clear potable water for use, gray typically from the sinks and showers and black for toilet waste.

So are there laws prohibiting the dumping of these tanks? That will all depend, on which laws and for which areas you are talking about. It is generally understood, that both legally and morally the dumping of ones black water tank should never ever be done.

Some places prohibit the dumping of fresh water tanks, yet most people would question this rule and probably do it anyway. Is it legal, is it ethical, is it environmentally proper and would you be sited for doing so? Well, that is a question for you, your ethics and the ranger to talk about. Most public agencies do not distinguish between fresh, clear or black, and restrict all dumping of any holding tank. The California Vehicle Code only allows clear water and the feathers from live birds to be deposited on a roadway.

(CVC 23114 and 23115)

It is against the law to operate on the highway a vehicle which is improperly covered, constructed, or loaded so that any part of its contents or load spills, drops, leaks, blows, sifts, or in any other way escapes from the vehicle. Exception: clear water or feathers from live birds

What I would like to address is the topic of **gray** water. A large number of RV owners feel that gray water is fine to dump in the soil but others do not. Some feel that it is OK if they only let it out a little at a time. Others say if they put it in a hole and cover it then that is OK. Some would ask, "So what is the difference of me peeing on the bushes?" Let us think for a moment.

So what is in **gray water**? Water, soaps, detergents, cleansers, blue deodorant chemicals, and your food scraps, old milk, half drunken beers and sodas. Or how many people have urinated in the shower or bits and pieces of other human hygiene went down that drain? Did you wash poultry meat before you cooked it, where did the bacteria go? All kinds of bacteria are now in that tank. If you are in doubt, just let the tank set for a few days and then run a little into a bucket. Besides the bad smell, is this something you would want your family exposed to?

Legally I would have to say that for most areas and most conditions it is illegal to dump waste tanks anywhere on public lands and roadways. *(See an example at http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/dumont.html.)* Will you be cited and get a ticket? Most likely, no, unless you are creating a public hazard, dumping large amounts or someone complains. And yes, urinating in public areas is also illegal. Morally, that is a different issue. Deep down in your own mind you must have some idea if it is right or wrong to dump your holding tanks in the soil. If not, then answer a few questions to guide you in the right direction.

If I pulled up to your front yard and started dumping my gray water tank on it, would you be upset? What if it was me and 3 or 4 of my friends, who would you call?

If you saw your kids building a sand castle out of the wet sand from where someone dumped their tank, would you be concerned?

How much would you enjoy your campsite it all you could smell was the last guy's waste tanks?

Would you be upset if you were following an RV and it was dribbling waste water out onto the road and your car?

It is questions like these that have forced law makers into writing laws that control our actions. Simply put,

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Senator Ashburn Announces Bill to Repeal California's PICKUP TRUCK TAX

BAKERSFIELD -- Senator Roy Ashburn in April announced legislation to repeal California's "Pickup Truck Tax." Senate Bill 422 will exempt from the definition of "commercial vehicle" a pickup truck that is not used for the transportation of property for commercial purposes.

Since 1973 the California Department of Motor Vehicles has classified all pickup trucks as commercial vehicles and assesses an added Commercial vehicle fee, typically $80-$154 for midsize pickup trucks and as high as $257 for trucks used for towing recreational vehicles and horse trailers. The commercial fees are charged to families and other private non-commercial pickup truck owners despite an estimate by Department of Motor Vehicles which suggests that 90% of California's registered pickup trucks are not used for commercial purposes.

In 2008 the DMV estimates it will collect $288 million in commercial fees on pickup trucks which are not used for commercial purposes.

"California families are already burdened by various Federal, State and Local taxes and fees. The last thing they need is another tax on the family truck that they were never supposed to be paying in the first place," said Senator Ashburn.

Ashburn was joined by Lew Uhler, Chairman of the National Tax Limitation Committee. "California's tax system is about as messed up as it can get," said Uhler. "It just adds insult to injury when four-and-a-half million truck owners are forced to pay a commercial fee that does not apply to them. This is tantamount to stealing and it has to stop. That is why I am coming out strongly in support of Senator Ashburn's Bill," Uhler concluded.

Though the commercial truck fee is based on the weight of the vehicle, the charge does not apply to pickup trucks with a permanent sleeper shell, SUV's or large passenger sedans heavier than many models of pickup trucks.

"There may have been a time when pickup trucks were used mainly for construction and trades, but that's certainly not the case today. Families have discovered the convenience and utility of having a pickup truck for do-it-yourself projects, recreation, and day-to-day shopping and chores," Ashburn added. "There is no good reason for the State to collect commercial fees on personal vehicles not being used for commercial purposes. SB 422 will fix this unfair tax by charging the added fees only on trucks that are actually used commercially," Ashburn concluded.

SB 422's first legislative hurdle will be a hearing before the Senate Transportation next Tuesday April 17th. If the bill passes it would then go on to the Senate Appropriations Committee prior to consideration on the floor of the Senate.

--- Senator Roy Ashburn represents the 18th District and geographically the largest in California. It includes California's agricultural homeland, Kern and Tulare Counties, the desert communities of Inyo County and the mountains of San Bernardino County. Communities include Bakersfield, Tulare, Visalia, Porterville, Bishop, Lone Pine, Barstow, Big Bear City, Needles and 29 Palms. Contact the Senator at: senator.ashburn@senate.ca.gov

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if we all acted with concern for others, much fewer laws would have to be written.

If you witness someone dumping their holding tanks illegally what should you do? I would ask them to stop, without getting into a confrontation. If that did not work, I would call the local authorities and photograph them and their license plates.

We are losing more off road and recreation areas than we are gaining. Our recreational future is in our hands and those that we recreate with. You can make all the difference, for it is the few that can spoil it for all.

Good additional discussions can be found at:
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BLM Law Enforcement Ranger Scott Swanson of the El Centro Office

Scott Swanson started in a law enforcement with the U.S. Border Patrol in 2002. He came to BLM in 2006 and patrols the Glamis Dunes recreation area.

A Southwest native from Benson, Arizona, he played baseball for Arizona State, playing on the college championship team in 1987. Scott left the desert regions for chilly South Dakota where he received a social science bachelor's degree from Mount Marty College in Yankton. He was also in the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of South Dakota and was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army serving in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, obtaining the rank of 1st Leutenant.

Scott loves spending time with his wife and two children. They are active in their church and enjoy traveling to the beach in San Diego from their home in Yuma, Arizona for a day of boogie boarding. Besides watching his kids in their many activites in Yuma, Arizona where they live, Scott stays active playing golf, softball and hunting.

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Show Your Support for BackCountry Recreation Designation

There are some things you just cannot put a price on, the annual family camping trip to that remote spot at the end of the forest road, mountain biking with your friends in the backcountry, trail bike riding on primitive forest trails, fishing with your child at your dad's favorite spot, 4x4ing up that old logging road to your secret hunting camp.

Of course the key to enjoying all these special times is access to your public lands.

Wouldn't it be great if there were a way to ensure your grandchildren are able to enjoy all the same special places?

There is a way & it is called BackCountry Recreation Designation. It will preserve access to Public Lands for Future Generations. Ensure your grandkids are still able to ride a trail bike on existing forest trails to your favorite remote mountain lake. Ensure disabled people can reasonably access the backcountry on ATV's or 4x4's using designated trails.

BackCountry Recreation Designation will promote greater biodiversity by allowing active management under the strictest regulations in the world. Preserve access for all types of recreation & thereby provide greater tourism income for local economies, as well as jobs for renewable resource harvesting & thinning projects to keep the land healthy & reduce wildfire fuel.

What a great legacy to leave for our kids. Providing them with access to their public lands through all forms of recreation, while ensuring better forest health. Let's make sure they can refresh & recharge by getting out in the backcountry. Sign the petition below to let your legislators know you want the BackCountry preserved for public access & management.

Dear Fellow ASA Members, back in the 70's, the wilderness area north of highway 78 was instituted by Congress and the rest of the dunes were intended for motorized recreation in perpetuity. We all know how that turned out. Along come other groups that want to close the rest of the area.

In the past, concessions have been made allowing other lands to be designated Wilderness, while leaving remaining lands open to Multiple Use. Contrary to these past agreements Wilderness advocates now want the remaining lands.

There is a petition that works to make this tactic outdated. **GO HERE** to sign it:

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San Bernardino County Ordinance 3973

Times have changed, actually they've been changed for us and this pill is hard to swallow. You must have written permission to drive your quad down a dirt road that front's private property and has a residence on it. You must obtain a staging permit from the county if your going to have relatives over for dinner that number more than nine PERSONS (not vehicles as many news releases have stated) if a nephew plans to ride an OHVon your property, and that permit is subject to neighbors scrutiny. I've been hearing talk about the ***spirit of the law,*** yes I think that is a good concept with one exception – It puts an already ambiguous ordinance at the discretion of a human with varying opinions of what that means. How could this happen you say; well, a Philadelphia lawyer with visions of power fed by **environmental activists** wandered into the desert and didn't like the dust and noise that motorcycles made, so he applied pressure to various county officials and with very little resistance from the OHV community was able to enact a ordinance to solve his problem. Unfortunately it did not solve the problem of dust and noise problems, which by the way was already addressed by disturbing the peace and nuisance laws.

Ok, lets look at it. **Ordinance 3973** - repealed and replaced Title 2, Division 8, Chapter 4 of the San Bernardino County Code.
Definitions - Applicability - Trespassing - Staging Permit - Noise Limits - Disturbing the Peace - Penalty

Definitions 28.0401 were added to provide clarity, unfortunately the conflict between the codes and state and federal law only makes it a bigger pail of worms.

Applicability 28.0402 says these rules don't count in areas designated for off road vehicles by government agencies such as Johnson Valley OHV area, Ocotillo Wells, etc. Except for spark arrestor-muffler requirements.

Trespass or written permission requirements 28.0403 "Every person who operates an off-highway motor vehicle upon the private property of another *or upon any public property"* (*Not* so says BLM-Barstow office) "except a highway" (Does that mean you can ride on the highway-I don't think so.) "At all times while so operating shall maintain in his or her possession written permission from the person or entity that is in possession of the property or that owns the property granting permission to operate off-highway vehicles thereon". (Not very realistic much less reasonable. Also addressed by previous codes and laws. Unclear as to what road is county or not county maintained what is private roads, what is roads or trails thru washes, all of this is left to the interpretation of the various law enforcement agencies involved; SBCC code enforcement, Sheriff office, CHP, and BLM Rangers) who have few guidelines as to what's what). I have 5 acres in Johnson Valley and don't mind if an OHV drives by but I rather not accept the liability for their action by granting written permission. Furthermore "This section shall not apply to the proper and legal operation of an off highway motor vehicle on a dedicated roadway (county maintained or not) if such dedicated roadway or easement is for access to and from the property owners property. *What does that mean?* Well, code enforcement and sheriff both used an example of a property owner getting on his or her legal quad or dune buggy and properly driving down to the mail box to get the mail, or possibly taking a bowl of hot soup to a needy neighbor.

The issue of CSA (Community Service Area) roads comes into play here. The San Bernardino County council as determined that these dirt roads although not dedicated or maintained by the county fall under the control of county and thereby can only be used by street legal vehicles. Ref. San Bernardino Sheriff.

Staging; permit required 28.0404 "No person shall organize, conduct or participate in staging of off highway vehicles, or other vehicles (?) And equipment accessory thereto, including any related camping or establishment of temporary accommodations, on private or public property for the purpose of coordinating the use and operation of such off-highway vehicles on such property or the surrounding areas" involving 10 or more ***persons*** without first obtaining and maintaining on the property a $155 permit from the county 4 weeks in advance, which become subject to the scrutiny of your surrounding neighbors.

Noise limits 28.0405 "No off-highway motor vehicle shall exceed the noise standards established in **California Vehicle Code** applicable to off-highway motor vehicles".

Disturbing the peace and quiet prohibited; 28.0406 No person shall stage or operate any vehicle in a manner that disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or person by noise, dust, smoke or fumes caused by such motor vehicle or staging activity. Well, this code was already in place however now code enforcement shall establish a procedure for the investigation and enforcement of this section. According to the ordinance these procedures will be substantially similar to code 32.0119 that addresses noise-making animals. No procedure has been established to date.

Penalty 28.0407 Violators may face fine of $200 for first offense, $400 for second offense, $500 for third offense and subsequent convictions could be $1000 and or 90 days in the slammer.

Currently code enforcement and sheriff are still giving warnings, however a belligerent response will

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Off-Highway Fuel Tax Study Released

Findings Inconsistent with Growth of OHV Recreation and Need For Funding

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks recently released the **State Fuel Tax Study** and announced that further evaluation will be necessary because of the report's statistically questionable results. Despite the best efforts of researchers, with a nearly 17 point margin of error, the study contradicts the actual growth and funding needs of off-highway vehicle trends in California. While OHV recreation **has grown by more than 112 percent since 2001**, the survey suggests that funding should be **cut by more than 50 percent.**

Daphne Greene, Deputy Director of the State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division said, "The data suggests we cut the program funding by more than half at a time when off-highway vehicle recreation is growing significantly. To do such a thing would be irresponsible and does not make sense to us. We think a closer examination for this report and how we fund the program is needed before we take any action."

The survey is supposed to be used to determine the level of funding for a major portion of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Program throughout California. In addition to support for the state's OHV parks, monies are used for environmental restoration and law enforcement. Because of the contradictory results, State Parks will continue to review and evaluate the survey as we move forward.

"In addition to our State OHV parks, we also provide grants to local and federal agencies to support off-highway vehicle opportunities, education and environmental protection, restoration and law enforcement throughout the State," added Greene, "and reducing funding would cut those efforts and that is not acceptable because the demand will not go away and is, in fact, increasing."

The findings in the study suggest the fuel tax funding of the program could be reduced from $56.8 million to $27.1 million, a reduction of more than $29.7 million. With the findings inconsistent with the growth of the program, State Parks has concluded that a comprehensive evaluation of the basic methodology for how the program is funded in the first place must be undertaken.

Present day evidence of continued and explosive growth in the industry strongly suggests that the funding reductions presented in the latest survey will not work to sustain a viable OHV program at all need levels. For instance, annual off-highway vehicle registrations for non-street licensed vehicles have increased as follows:

- **Annual registration for all Non-Street-Licensed Vehicles has gone from 479,178 in 2001 to 1,013,863 in 2006, an increase of 112 percent. (Includes dirt bikes, ATVs, dune buggies, sand rails and miscellaneous vehicles, and snowmobiles.)**
- **Going back further, from 1980 to 2006, total Non-Street-Licensed Vehicle Registrations have increased 331 percent.**
- **Visitation at the State Vehicular Recreational Areas has gone from 2.3 million in 2001 to 5.4 million in 2005, an increase of 135 percent.**

When one considers the above data and the demand level for the State Vehicular Recreation Areas and grant assistance for local, state and federal stakeholders for management of the recreational uses on public lands, one must ask if it makes sense to implement the survey and cut the funding to all concerned by more than 50 percent. The above data strongly suggests the premise for how the program was funded from the beginning is flawed and requires review. With the newest survey data, it is clear a continuation of the status quo would not keep pace with the significant growth in off-highway recreation demand and seriously differs from stakeholder's needs and expectations across the state.

Based on the new data and present recreational realities throughout California, the OHMVR Division of State Parks believes the only prudent course of action at present is to call for a "time out" to begin an open and public process of examining the very premise of how this program is funded.

In the coming weeks and months, the OHMVR Division will be talking to all stakeholder groups and to elected officials to examine what courses of action should be taken. The goal will be to not act in haste, but rather, step back and begin a process of broadly examining how best to continue the funding of a program that was mandated through legislation in 1971 to meet the growing demand for well managed off-highway recreation balanced with environmental protection associated with off-highway use.

The survey – Estimating the State Fuel Tax Paid on Gasoline Used in the Off-Highway Operation of Vehicles for Recreation – was prepared for California State Parks by a research team led by Louis Browning, ICF International, San Francisco. The information on fuel use and off-highway recreational activity was obtained from telephone surveys of 15,000 randomly selected California households from July to December 2003 and written diaries kept by California vehicle owners from April 2004 to March 2005.

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change that to a citation quickly.

This ordinance, specifically staging, is not realistic and must be dealt with, so get on board, in the meantime know where you are riding and be a responsible representative of our sport.

I've used a lot of I's and we's, you might say who's that? OK fair enough.

My name is Ray Pessa, I've lived in Yucca Valley for 28 years. I strattled my first mini-bike in 1961 and rode in the Garvey Hills of So. San Gabriel. I built my first buggy 1970 out of a VW belly pan and muffler tubing, crash box and 25 hp motor. I've had a great time! I've joined together with some friends to form a club that will focus on ensuring these times of getting together and enjoying our OHV activities will continue for the generations that follow. The Desert on the machine is an entire classroom of its own, with a curriculum of its own. It will be a great loss to our youth if these doors are closed. You can write to me at: ray@friendsofgiantrock.com

Check out: www.friendsofgiantrock.com

Please join ASA, CORVA or one of the many other OHV organizations, talk to them. Write to your favorite legislator, San Bernardino County supervisor,Assemblyman or Senator. Let them know your HERE.

Take a look at: www.orvwatch.com This group exaggerates to the point that they are crying wolf and everyone knows it, law enforcement does not appreciate there constant calls for help that are unfounded. That's no to say the no-one is misbehaving because they are and we need to educate them and make them aware of what there doing to there own future. We do not condone disrespectful or inconsiderate riders any more that the anti-ohv groups trying to close all of California. We love and protect the desert environment and choose to enjoy it from the trail, and would like our kids and there kids to do the same. Thanks, Ray

LETTER FROM THE ASA TO THE ISDRA TRT CHAIRMAN

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Jerry R. Seaver
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Dear Mr. Seaver:

The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) Technical Review Team (TRT) was originally established to ensure public involvement in the management of the "Fee Demo" program. The TRT currently provides citizen input in the collection process administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the terms of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA).

BLM has elected to outsource fee collection from the very beginning: initially under an agreement with Central Parking and more recently with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO). The current agreement with the ICSO includes provision for the enforcement of fee compliance. The TRT was consulted by the BLM during the development and administration of the fee collection and compliance agreements.

While fee compliance has improved during the 2006-07 season, compliance continues to be below levels required to properly fund ISDRA operations. The TRT has encouraged BLM to take reasonable measures to improve compliance, however, the results fall far short of what is needed. Continued recommendations are mostly ignored. The BLM El Centro field office rationalizes the poor performance by deferring fault to the outsource contractors.

From the very beginning, the BLM has not fulfilled its fee collection management responsibilities. This mismanagement is particularly appalling because BLM has chosen to reduce emergency medical and law enforcement services due to the lack of funding rather than to hold Central Parking and the ICSO accountable.

It is incumbent upon the TRT to identify the deficiencies and communicate the concerns of the ISDRA visitors to the BLM. A review of the BLM responsibility set forth in the fee collection legislation enabling the Cooperative Agreement between BLM and ICSO ***clearly places the ultimate responsibility for fee collection and compliance with BLM.*** During this era of limited federal appropriation, it is critically important that the provisions of FLREA be fully and effectively administered.

The fee collection program provides the largest single source of funding for the ISDRA. The current contractual arrangement with the ICSO provides Imperial County an opportunity to share in this revenue stream. Based on current ISDRA visitation estimates, the fee collection could provide as much as $6,000,000 annually. Under the present agreement with ICSO, the Imperial County could receive $1,800,000. Based on our forecast of fee compliance, the 2006-07 collection will total about $4,000,000. One must question why the agencies are willing to settle for two thirds of what could be produced from an efficiently administered permit program.

At the request of ASA Board of Directors, Board member Brian Crain conducted a comprehensive analysis of the cooperative agreement between the BLM and the ICSO. His report, accepted by the Board, conveys the concerns of the ASA. It is enclosed with this letter.

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Based on the foregoing concerns the ASA Board of Directors respectfully requests that the TRT con duct an intense review of the fee collection process. The ASA Board suggests that this review consid er and address the following inquiries and concerns:

- Please provide a summary of fee collections broken down by months: particularly during the past two riding seasons (2005-06 and 2006-07).
- What is the associated level of compliance represented in terms of percent of ISDRA visitors required to purchase permits?
- What is the number of fee non-compliance citations issued per riding season?
- Please summarize permit sales by authorized vendors broken out by seasons.
- Paragraph I. B. on page 1 of the BLM ICSO Cooperative Agreement calls for the development and implementation of a Marketing Plan. Has the BLM provided the TRT visibility of this Plan? If so, please make the plan available.
- Has the TRT been provided the report required in paragraph III A. 3. on page 4 of the Cooperative Agreement? If so, please make the report available.
- When will the fee collection machines be in service?
- Request the BLM to initiate the suggested review under the terms of paragraph III. C. 15. b. on page 8 of the Cooperative Agreement.

The ASA desires to be a part of the solution rather than to participate in a finger-pointing exercise designed to lay blame for past failures. The ASA makes this request to improve fee compliance and to increase the funding available to assure a quality recreation experience at the ISDRA.

ASA representatives will attend the January 30, 2007 TRT meeting to discuss and reinforce the concerns in this letter.

Respectfully yours,

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Encl: ASA Review of the Cooperative Agreement between BLM and ICSO

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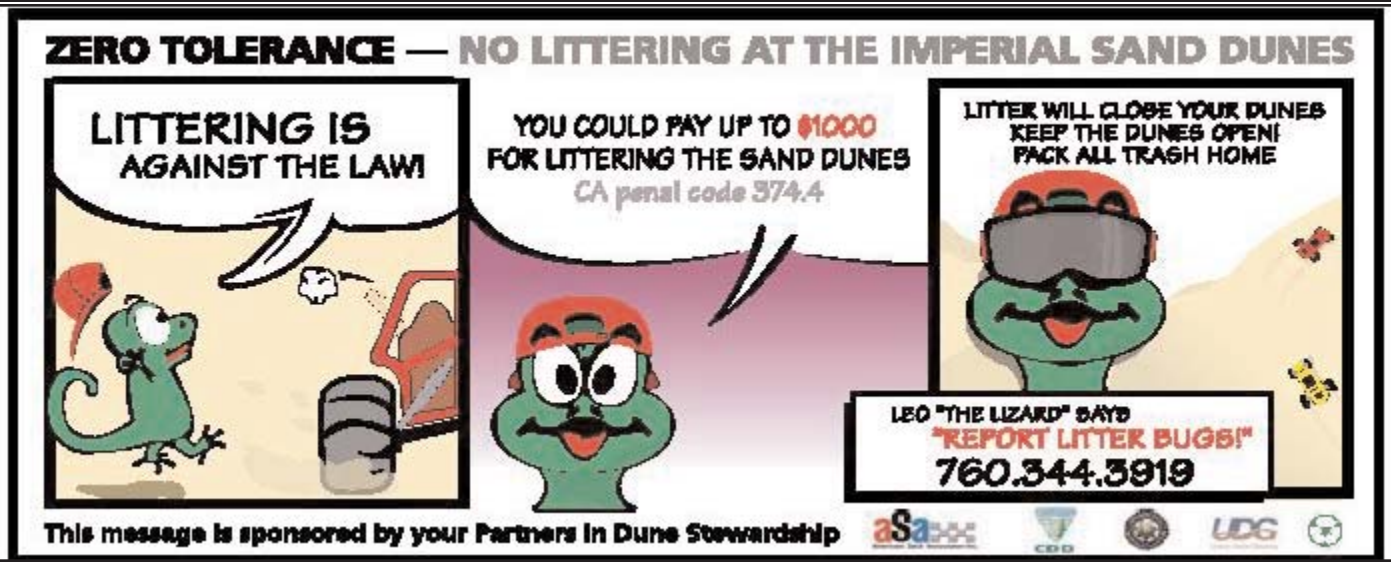

LETTER FROM THE BLM IN RESPONSE TO ASA LETTER ON PAGE 24 - 25

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Dear Mr. Seaver,

We have reviewed the letter from the American Sand Association (ASA) Board of Directors dated January 22, 2007. Per the letter and the motion passed by the Technical Review Team (TRT) on January 30, 2007, we have discussed the eight bullet topics with the representative from the Imperial County Sheriff's Office (ICSO). Please see our responses below.

ASA requested "a summary of fee collections broken down by months: particularly during the past two riding seasons (2005-06 and 2006-07)." Please refer to the table below.

Revenues	FY06 Gross Collections	FY 07 Gross Collection
Dunes Fee Collection for October	$625,160	$857,685
Dunes Fee Collection for November	$995,620	$1,038,480
Dunes Fee Collection for December	$381,180	$366,840
Dunes Fee Collection for January	$433,320	$498,430
Dunes Fee Collection for February	$378,135	$350,305
Dunes Fee Collection for March	$181,905	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for April	$190,750	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for May	$40,480	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for June	$4,845	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for July	$2,880	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for August	$16,472	$0
Dunes Fee Collection for September	$271,755	$0
BLM's Total Camping Fee Collections	$3,522,502	$3,111,740

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ASA asked "What is the associated level of compliance represented in terms of percent of ISDRA visitors required to purchase permits?" After a random survey of 8,868 vehicles between 11/4/06 and 2/10/07 by BLM and ICSO, the compliance rate was calculated to be 91%.

ASA asked "What is the number of fee non-compliance citations issued per riding season?" ICSO issued 651 citations during their first season of fee collection and have issued 715 citations this season so far.

ASA asked for a summary of "permit sales by authorized vendors broken out by seasons". Last season vendors sold $131,624 in permits. So far this season vendors have sold $888,330.

ASA asked if we have provided the TRT a copy of the marketing plan as specified in Paragraph I. B. on page 1 of the BLM ICSO Cooperative Agreement. We have not provided a copy of the marketing plan to the TRT since we not have been able to accomplish this task yet. However, in the absence of a marketing plan, we have utilized the Communication Strategy as outlined in the ISDRA Business Plan. Some of the communication vehicles identified in the strategy are kiosks, internet web site, surveys, special interest groups, vendors, trade shows, media, and elected officials. These ideas, and the plan itself, were developed with extensive public input. This plan has been provided to the TRT and is publicly available on the BLM and TRT web sites. At this point, BLM has been in discussions with the United Desert Gateway (UDG) about the development of a Marketing Plan. We will continue to keep an open dialog with them and move forward as soon as possible.

ASA asked, "Has the TRT been provided the report required in paragraph III A. 3. on page 4 of the Cooperative Agreement? If so, please make the report available." Yes, the reports have been provided to the TRT on a regular basis. The BLM provides the monthly statement information to the TRT in a spreadsheet format with all the required information. These reports have been available to the public via the TRT website for several years. Bob Mason of the ASA, was provided this information at the January 30, 2007 TRT meeting.

ASA asked "When will the fee collection machines be in service?" Although there may be some field testing done prior to next season, they will be installed and in full service October, 2007.

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ASA requested "the BLM to initiate the suggested review under the terms of paragraph III. C. 15. b. on page 8 of the Cooperative Agreement." We have discussed this requirement with ICSO previously. BLM has received draft information from ICSO already. BLM and ICSO have agreed to review a complete and final report at the end of the fiscal year. The report can be made available at that time.

I hope these responses address the concerns of the TRT and the ASA. We are all partners in this project and I value the continued input and cooperation. If you have further concerns or questions, please contact Neil Hamada, Dunes Manager, at (760) 337-4451.

Sincerely,

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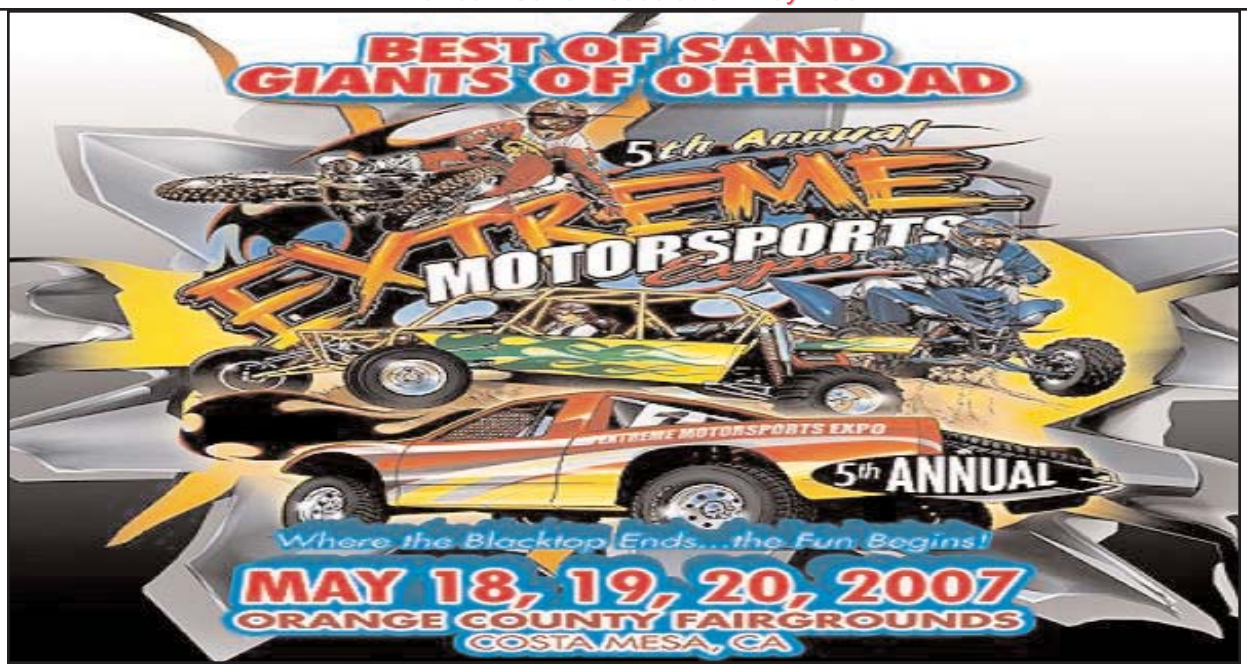

For the 5th triumphant year, the Extreme Motorsports Expo blasts into town at the O.C. Fair & Events Center in Costa Mesa, May 18, 19 & 20th. This spectacular showing of the country's Best of Sand & Giants of Off-road encompasses 14 acres of outdoor exhibits, demos and shows as well as over 140,000 square feet of indoor vendors bringing with them the latest, most exciting products to Southern California's growing Off-road and Sand enthusiast.

The 5th Annual Extreme Motorsports Expo will be home to some of the finest demonstrations on the west coast over the 3 day event. Witness UROCK's amazing Rockcrawling shows. As America's fastest growing motor sport these incredible machines will go over insane obstacles as they thrill the crowd with their bionic-like power. Come and see Johnny Landers and his crew as the perform their death defying Ball of Steel stunt shows, with FMX action and the quarter pipe 'Leap of Courage'.

For the first time ever, the Extreme Motorsports Expo hosts interactive entertainment for all to enjoy. Sit back and watch OR participate as KYMCO USA sets up their track for the 3 day event. Try before you buy and test drive some of the newest 2007 Quads on the Market! Bring the whole family, the 85' Monster Simulator will test your teen's driving skills!! All the demos, shows and interactive activities are FREE to all who attend ~ Something no other Expo offers!!

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- FREE $199 certificate for the 20 lap drive of your life in a NASCAR, given away by LA Racing to the first 500 Paid Adult admissions each day.
- FREE Full Colored event T-shirts, given away by Cycle Parts West to the first 1000 Paid Adult admissions each day (valued at $15).
- FREE Chipotle burrito gift certificates to the first 1000 Paid Adult admissions each day (valued at $6).
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